

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters bookstore fights for survival

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

One of Sisters' iconic businesses has launched a crowd funding campaign to raise \$75,000 in order to survive the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paulina Springs Books was founded in 1992, and has established a national reputation as a fine independent bookstore and a cultural hub in Central Oregon. But, like most retail businesses in Sisters, it relies on a thriving summer season in order to sustain itself — and that's not in the cards this year.

"We basically operate at a

loss for three-quarters of the year or a little longer," said owner Lane Jacobson. "And we rely on a really busy summer to cover that."

With most of Sisters' major events already canceled this summer and the prospect of a constrained summer tourist season at best, Jacobson was forced to face a grim reality and seek a lifeline.

"I'm stubborn, and it's humbling for me to do this," he told *The Nugget*. "It's time to face the reality that we probably won't survive without extra help through this year."

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PHOTO BY SUE ANDERSON

Birders looking to count golden eagles in one of the Deschutes River canyons.

Birding's big day still on the calendar

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

On May 9, you may come upon someone with binocs staring at you. If you do, look behind you. Chances are there'll be a bird close by that the person wants to record, both physically and perhaps vocally.

That day there will be thousands of people, worldwide, doing their best to record every bird they see and hear. It's what Cornell University's Ornithology Lab calls, "Global Big Day."

Last year, in the Western Hemisphere, participants and species seen during the Big Day were in the thousands. In the United States there was a total of 727 people acting as leaders on trips, but in Columbia there were 1,595.

The Global Big Day was the brain child of Cornell

Laboratory of Ornithology. John Fitzpatrick, director of the lab, says:

"If there's one basic thing that the Lab stands for, it's the idea that we have an opportunity to make a difference." (View his video at www.birds.cornell.edu/home/.)

Global Big Day is also an annual celebration of the birds around you, and this year is no different. It's also an opportunity to place the new birds you see on your Life List. Joining the celebrants will make you a part of a global birding community.

Participating is relatively easy; you can even report birds seen from your home window.

To report your observations, go to www.birds.cornell.edu/home/, click on Get Involved, then choose eBird. You will be asked to sign up for a free eBird account. Or

you can download the Lab's free eBird mobile app.

If you have more time, and are so inclined, you can also submit checklists of birds throughout the day at different times. You never know what you might spot. Your observations will help to better understand global bird populations through products like the animated abundance maps supplied by eBird Science.

If you ever had the inclination to get into what is known as "bird watching," which today we know as "birding," and want to put these birds on your personal Life List, this is the time to not only get involved, but to have people all around you to help. On top of that, the Cornell Lab is offering participants the opportunity to help financially. Visit the web site for more information.

Mother's Day when you cannot go out

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

With cities and communities still under stay-at-home orders across Oregon and schools and offices closed for the foreseeable future, it's not surprising that COVID-19 would impact Mother's Day plans this year.

It has been 106 years since President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Mothers need to be celebrated, and on May 10, 2020

it is still all about cherishing the relationships with the moms in your life.

Mother's Day is a special day to show your gratitude for the maternal figure in your life. Whether it's your mom, your grandma, an aunt, your wife, or someone else, honoring that person might look a bit different this year as we deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

Given this year's unique circumstances, many of you

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As the COVID-19 crisis affects gatherings, please contact individual organizations for their current meeting status or alternate arrangements. See Announcements on page 10 for more information.

SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. / Thurs., 10 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Gentlemen's meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Sober Sisters Women's meeting, Thurs., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group 1st Tuesday, noon, SPRD bldg. 800-272-3900.

Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., BBR community room. Partner required. 541-595-6236.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild For Saturday meeting dates and location, email: steelefly@msn.com.

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.

Council on Aging of Central Oregon Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-480-1843.

East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th Wednesday (September-June), Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. www.sistersfol.com.

Go Fish Fishing Group 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Sisters Community Church. All ages welcome. 541-771-2211.

Heartwarmers (fleece blanketmakers) 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

Hero Quilters of Sisters Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-719-1230.

Citizens4Community, Let's Talk 3rd Monday, 5:30 to 8 p.m. RSVP at citizens4community.com

Military Parents of Sisters Meetings are held quarterly; please call for details. 541-388-9013.

Oregon Band of Brothers - Sisters Chapter Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-549-6469.

SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment) Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sisters Park & Recreation District. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Aglow Lighthouse 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Ponderosa Lodge Meeting Room. 503-930-6158.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-639-6216.

Sisters Astronomy Club 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

Sisters Bridge Club Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.

Sisters Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., The Lodge in Sisters. 541-771-3258.

Sisters Cribbage Club Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-923-1632.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.

Sisters Kiwanis Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

Sisters Parent Teacher Community 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Sisters Saloon. 541-480-5994.

Sisters Parkinson's Support Group 2nd Tuesday, 2 p.m., The Lodge. 541-668-6599.

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Takoda's. 541-760-5645.

Sisters Speak Life Cancer Support Group 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1 p.m. Suttle Tea. 503-819-1723.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board 1st Monday, 5 p.m. Sisters Library. Public welcome. 808-281-2681.

Sisters Veterans Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

Three Sisters Lions Club 2nd Tuesday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123.

Weight Watchers Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. weigh-in, Sisters Community Church. 541-602-2654.

SCHOOLS

Black Butte School Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors Monthly on a Friday. Call 541-549-4133 for date & time.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wed. monthly, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule online at www.ssd6.org. 541-549-8521 x5002.

Sisters Middle School Parent Collaboration Team 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., SMS. 541-610-9513.

CITY & PARKS

Sisters City Council 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m., SPRD bldg. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Planning Commission 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

FIRE & POLICE

Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. cloverdalefire.com.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 541-549-0771.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to lisa@nuggetnews.com