

**C O M M U N I T Y**

# Circle of Friends names new executive director

By **Jim Cornelius**  
Editor in Chief

Sisters' youth mentorship program Circle of Friends has a new pilot at the helm. Nicole Swisher Woodson will take on duties as executive director of the program starting June 1. Woodson brings to bear a deep professional background in providing care, special education and

mentorship for youth. She has worked in Texas in the world of education, foster care and child protective services for the past 25 years. But working with children with needs is much more than a profession for her. "It's my passion in life," she told *The Nugget*. That passion has been

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PHOTO BY CAROL STATTON

Hailey Weston, Stormy and Blitz at Hailey's home at the Sisters headquarters of Weston Equine Service. The Sisters youth is at work in a mustang program that will ready Stormy for life with a new family.

# Library establishes plan for reopening

Deschutes Public Library has announced its reopening plan, which will begin the last week of May. The plan, approved by the Library director and board, lays out three chapters that move the library toward a return to a "new normal" for its operations. "The past two months have been unlike anything the country has ever experienced," said library director Todd Dunkelberg. "In

Deschutes County, and particularly here at Deschutes Public Library, our vibrant and welcoming culture was disrupted. We are used to putting books on hold, but few if any of us were prepared to put our lives on hold." Dunkelberg said the reopening plan will be rolled out in three chapters to ensure the safety of staff and

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# Sisters youth works with mustang

By **Carol Statton**  
Correspondent

Earlier this year, 11-year-old Hailey Weston applied and was chosen to participate in Mustang Madness 2020. This event is organized by Mustang Yearlings/Washington Youth (MYWY), a nonprofit whose principal belief is that "Kids make better mustangs, and mustangs make better kids." MYWY runs this well-respected program in partnership with the Oregon BLM Wild Horse Corrals in Burns. Each approved participant is paired with a yearling mustang to work with for a minimum of 90 days.

For Hailey, this is the next step in a horse life that she was born into and seems completely comfortable with... and for Stormy, a yearling mustang born in the corrals, life has just taken a whole new course. Their journey together will help Hailey grow in her confidence and training skills and will eventually bring Stormy into a new life with a new family who will fall in love with this charming and spirited little filly. Daily life on the Weston family ranch includes interactions and responsibilities with many critters. Chickens, dogs and a chummy goat all fit nicely into this equine facility that houses not only

the family's personal horses, beautiful gypsy vanners, but other boarded horses as well. Hailey's mom, Alison, is a respected trainer and her father, Paul, is a trusted farrier. There simply could be no better place to grow up and develop an interest in and love of horses, and no better learning platform to draw from. Hailey's first horse was an adult mustang named Faith. Their bond was strong and Faith was the horse that really progressed Hailey's desire to be a horsewoman. With an open heart, she developed a deep love for Faith and had planned for a

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## CLARIFICATION

Last week's story, "New Sisters Farmer's Market to launch June 7" omitted the location of the market. The

market will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its traditional location at Fir Street Park (150 N Fir St., on the corner of N. Fir Street and E. Main Avenue).

**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.

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- 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](mailto:lisa@nuggetnews.com)