

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AA Meetings

As a result of COVID-19 mandates on meeting size and locations, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in Sisters are currently continuing in creative ways. Some meeting times have moved to an online Zoom platform. Others are not meeting at this time. To talk to an alcoholic, find out about Zoom meetings in Sisters, or any other questions about Alcoholics Anonymous you can call one of the numbers below or go online at coigaa.org. Call Anne Z: 503-516-7650 or Jan: 541-647-8859 or Agnes: 541-588-6778.

Furry Friends Pet Food

The Furry Friends (FF) office is closed but is still offering free dog or cat food to those in need. Pet food can be left outside the Sisters Art Works building where the FF office is located. It will be marked with your first name only. Pick-ups are available at an agreed upon time. (It can't be left outside for very long as other critters may get into it.) Please call or text Furry Friends at 541-797-4023.

Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board Meeting

In response to the current health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Black Butte Ranch RFPD facilities are currently closed to the public and meetings are being held electronically. For information on the May 28 board meeting please contact Jamie at 541-595-2288 or jvohs@blackbutteranchfire.com.

Community Assistance During COVID-19 Pandemic

VAST church is eager to help, picking up prescriptions, delivering groceries or food, helping however they can. People in need can call 541-719-0587 and press 1 to be connected to Mikee Stutzman, Ministry Coordinator or email her at admin@vastchurch.com. VAST Church is willing to help as long as resources and volunteers allow.

AARP Driver's Safety

AARP's Smart Driver, a classroom refresher for motorists 50 and older, is currently available online at 25% off the normal price. Register at aarpdriversafety.org and use the promo code "DRIVINGSKILLS".

Kiwanis Food Bank Change

Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank has made an operational change based on the evolving response to COVID-19. Visitors are now encouraged to shop for two weeks instead of one week. The Food Bank will then be closed every other week temporarily. The next open date is May 28. The Food Bank is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays. Questions? Email info@sisterskiwanis.org.

Metolius Basin Clean-Up Contest

Families or individuals can help clean up dispersed campsites in and around the Metolius Basin on May 26-31 and earn a chance to win a \$100 grand prize! Sponsored by Black Butte School PTO. More info at www.blackbutte.k12.or.us/stewardship or 541-595-6203.

Weekly Food Pantry

Westside Sisters Church has a weekly food pantry on Thursdays. For the next several weeks, food will be distributed drive-through style from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the New Hope building, 222 N. Trinity Way. People in need of food may drive through the parking lot and pick up a bag of food for their household. Other Sisters-area churches are joining with Westside Sisters to contribute financially to help sustain the program. Call 541-549-4184 for more information.

Sisters Community Church

Do you need help with running errands or deliveries or more? Sisters Community Church has volunteers available and is cultivating a caring community. Call Wendy at 541-389-6859. Visit the church website at www.sisterschurch.com.

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends, a mentoring program in Sisters, is continuing to find innovative ways to reach out and assist their mentors, children and families. Current needs include childcare to allow parents to continue to work, internet/computer access for online learning, supplies for at-home learning and activity kits, and even basic needs, such as food and medical access. Circle of Friends has also established an emergency fund to provide immediate response for the most pressing needs. Contact Kellie at 503-396-2572 to help.

Kindergarten Roundup

Sisters Elementary School (SES) is now holding their annual Kindergarten Roundup pre-registration. Children who will be age 5 on or before September 1, are eligible for the 2020-21 school year. Call the SES office at 541-549-8981 if you have any questions. Due to distance learning, the office will only be open on Mondays and Fridays 10:30-12:30 to pick up and drop off enrollment forms. Forms may also be printed off the school web page. Return completed forms to the school by Friday, June 5 with your child's birth certificate and immunization records. Once the packets are returned, your child will be given a special summer learning packet and you will be given a link to access Kindergarten Roundup virtually.

Habitat Thrift Store Now Open

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store is excited to announce that they reopened on Tuesday, May 26. The first hour each day will be reserved for vulnerable groups. Shoppers will be required to sanitize their hands and wear a face mask before entering. There will be a maximum of 10 shoppers in the store at any one time. Donations are not being accepted from the general public at this time. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon for vulnerable groups and noon to 3 p.m. for the general public. Closed on Sundays. The Habitat ReStore reopening is tentatively set for Monday, June 1. For more information please contact the Habitat Office at 541-549-1193 or email info@sistershabitat.org.

Sisters Business Online Forum

A new online forum for all owners of businesses located in Sisters has been created. If you have any business — retail, professional, trade or otherwise — you can sign up for free. This is not a news or chamber site, but rather an exchange of ideas to help your business survive the Coronavirus and thrive once the crisis is past. Initially the discussion will relate to handling the effects of the virus. When the virus threat is over the forum will function as a community hub, sharing details of ideas, events, sales, marketing, and basically any other information related to running a business in the wonderful town of Sisters. Share your business and marketing ideas. There's strength in community! Register online at SistersBizOwners.freeforums.net

Organ Donor Awareness

A new nonprofit is in the planning stages to educate the community on the importance of organ donation. Fundraisers and events will be discussed. If interested in taking part, please call Fifi Bailey at 541-419-2204.

Deschutes Public Library Establishes Plan for Reopening

Deschutes Public Library reopening plan will begin the last week of May.

Chapter 1: Return of materials and release of existing holds

Return of materials. On Tuesday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday, May 30, from noon to 6 p.m. customers can drop off materials at all Deschutes Public Library locations. These designated dates and times will allow for the quarantine of returned library materials. Directional signage at each library will indicate exact drop-off locations and procedures.

Pick up of existing holds.

Beginning Tuesday, June 2, customers who had materials on hold *before the March closure* will be able to pick up those items. Pick up will be curbside only and items can only be picked up at the location where the hold was originally placed. Book drops will remain closed, but items may be dropped off curbside with staff during this **time**. Hours for pick up and continued drop off of materials at the Sisters Library are: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed Sundays, Mondays).

Chapter 2: Limited customer access to library buildings

Date to be determined. During this phase Sisters Library hours will remain Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed Sundays, Mondays).

Chapter 3: Increased access to buildings, resources and services

Date to be determined. Library customers with questions about the phases or their accounts can call or text their question to 541-617-0776.

Out here in the fields...



PHOTO BY JIM ANDERSON

Springtime is the wildflower blooming season. What you see here are millions of alien Stork's Bill blossoms which provide cover for the wild and prolific native Belding's ground squirrels. Stork's Bill is an annual herb, a weed originated from Europe and is drought-tolerant. During dryer season, Stork's Bill can drastically reduce crop yield if not managed correctly.

SISTERS-AREA CHURCHES

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA)

386 N. Fir Street • 541-549-5831
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com

Sisters Community Church (Nondenominational)

1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. • 541-549-1201
Temporarily meeting virtually. See sisterschurch.com for details. | info@sisterschurch.com

St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

123 Trinity Way • 541-549-9391
5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
9 a.m. Sunday Mass
8 a.m. Monday-Friday Mass

Calvary Church (NW Baptist Convention)

484 W. Washington St., Ste. C & D • 541-588-6288
10 a.m. Sunday Worship | ccsisters.org

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

68825 Brooks Camp Road • 541-549-7087
8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare) 10:15 a.m. Episcopal Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare)

Chapel in the Pines

Camp Sherman • 541-549-9971 • 10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Sisters Church of the Nazarene

67130 Harrington Loop Road • 541-389-8960 | 2sistersnaz@gmail.com
Temporarily meeting virtually. See sistersnaz.org for details.

Wellhouse Church (formerly Westside Sisters)

442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184
Temporarily meeting virtually. See westsidesisters.org for details.

Vast Church (Nondenominational)

541-719-0587 • 9:37 a.m. Sunday Worship
Temporarily meeting virtually. See vastchurch.com for details.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church

386 N. Fir Street • 541-595-6770, 541-306-8303
11 a.m. Saturday Worship

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

452 Trinity Way • Branch President, 541-420-5670;
10 a.m. Sunday Sacrament Meeting

Baha'i Faith Meetings

Devotional Gatherings, Study Classes and Discussion Groups. Call for location and times • 541-549-6586

PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon
541-382-3537



Meet **BEAR**, a handsome Husky who is eager to find his forever family! Bear is a big sweetheart who loves to snuggle! Bear is used to living with other dogs and also seems to have a healthy respect for the kitties. If you are looking for a sweet 100-pound dog with a lot of love to give then Bear is the pup for you! Call the Humane Society of Central Oregon and schedule an appointment to meet Bear today!

