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Black Butte Ranch General Manager Jay Head cut the ribbon on the new BBR General Store on the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend.

New General Store open for business at BBR

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Happy childhood memories at Black Butte Ranch (BBR) often include youngsters riding their bikes to the BBR store for an ice cream cone, tasty snack, or a refreshing drink. Pedaling with friends along meandering bike trails with curious grass-munching horses and cattle watching them pass, made the adventure even more exciting.

But the general store was showing its age, with 50 years of being loved and visited taking its toll. Plans to reconfigure the building and location have been in the works for years as staff and homeowners took into consideration the needs and wants of everyone who enjoys visiting the store.

General Manager Jay Head couldn't be more pleased with how it turned out. The new store is part of a bigger plan to offer a Ranch experience with modern amenities in an unmatched, rural setting.

"We are thrilled to complete another renovation to the many different facilities that we have on the Ranch over the last 10 years," said Head.

The General Store is one of at least seven BBR facilities that have been finished, rebuilt, or renovated.

"We had a focus with this one to retain the traditional services offered by the original store," said Head. "It's an important first impression when you come on the Ranch. Customers appreciate the convenience along with our retooling of additional services. We are expanding on the product and service offerings to our homeowners and guests for the next 50 years."

The store now offers

more convenience items like grab-and-go meals, fresh deli-style menu selections and expanded beer and wine selections. Additionally, there's some charming BBR memorabilia for guests on the Ranch. The small selection of retail items may be new, but planners were sure to continue offering the ever-popular ice cream.

"It's halfway around the trails," said Head. "It's a perfect stop for a soda or an ice cream break. We can also fill growlers with great microbrews."

Brew options will change regularly with three beers available to customers.

Part of the rebuild included moving the site of the store about 120 feet west from its old location. The new site brings more visibility to the BBR stables and ties the two services more together. The new store was relocated so when guests are in the store eating, or shopping they have a great view of the stables, which is an iconic institution on the Ranch. There are lunch options for trail rides, akin to little brown bag lunches for riders.

The attendance at the grand opening on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend was a nice surprise for Head.

"It was a successful grand opening weekend. The homeowners' reaction to the new facility has been positive," he said. "The new store, and its location featuring the stables, ties in well with another project to beautify and maintain a ranch feel. Over the last two years, we've installed all new fencing around the entire front of the Ranch including the meadows, arena and corrals. It's all been done to better serve the Ranch and make it top quality when people drive in."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 June 11. The Food Bank is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays. Questions? Email info@sisterskiwanis.org.

Habitat Stores Are Open!

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store and ReStore are now open. The hours for both stores are: Monday thru Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon is reserved for vulnerable groups and noon to 3 p.m. is open to the general public. Shoppers are required to sanitize their hands and wear a face mask before entering. A maximum of 10 shoppers are allowed in the store at any one time. Donations for the Thrift Store are only being accepted off-site at the old Thrift Store at 141 W Main Ave. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Parking spaces are reserved on Main Ave. in front of the building for those donating items. ReStore donations are not being accepted at this time. For more information please contact the Habitat Office at 541-549-1193 or email info@sistershabitat.org.

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.

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.

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.

Notice of Election for Sisters City Council

Notice is hereby given that a general election will be held on November 3, 2020, for three positions on the Sisters City Council. The first day to file for a City Council position is Wednesday, June 3, 2020. To be eligible one must be registered to vote in Oregon and must have been a resident of the City of Sisters for 12 months preceding the election. Election materials can be found on the City website at: www.ci.sisters.or.us or picked up from the City Recorder at City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Avenue. The terms of City Councilors Andrea Blum, Chuck Ryan, and Richard Esterman will expire on December 31, 2020. All three are eligible to apply for re-election. Candidates are encouraged to obtain election materials by August 10, 2020 and must submit perfected petitions by August 25, 2020 at 5 p.m. to qualify for the ballot. For questions about the application process, please contact City Recorder Kerry Prosser at 541-323-5213, by e-mail at kprosser@ci.sisters.or.us, or stop by City Hall at 520 E. Cascade Avenue.

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."

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.

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.

PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon
541-382-3537



Meet SPARTICUS, a sweet longhaired senior kitty who is eager to find his forever home! Sparticus came to the shelter when his owner sadly passed away and he is now looking for a new family to continue to spoil him rotten! This affectionate cat is a little lover who enjoys a good cuddle and head scratch! If you are looking for a friendly senior kitty with a lot of love to give, then Sparticus is the cat for you!

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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