

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

# Sisters woman hits lottery win

Lorna Hewitt of Sisters didn't expect a few hours in front of a sewing machine would produce nearly \$127,000 in addition to the facemasks she was making.

After being laid off from her job at a restaurant, Hewitt found part-time work at a local grocery store. It was there she got the idea to make facemasks for her co-workers.

"They liked them so much, they started giving me some money for them," Hewitt said. "So, I started selling them, because my boss couldn't order any more; there was a shortage."

Hewitt said using money

from making facemasks, she bought a Keno 8-spot ticket from Sisters Mainline Station.

"I don't play a lot, but thought I was doing something to help, maybe I would win," she said.

Her father, Keith Miller, used to play Keno 8-spot, so that's what she chose. She bought \$100 worth of play. Hewitt, who lives in Sisters with her mother, Shirley Miller, said the pair were sitting on the couch and she was monitoring play on the Lottery app.

"I was on my 45th game

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# Grads face college altered by pandemic

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*This is the second of a two-part series profiling Sisters High School (SHS) graduates who have seen their college experience disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Kendra Kemp, SHS Class of 2015, recently graduated from Loyola Marymount University in Marina del Ray, California, majoring in dance.

Her passion and major lie in one of the fields most affected by COVID-19: the performing arts. "This profession is going to look a lot different after this and I am looking ahead and preparing for the future," said Kemp.

Kemp has been keeping busy doing her dance classes online and preparing for what auditions look like in the near future, post-graduation. She is in the process of buying equipment for an in-home studio set-up so she can send in audition videos versus auditioning in person.

During this time, Kemp has had some opportunities she never thought possible, including a workshop with choreographer Tina Landon who has worked on a number of musicals and with a number of famous dancers.

"I've gotten to have conversations and opportunities that were never on my radar before, including feedback on choreography, because professional working actors and dancers now have the time to give feedback," said Kemp.

The commencement



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Kendra Kemp, a dance major, recently graduated from Loyola Marymount University. She heads into a greatly changed performing arts field.

ceremony for LMU was postponed and was held virtually.

"This time is really a fast track to post-graduation life, figuring out where to go next in an industry that is on hold," Kemp said.

Kemp misses her in-person dance classes and her family the most while living in Los Angeles.

"I've enjoyed working with people virtually but I do miss human interaction the most and hope to continue making

plans for the future here in L.A.," she said.

A junior at the University of Oregon, Maggie Bidasolo is also learning to adapt to the new instruction format for this school year.

"I have had to figure out coordinating study groups because I learn things better by talking through it," said Bidasolo.

During the school year

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# Creating community one 'Village' at a time

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

In last year's Sisters Country Vision project, one of the most important elements identified that residents care about is maintaining the livability of Sisters Country as the population increases. Currently, a group of neighbors think they have found a way to encourage creating, maintaining, and deepening the sense of community that

makes Sisters such a special place — growth or not.

While we've all been sequestered in our homes due to COVID-19, these community builders in Tollgate, with the assistance of the Age Friendly Sisters board of directors, have been researching, planning, and establishing what they hope will become a series of geographic "Villages" under the umbrella of the

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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

**AI-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