

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



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Tollgate turned out for a local, socially-distanced neighborhood parade on the Fourth of July.

## Flags wave in Tollgate Village parade

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On the morning of July 4, the road in Tollgate was awash with red, white, and blue everywhere — from VFW flag-bearer Earl Schroeder leading the parade in his shorts and straw hat, to others’ hats, shirts, bicycle helmets, face masks, and dozens of flags. Dogs of every size and breed were festooned in colorful scarves and ruffs in the spirit of the day.

When Tollgate resident John Barkley’s 1957 Chevy nostalgia race car roared to life, sporting a patriotic red, white, and blue paint job, the assembled Villagers at Tollgate whooped and hollered as the inaugural Independence Day parade

began. The sun shone brightly on parade participants and spectators as neighbors in Tollgate celebrated their very first Tollgate Village event, aimed at building relationships and community. The next community event will be a concert on the commons for Tollgate residents only.

Some 75 residents participated either as paraders, organizers, or spectators. Every ice cream treat was given out, having been generously donated by a local resident. All public safety recommendations were carefully followed to observe safe social distancing.

Tollgate Village team leaders Chris Laing and Jane Killefer were delighted with the turnout.

“It was a hit!” said Laing. “Thanks, everyone. I felt it

was safe and fun and folks really enjoyed the opportunity to meet one another afterwards and honor the holiday.”

Killefer added, “Even with masks and extra social distancing, it was great to see people connecting and sharing the fun. Plus, the ice cream bars were a hit.”

The Tollgate Village is a membership organization founded as part of the Sisters Villages to encourage creating, maintaining, and deepening the sense of community that makes Sisters such a special place. The Villages are an Action Team of Age Friendly Sisters Country. If other neighborhoods are interested in forming their own, they can contact Laing through [villages@agefriendlysisters.com](mailto:villages@agefriendlysisters.com).

## Sisters Folk Festival announces scholarships

Sisters Folk Festival’s Americana Project and the Graduate Research Organization (GRO) have announced the recipients of their 2020 scholarship awards. Sisters Folk Festival awarded a total of \$4,000 to six Sisters High School seniors who have participated in performing and/or visual arts, as well as photography and digital arts during high school, in order to help support their pursuit of these interests after graduation.

The Sisters Folk Festival’s Americana

Project, in collaboration with Sisters School District, supports students at Sisters High School through its classes in performing arts, visual arts, and luthier instrument building programs. Scholarships have been awarded for the past 17 years to graduating seniors, helping students to continue with their education beyond high school.

SFF’s Americana Project programming extends into the elementary and middle schools to provide comprehensive music and arts

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## Sisters Folk Festival to host August 1 concert

Sisters Folk Festival, known for its annual Americana music festival and community arts education and engagement, has announced it will produce a socially-distanced concert on Saturday, August 1 with Ron Artis II & the Truth headlining Saturday evening’s entertainment.

The concert lineup also includes David Jacobs-Strain and Beth Wood performing a set together, with two other acts to be announced next week. Creative Director Brad Tisdal has curated

the Close to Home Concert with artists who have been extraordinarily generous and connected to the Sisters Folk Festival and community.

The concert will take place outdoors on Saturday, August 1, on the Sisters Art Works (SAW) lawn in downtown Sisters, at 204 W. Adams Ave. Under the current Phase 2 reopening in Oregon, the entire gathering is limited to a 250-person maximum, including ticket holders, musicians, staff,

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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. 541-549-1527.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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, Noon, Aspen Lakes. 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](http://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](http://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)