

COMMUNITY



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Diane and Pat Yates broke ground on their future home in ClearPine last week.

Breaking ground together in Sisters

Sisters Habitat for Humanity and the Heart of Oregon YouthBuild held a joint groundbreaking ceremony on July 15 in the ClearPine neighborhood. The public was invited to participate virtually through Facebook livestream.

The Heart of Oregon Corps broke ground on the first townhouse as the two families who will purchase the homes have not yet been designated. The two families that will purchase the second townhome are Terri Gookin and Diane and Pat Yates. Both families are thrilled for the start of the project.

“Owning a home will be a safe shelter and sanctuary. I can’t wait to build my

new home alongside Sisters Habitat for Humanity,” said Gookin.

Pat Yates explained how he and Diane have rented in Sisters for 20 years and that “owning a home in Sisters will be a dream come true.”

Sisters Habitat and YouthBuild will each build a townhouse on Habitat’s property, giving home and shelter to four families. When completed these will be YouthBuild’s 28th home and Sisters Habitat’s 74th.

Chuck Harper, Sisters Habitat Board President, presided over the event. The opening prayer and blessing of the ground was provided by Habitat volunteer Jan Bottcher.

Sharlene Weed, Sisters Habitat Executive Director, said, “We often say we build in partnership. Building in partnership is always true, but even before we break the ground here in the ClearPine neighborhood, We have many partners to be grateful for:

“The City of Sisters, ClearPine Developer Peter Hall, Habitat for Humanity of Oregon, Oregon Housing and Community Services, Community Land Trust, Proud Ground, James and Sharon Richards, numerous donors and Jason Todd Design. The Heart of Oregon YouthBuild and Sisters

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Folk festival announces creativity camps

Sisters Folk Festival will offer two outdoor summer camps for middle school aged students this summer: August 10-14 and August 17-21.

The weeklong day camps will explore creativity, musical discovery, art, and creative writing taught by professional artists and educators. The all-day camps will be held outside on the lawn at Sisters Art Works, 204 W. Adams Ave., and will be the first of what SFF staff sees as new educational initiatives at their Sisters Art Works property.

The first camp will take place August 10-14 and is called “The Nature of Expression: Exploring Art,

Music, Creative Writing and Nature.” The session will be taught by musician, songwriter and poet Beth Wood and teaching artist Judy Fuentes.

Wood is an acclaimed singer-songwriter and Oregon Book of Poetry award-winner, and will teach music and creative writing. Fuentes is a veteran teaching artist of two decades who currently teaches at Sisters Middle School, and will explore fun and creative themes through visual arts and illustration.

This camp has a limit of 20 students (two groups of 10 students each) and all

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Hot, dry weather heralds fire danger

Summer weather has arrived in earnest in Sisters Country, with temperatures climbing into the 90s and vegetation from lawns to forest groundcover drying out apace.

And that means fire danger.

Sisters has experienced two decades of major wildfires, and with the local economy in a fragile state due to the coronavirus outbreak, locals fear the impact of another blaze.

Firefighters quickly lined a wildfire that broke out Saturday afternoon just east of La Pine on Saturday, and by press time it was 30 percent or more contained. The fire prompted a Level 1 pre-evacuation notice for the Newberry Estates neighborhood, but that evacuation notice was lifted Sunday.

The incident served as a reminder that fire season is underway in earnest. Sisters

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As the COVID-19 crisis continues to affect gatherings, please contact individual organizations for current meeting status

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.

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, 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. 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