

COMMUNITY

Helping businesses through tough times

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Despite several weeks of being shut down or having business severely curtailed, despite seeing major events cancelled, Sisters shops and restaurants are hanging in there.

Significant tourist traffic, while it brings concerns about the potential spread of COVID-19, brings a welcome infusion of business activity to the downtown core of town.

But those businesses are also facing a long haul. The coronavirus pandemic and the associated restrictions on gatherings look to persist into the fall and winter, a prospect

that will continue to test the resilience of local shop-owners and restaurateurs.

Last Week, Cork Cellars Wine Bar & Bistro announced a GoFundMe campaign to help them weather the storm.

Jeannie Gilgenberg Buck, who owns and operates Cork Cellars with her husband, Tom Buck, said it felt strange to ask for donations for the business — but with summer business constrained and the prospect of a long winter ahead, it was necessary.

“I guess my biggest concern is how we’re going to get through the winter,” Buck said.

The small wine bar on the

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David Jacobs-Strain has been working with Sisters recording engineer Keith Banning at The Belfry. Artists are having to adapt their work to a world in which live performance is almost entirely curtailed.

City snapshot

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

- Following numerous complaints from residents in the city who live in the vicinity of the City’s Public Works headquarters at the south end of Locust Street, the garbage trucks will no longer be traveling on Locust to access the City property. Republic Services has moved yard waste disposal to the Fryrear Transfer Station.

- A reminder from the City regarding recreational vehicle parking in town: RVs

may only be parked in designated signed areas within the City, which includes East Main Street behind City Hall, North Pine Street, Adams Avenue, and at the Creekside Campground. Sleeping in or using an RV as a dwelling in public right-of-way is not allowed.

- City Manager Cory Miskey offered thanks and praise to the City staff for all their diligent work over the past several months dealing with the end of one fiscal

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Jacobs-Strain sticking ‘Close to Home’

By Ceili Cornelius
Correspondent

David Jacobs-Strain, roots and blues songwriter and fierce slide guitar player is returning to the Sisters stage for the Sisters Folk Festival’s event Close to Home concert event on August 1.

The show is sold out, but there is a waitlist for limited, physically-distanced seating.

David Jacobs-Strain first played at the Sisters Folk Festival almost 20 years ago, as a young up-and-coming

musician. He has since been playing shows around Oregon, Sisters included, as well as across the country.

Jacobs-Strain’s livelihood as a musician comes from gathering people together, and nowadays in the pandemic era, he has had to adapt to a different way of performing.

“I’ve been figuring out how to livestream on Facebook as my platform,” he told *The Nugget* during a break from a recording session at The Belfry last week. “I bought cinema lights to

create a specific look and I use studio gear for the sound so I can present something I am proud of.”

He has been doing collaborative live streams with different venues and festivals that were supposed to happen over the summer.

“I’ve been working and tweaking the live streams as a creative outlet and something to focus on,” he said.

The livestream concerts, have allowed for Jacobs-Strain’s audiences to chime

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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