

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Weekly Grab-N-Go Lunches For Seniors

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon is serving seniors (60+) free Grab-N-Go lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. The lunches are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis drive-through style from 12 to 12:30 p.m. at the Sisters Community Church, 1300 W McKenzie Hwy. Seniors may drive through the parking lot and pick up a meal each day of service. Come on by, no need to make a reservation. Questions? Call 541-678-5483.

SMS Selling Sisters Strong Shirts/Decals

The student leadership group at Sisters Middle School is hoping to make a difference in our community. They are selling shirts and decals featuring a newly designed Sisters Strong logo. The proceeds of the sales will go to Kiwanis Food Bank, Family Advocate Network, and the school's leadership program. So far they have raised \$1,200, although they are still hoping to raise more money for these organizations. Shirts and decals can be purchased online and picked up downtown at either Paulina Springs Bookstore or Canyon Creek Pottery. Please go to sistersstrong.org to purchase your items. Shirts are \$15 and car decals are \$4. For more info email jeff.schiedler@ssd6.org.

Weekly Food Pantry

Wellhouse Church has a weekly food pantry on Thursdays. For the next several weeks, food will be distributed drive-through style from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Wellhouse Market 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 Wellhouse Church to contribute both financially and with volunteers to help sustain the program. Info: 541-549-4184.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store Extends Saturday Hours

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store has extended Saturday shopping hours to 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Face masks and sanitized hands are required before entering the store. For more information please contact the Habitat office at 541-549-1193 or email info@sistershabitat.org.

Sisters Habitat Volunteers!

The Habitat Thrift Store, ReStore, and Construction sites have recently opened up and could use your help! New volunteer orientations will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at noon at the Sisters Habitat office upstairs at 141 W. Main Avenue. An RSVP is required as space is very limited in the socially-distanced meeting room. Each person must wear a mask and sanitize their hands when entering the building. A mask will be provided if needed. For more information please contact Marie at marie@sistershabitat.org or 541-549-1193.

2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's

Join others at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 12 for the Walk to End Alzheimer's Central Oregon. The world may look a little different right now, but one thing hasn't changed: our commitment to ending Alzheimer's. This year, Walk to End Alzheimer's® is everywhere — on every sidewalk, track and trail. Your health and safety are our top priorities. We won't have a large in-person gathering — instead, we invite you to walk in small teams of friends and family while others in your community do the same. Because we are all still walking and fundraising for the same thing: a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Visit alz.org / walk to register today. For more information please call 503-416-0213.

Furry Friends Has Moved!

The Furry Friends office is now located at 412 E. Main Ave., Ste. 4 behind The Nugget office. Though the office is closed to the public, the pet food bank is still open for no contact porch pick ups. Call to order your pet food for pick up during our regular weekly pickup time on Thursdays from 12:30 to 4 p.m. or by appointment the rest of the week. For more information call or text 541-797-4023.

Antiques & Jewelry Donations Needed

Sisters Kiwanis takes donations of antiques, collectibles and jewelry *throughout the year* for its annual Antiques, Collections & Jewelry Sale, held on Saturday every Memorial Day weekend. Your donation is tax-deductible! New jewelry donation drop-off box at Washington Federal Bank in Sisters. For more information and to arrange for pickup of large or small items, please call Pam at 541-719-1049.

PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon
541-382-3537



Meet **TOBY**, a handsome one-year-old kitty who is eager to find his forever family! This big boy is a little shy around strangers, but turns into a real snuggle monster when he knows you! Toby has lived with other cats and dogs in the past and would do well with any family! If you are looking for a big friendly kitty with a lot of love to give then Toby is the cat for you!

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Sisters resident Jamie Vohs offers a 'thumbs up' on giving blood.

BLOOD DRIVE: Red Cross is conducting COVID antibody tests

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us all feel so helpless, so this was a way people could help. I think that was a big motivator for people to donate blood, in addition to finding out if they have the COVID-19 antibodies," Vanderhoef commented.

Rebecca O'Rourke, account manager for American Red Cross PNW who coordinated the event with ESI, said, "We are so thankful that ESI contacted us and hosted the blood drive at Sisters Airport. There were 24 donors signed up, and many were first-time donors. This is vitally important, and we hope they continue to donate three to four times a year. ESI employees were very supportive, and the airport was a great location to host the blood drive. We were able to easily park our semi-trailer there, and when the wind kicked up and blew our tent over, they brought their big ESI service truck over to tie it to and be a wind block. It was a great community effort."

"Blood is a never-ending need. This summer we are in a dangerously low situation. Blood and platelets

are needed for many different reasons. Accident and burn victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease may all need blood," said O'Rourke.

The American Red Cross is testing all donors for the COVID-19 antibodies. If the antibodies are found to be present, the donor is notified of the results in seven to 10 days. They are then encouraged to donate convalescent plasma, for use in the treatment of active COVID-19 cases. Convalescent plasma products are now being distributed faster than donations are coming in, creating an emergency shortage.

Individuals who have fully recovered and received a verified COVID-19 diagnosis are urged to sign-up to give convalescent plasma by completing the Donor Information Form on www.RedCrossBlood.org/plasma4covid.

"We were very happy to host the blood drive for the Red Cross here at Sisters Airport. This is just one more way for the airport to support the Sisters community. We hope they will come again on a regular basis," said Julie Benson, owner of Sisters Airport.

POLICE: Interim Sisters deputies have been on the street in town

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to be vacated by the three more-experienced officers who are being assigned to Sisters.

Lt. William Bailey is in Sisters as the interim supervisor in the Sisters substation and two deputies have been temporarily assigned to Sisters. According to Lt. Bailey, the City is not paying the new contract rate until all of the Sisters positions are permanently filled.

"Interviews for the three Sisters deputies have been completed and we expect to announce them in the near future," said Bailey.

A permanent selection for the lieutenant position, now being filled by Bailey, is expected to take place before

the end of the year.

Since June 1, there have been interim dedicated City deputies in town. Their current schedule allows for the City to have a dedicated deputy in town seven days a week, unless one of them is on vacation. There is also a deputy assigned to the larger Sisters Country. So, in addition to Bailey, at most times there are two to three deputies in the Sisters area working together to serve western Deschutes County.

When queried as to whether officer recruitment is more difficult given the current protests against police departments, Bailey said, "More recently we have seen less applicants for a hiring process than in the past, but it may take some more time to understand how what is going on across the county will impact recruitment and filling vacant positions in the future."



Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life service for Gordon "Spud" Halsten will be held on Saturday, August 22 at 2 p.m. at Sisters Community Church in the Fireside room. COVID guidelines will be in place. You may also view the obituary and make comments at www.autumnfunerals.net. Donations would be greatly appreciated at Hospice of Redmond, 732 SW 23rd St., Redmond, OR 97756.

Please call the church before attending to verify schedules as buildings begin to reopen.

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
10 a.m. Sunday Worship (with signing)
sisterschurch.com | 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 | sistersnaz.org
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship | 2sistersnaz@gmail.com

Westside Sisters

442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184 | westsidesisters.org
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
6 p.m. Worship the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Vast Church (Nondenominational)

541-719-0587 • 9:37 a.m. Sunday Worship
Meeting virtually and in small groups. 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