

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

# Sisters School District at a glance

By **Charlie Kanzig**  
Correspondent

- Sisters Education Association (union) President Michele Hammer thanked the school board and Superintendent Curt Scholl for working cooperatively with the teaching staff on solving issues related to working conditions during COVID-19. Hammer also expressed how much the teaching staff looks forward to being back, doing in-person instruction.
- Teachers are largely working from the school buildings this year during the distance-learning phase as opposed to from home as they did last spring.
- Beginning fund balance

of the budget for the 2020-21 school year came in higher than expected according to Finance Director Sherry Joseph. The extra money resulted from greater returns from the local option tax (\$300,000) and from less spending last spring on items such as transportation, new hires, substitutes and athletics, as the district operated under distance learning.

- Building principals reported a good start to the first week following a lot of outreach to students and families, including socially distanced meet-and-greets, school tours, and home visits to help welcome new and transitioning families.
- All three principals conveyed a hopefulness that

the health metrics related to COVID-19 infection rates will continue to drop so that students can return to in-person learning. If low rates in Deschutes County hold, K-4 students will return to class on September 28 and Sisters Middle School and Sisters High School students will return October 19.

- The school board passed a proclamation emphasizing commitment to equity and anti-racism and resolving to establish specific goals and policies to support equity and anti-racism.
- Enrollment numbers are not final yet, but the middle school reported 50 new students resulting in

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ILLUSTRATION BY CARLY GARZÓN VARGAS

Sisters artist Carly Garzón Vargas designed this original piece for Sisters Farmers Market. You can view her work at [www.carlygarzonvargas.com](http://www.carlygarzonvargas.com).

## Raffle will support market, fire relief

By **Caroline Hager**  
Sisters Farmers Market Manager

The Sisters Farmers Market is hosting a Fundraising Raffle for COVID-19 expenses and Oregon Wildfire Relief funds, featuring three large prizes with values totaling nearly \$3,000.

Prizes consist of:

- A 2021 large Seed to Table produce share or \$800 gift certificate to the Seed to Table booth at Sisters Farmers Market.
- Private tour and dinner for four on Seed to Table Farm prepared by a local chef.

- Grand prize basket filled with nearly \$850 worth of goods from vendors featured at the 2020 Sisters Farmers Market.

Tickets can be purchased through the end of September either online at [www.sistersfarmersmarket.com/raffle](http://www.sistersfarmersmarket.com/raffle) or in person at Sisters Farmers Market, Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fir Street Park. Winners will be drawn during a live Facebook event on October 1.

With a growing local population and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the market anticipated the

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## Modified 'seasons' for SHS athletes

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Outlaws athletes are going to be able to get in some modified sports activities this fall.

In the topsy-turvy world of COVID-19, guidelines and rules are ever-changing. High-school athletics have been subject to constant flux since March.

When schools first shut down last spring, hope remained that they would reopen before the end of the year and spring sports would be allowed to complete a truncated season. That dream

didn't pan out and high school athletes were left to fend for themselves when it came to staying active.

Summer came and things didn't get any better regarding gathering in an organized way. In July, the Oregon Schools Activities Association (OSAA) conferred with school leaders to come up with a plan for the 2020-21 school year; that resulted in a "four season" approach.

The plan originally called for Season One to be open with no organized OSAA activities, followed by Season Two (winter sports,

December 28-March 7), Season Three (fall sports, February 22-May 2) and Season Four (spring sports, April 19-June 27).

Plans have shifted again and Season One is now open for limited practices and competitions at the discretion of local school districts, according to Gary Thorson, athletic director and head football coach.

According to Thorson, the change allows students and coaches to participate in any OSAA-sanctioned activity permitted by directives from

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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**

**AI-Anon** Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. / Thurs., 10 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-610-7383.

**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), Stitches 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)