

COMMUNITY



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Cinder Rock Veterinary Clinic in Redmond provided significant support for the Sisters charity Furry Friends Foundation, in its work to help families in Sisters through providing food and services for pets.

Furry Friends chosen for donation

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

Twice a year, Cinder Rock Veterinary Clinic in Redmond actively looks to support local nonprofit organizations that value the animal/human bond. Just recently Furry Friends Foundation (FFF) in Sisters was chosen as the clinic's charity of choice and was presented with a check for \$4,928.

Chelsea Blackmore, lead receptionist at the veterinary clinic, told *The Nugget*, "The Furry Friends Foundation was chosen due to their mission of extending a helping hand to those in need!"

Cinder Rock Veterinary Clinic has supported all the local Humane Societies, particularly Three Rivers Humane Society.

She added, "They needed

help raising funds to expand their facility. We have also helped the local Pet Evacuation Team, Crook County K9 Search and Rescue, and Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch."

Blackmore, an employee at the clinic for three years, has been lead receptionist for a year.

"Each employee has their own side jobs and the Charity Fund is my project," she said. "However, the clinic is equally involved in choosing who to support."

The Sonny's Sunshine Charity Fund was inspired by their beloved clinic kitty named Sonny, who lived to be 19 years old.

"He was a super cute orange tabby, and the goal is to help support pet/animal related causes," Blackmore said. "The very first recipient was a diabetic high school

student who needed help raising money for her diabetic alert dog. It was wildly successful, so Cinder Rock decided to continue!"

Kiki Dolson, FFF founder, said, "When Cinder Rock Veterinary Clinic chose Furry Friends Foundation as their fundraiser charity earlier this year, I was honored."

Dolson had put up a FFF display in the clinic's office in early March, right before COVID-19 struck.

She added, "By the end of March when businesses were closing, I didn't think much would be raised. Much to my complete surprise, that couldn't have been farther from the truth. The Cinder Rock donation turned out to be the largest single donation we had received since our inception. I was

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Sisters Harvest Faire canceled for 2020

Another major Sisters event has fallen victim to the coronavirus pandemic. The Sisters Harvest Faire sponsored by the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce and set for the second weekend in October has been canceled.

In a letter to vendors and participants, Chamber Executive Director Judy Trego said, "After much due diligence, the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce has come to the conclusion we will not be able to comply with the Oregon Health Authority mandates for events laid out by the State of Oregon and unfortunately we will be unable to produce the Sisters Harvest Faire this year.

"While we researched the other events happening in Oregon, the historic crowd size of the Sisters Harvest Faire exceeds safety standards for the current pandemic and our experienced, small staff and key volunteers are highly

skeptical of our ability to monitor the crowds safely. In addition, the devastating wildfires impacting our neighboring communities to the west and the road closure, has also contributed to our decision to cancel the event."

The event celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2019. Over four decades it has grown into a major celebration of arts, crafts, and foodstuffs, drawing 185 juried vendors from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and farther. Many vendors have participated for over 20 years.

"We appreciate the community's longstanding support for Sisters Harvest Faire and look forward to ... 2021," Trego said. "Now, more than ever, it is vital we support our local businesses during the fall and winter season."

To register as a vendor for 2021, contact Jeri Buckmann at jeri@sisterscountry.com or call 541-549-0251.

SPRD planning for life with COVID-19, beyond

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

When Jennifer Holland accepted her job a year ago as the executive director for Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD), little did she imagine she would have to cancel programs, lay off most

the staff, and restructure the budget and the organization to deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It has kept me on my toes! I have learned so much this last year," Holland said.

Holland wants the

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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: steellefty@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 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 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