

C O M M U N I T Y

Outlaws sing out — virtually

Over the past month, the Sisters High School Concert Choir has been busy creating their first virtual song performance — which can be found at bit.ly/OutlawsSing.

“Choir rehearsals have been challenging since distance learning began seven months ago, choir director Rick Johnson reported. “Zoom and Google Meet online software is not powerful enough to allow multiple students to share audio at the same time. We have been rehearsing with every student microphone on mute. The students can hear me, the director, but they cannot hear each other. I also cannot hear the students.”

Throughout rehearsal, the students send chat messages to Johnson, telling him where they are having problems with the music and then they focus on those problem

areas. After learning all their notes and rhythms, every member of the 34-member choir recorded their voice parts from their homes into an online recording software called Soundtrap.

Johnson took the recordings of individual voices, balanced their volumes, and digitally combined them into a virtual choir audio recording. He then recorded a video of the choir Zoom class singing along with their virtual choir audio.”

“There is a special message written and narrated by Ian Cash in the middle of the song,” Johnson said. “Ian, our student of the month, does a great job of reflecting how the song applies to our current lives. While this virtual choir performance is not perfect, it does show that the music can go on — even from distance learning.”



PHOTO BY KEN BALL

Darek Staab led students from Black Butte School on a field trip to Link Creek.

Halloween traditions in a spooky year

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

Between a once-in-a-lifetime comet and a near-miss with a close asteroid, 2020 has been as strange a year for outer space as it has been right here on Earth.

This October offers up an extraordinary treat bringing a “blue moon” — just in time

for Halloween.

The night sky on October 31 will be illuminated by the second full moon in a month. The relatively rare occurrence happens once every two-and-a-half years, on average, which is the origin of the saying “once in a blue moon.”

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Locals raising funds for Link Creek

By Katy Yoder
Correspondent

Link Creek, which connects Suttle Lake with Blue Lake, needs restoration to repair damage from dams and logging. The waterway meanders through property purchased for the Caldera Arts Center, an environmental and arts education nonprofit serving children from Portland’s inner city and Central Oregon.

Over the years Caldera Arts staff have been restoring Link Creek but knew they needed help from government and private agencies to get the job done right. That’s where local retired ecologist Maret Pajutee came in. She’s part of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) Advisory

Committee that recommended approval of eight grants for projects throughout Oregon.

One of those will be a Link Creek restoration project.

Through private and public partnerships, OCRF approved \$120,456 in funding. Recipients will focus on a variety of wildlife and habitats as well as recreation and education for seasoned nature lovers and folks who’ve never spent time in wild places.

Pajutee admits 2020 is a tough time to raise money.

“We don’t want to compete with so many other important efforts, but want to complement them with money quickly to the ground for wildlife and recreation projects to support partners doing good work,” said

Pajutee.

To raise money for projects, OCRF created a crowd-sourcing campaign looking for 100,000 Oregonians to contribute \$10 to OregonIsAlive.org.

Link Creek Restoration Project received grant approval in September. It’s the first round of grant funding available from OCRF since it was established in 2019 by the state legislature in House Bill 2829.

“Now more than ever, the people of Oregon are recognizing our connections to Oregon’s natural places,” said Dr. Karl Wenner, Chairperson, Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee. “This first round of projects is a momentous

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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., meeting by Zoom. 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 Meeting by Zoom. 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