

C O M M U N I T Y

Virtual event on tap to meet law enforcement

Sisters-area residents are invited to the next Citizens4Community, Let's Talk! to learn more about the City of Sisters' new contract with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

The event is set to begin at 6 p.m. Monday, November 16, and will be held via Zoom video conference. It is expected to run approximately 90 minutes. There are about 40 seats available, so those interested are encouraged to RSVP as soon as possible.

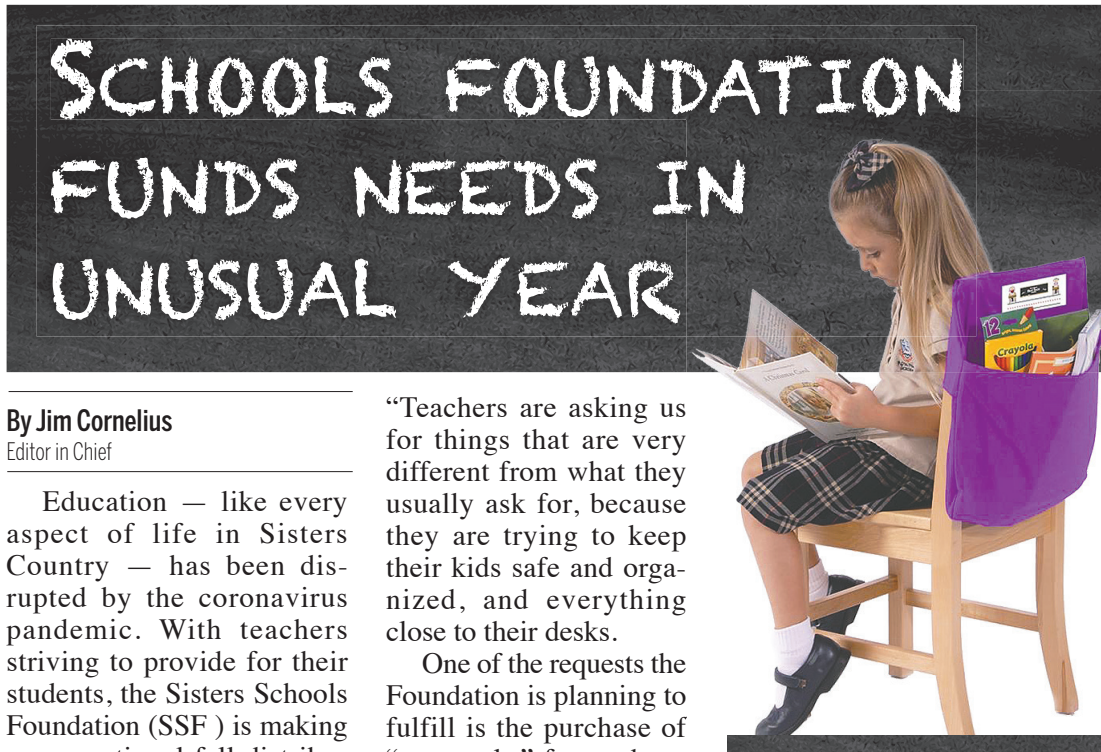
Under the new contract there is now a dedicated sheriff's unit based in Sisters. At the November 16 event, Sisters City Manager Cory Misley and Sisters sheriff's

unit leader Lt. Chad Davis (who is also a 25-year Sisters resident) will share what inspired the new contract and explain what it means for the community. Attendees also will have a chance to meet and talk with the deputies who will be patrolling Sisters. (See related story, page 1.)

The event will be hosted by the local nonprofit Citizens4Community. C4C is a non-partisan and non-political organization.

RSVP to receive the Zoom link for this event, email citizens4community@gmail.com.

Read more about the event at Citizens4Community.com/events.



By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Education — like every aspect of life in Sisters Country — has been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. With teachers striving to provide for their students, the Sisters Schools Foundation (SSF) is making an exceptional fall distribution of funds to fill educator requests.

At the same time, the Foundation is conducting their fall campaign to raise funds to to enrich, supplement and enhance education opportunities for all students in the Sisters School District.

While Sisters Middle School and Sisters High School students are mostly engaged in “distance learning,” students in kindergarten through third grade have been in class, and more students are poised to return to the classroom. That poses challenges for staff. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, students’ supplies cannot be shared.

“We have to use individual things per kid now,” said SSF board member Ross Kennedy.

“The structure of the classroom has to be set up differently in so many ways for the kids,” said SSF President Treasure Lewis.

“Teachers are asking us for things that are very different from what they usually ask for, because they are trying to keep their kids safe and organized, and everything close to their desks.

One of the requests the Foundation is planning to fulfill is the purchase of “seat sacks” for students so that their supplies can be kept all together in individual containers and they don’t have to get up and move around class to get materials. Another is “sit spots” to help kids remember to stay physically distanced from one another.

The PE teacher has requested a wireless microphone and speaker so as to conduct classes with students widely spread out.

The focus is not solely on younger grades. The Foundation has helped with individual art supplies for Sisters High School Arts students. SSF partnered with the Roundhouse Foundation and the school district to purchase one-person tents so that IEE (Interdisciplinary Environmental Expedition) students could safely participate in one of Sisters High School’s important rites of passage.

“They did an expedition up on Middle Sister and they

were able to do an overnight,” Lewis said.

Safety and providing for some of the experiences that make education in Sisters special are priorities for the Foundation. There is a total of about \$20,000 in requests and Kennedy said the Foundation “would love to get as close as we can” to that number.

Donors can learn about requests and make contributions at <http://ssd6.org/ssf>. One hundred percent of contributions go to programs. Donors can make general donations or target specific programs. A targeted donation does not have to match a particular request on the list.

Donations are needed as soon as possible in order to act on urgent requests; the campaign will run through the Thanksgiving weekend.

“We are really grateful and appreciate those who are able to step up and do this,” Kennedy said.

Library to unveil ‘Novel Idea’

Dozens of books entered the arena and only one will emerge as 2021’s “A Novel Idea” selection.

The Deschutes Public Library Foundation will unveil the 2021 A Novel Idea book during a virtual event on Saturday, December 5. The community is invited to join in at 6 p.m. for the build-up to the big book reveal — complete with a plot twist. Join early to test your A Novel Idea trivia knowledge, and find recipes and music

inspired by this year’s book to help set the ambiance. Finally, the book will be revealed followed by a message from the author.

The community can watch the announcement and entire unveiled program online. The evening will include a special announcement regarding a change-up for the first time in the program’s 18-year history.

“We will miss being in

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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 Cribbage Club Please call for details. 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 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, 3:45 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