

C O M M U N I T Y

Folk Festival announces winter JAM auction and fundraiser

One of the many traditions of the Sisters Folk Festival is its longstanding relationship with Bend guitar builders, Breedlove Guitars, and the annual festival raffle for one of Breedlove's custom guitars. Typically valued at between \$6,000 and \$10,000, these highly sought-after guitars featured an element of the annual festival's artwork in a custom inlay and often included exotic woods built to the specifications of a Breedlove featured artist.

"When we were forced to postpone the 24th annual Sisters Folk Festival due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we began discussing options for our sponsors to continue their support through the remainder of the year," executive director Crista Munro said, "and the response was overwhelmingly positive. Breedlove offered us an amazing Ed Gerhard Signature Model, and we began planning how to use that as a centerpiece for our fall annual campaign. Soon, other supporters lined up to participate, and it was an easy decision to expand the offerings with auction packages featuring gift cards from festival sponsors, food and beverage packages, festival merchandise, live and virtual house concerts from festival performers, and some very cool musical instruments."

The other instrument that will be raffled off is a custom mandolin. This gorgeous, hand-crafted 2-point style mandolin from Berkeley, California, luthier Milton David McClaskey is one-of-a-kind. Featuring a claro walnut back, Adirondack soundboard, curly red maple neck and ebony fingerboard, this 2018 mandolin is in like-new condition, and includes a hard-shell case.

The Winter JAM (Journey/Adventure/Music) Auction and Fundraiser will raise money for critical mission support. Since the pandemic hit in March, SFF has continued to offer — and even expand on — its traditional programming, with the notable exception of its largest annual revenue-generating event, the Sisters Folk Festival, which had to be postponed due to COVID-19.

The organization was able to produce a successful socially-distanced concert at their

In keeping with long tradition, The Sisters Folk Festival will auction a fine Breedlove Guitar.



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new backyard venue on August 1, and also hosted two Creativity Camps for kids there in mid-August. There were plans for round two of the Close To Home Concerts with three days of performances at the Art Works venue September 11-13, but the event had to be canceled because of heavy wildfire smoke.

The inaugural Sisters Songworks retreat, originally scheduled for April and postponed to October, was held virtually and plans are in the works to host another session in early 2021. SFF is currently working with Black Butte School to provide music education for K-8 students twice a week and will be hosting

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Irrigation project brings changes to trail

By **Craig F. Eisenbeis**
Correspondent

Most local hikers know that the popular Whychus Creek Trail has a temporary trailhead and parking lot because of the ongoing construction project associated with the Plainview Dam removal and irrigation rerouting. Introduced in 2012, the trail has become a staple for local outdoor enthusiasts in search of a quick, nearby trail getaway. What many local trail users may not realize, however, is that the trail itself will have some lasting — and significant — changes when the project is completed.

First off, the initial stretch of trail along the rim of the

old irrigation ditch is already gone. In fact, the whole raised ridge that the trail followed is pretty much gone. A wide construction road for heavy equipment access now occupies that space, and trees and other vegetation have been removed in the process.

Because of delays precipitated by COVID restrictions, the project itself will be extended well into next year. A principal goal of the project is to remove a primitive irrigation dam that constitutes the last major obstacle for upstream-bound salmon and steelhead in the continuing effort to restore anadromous fish runs to Whychus Creek.

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Thanksgiving ideas for a disrupted 2020

By **Jodi Schneider**
Correspondent

Thanksgiving is only a week away. But this year celebrations are likely to be far different from those in the past. Because of COVID-19 and the new restrictions in place, most of us won't be able to gather with those close friends and family for this special meal.

If you've decided not to cook for Thanksgiving this year — or at least not to cook

much — you're not alone.

With the CDC saying that staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others, many of us will be observing a day of gratitude that's smaller, quieter, and, if you think about it, less stressful.

This Thanksgiving is an opportunity to think outside the box. It may inspire you to throw out your traditional playbook and opt for an entirely new menu.

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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.

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 In-person gathering suspended until further notice. For free online bridge info, call Barbara 541-914-6322.

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.

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