

C O M M U N I T Y



PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

Sisters Garden Club donated winter clothing to Family Access Network (FAN) and provided for other needs in their holiday season of giving.

Garden club cultivates kindness

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

‘Tis the season of giving and the members of the Sisters Garden Club showed their holiday spirit last week with donations distributed to the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank, Sisters Family Access Network (FAN), and to the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department for their Giving Tree Drive.

Giving is nothing new for the Garden Club. Every year in the past, the members have gathered for their annual holiday party in early December.

At that event, all the members would bring donations for a local charity. COVID-19 robbed them of their party this year but couldn’t stop them from doing good in the community.

“This year we haven’t been able to meet in person as a group since February due to COVID-19 restrictions. So, on Monday and Tuesday last week our members dropped off their donations to Tim’s and my house for us to make the distributions to three of our Sisters charity organizations,” said Ruth Palmer, the

communications coordinator for the Sisters Garden Club.

She explained further, “We found out FAN was in need of snow boots and gloves for children ages 9-12 and gift cards for Ray’s, Bi-Mart, McDonald’s and Subway. Kiwanis Food Bank was in need of canned food, and Sisters Fire Department needed tag fulfilment for their Giving Tree. Our members rallied to make these gifts available.”

These gardeners do more than plant flowers and vegetables — they cultivate kindness.

Sisters student honored for essay

On Thursday, December 10, the Sisters VFW Post 8138 presented the 2019-2020 Voice Of Democracy award to Anna R. Mensing. Anna was presented a letter of achievement and commendation as well as a check for \$400 in front of Sisters High School to comply with COVID-19 requirements.

Bill Anttila reported that “Masks were removed in 38 degree temperatures with a deep breath to take the photo.”

This is the second year in a row that Anna, a senior, has won this prestigious award.

Mensing’s essay follows...

The incredible impossible

By Anna R. Mensing

My fingers flip through the silky pages, pausing briefly to read a few excerpts from the inky engravings on paper. “Darling Elra:” one of the pages reads, “Today autumn’s coat of many colors is covered with a fleecy mantle of fresh snow.” This opening line is from a letter from my great-grandfather, Russell Prohl, to his wife, Elra. The book in my hands is a collection of the hundreds of letters written between them during WWII. This specific letter

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Coping during the 2020 holidays

Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

The school counselors in the Sisters School District have continued focusing on the social/emotional well-being of students during the pandemic as well as in response to the loss of three local teenagers earlier this year in accidents.

The holiday season, while designed to be a time of joy and togetherness, can be particularly challenging during

times of unusual stress, such as a global pandemic or following the loss of loved ones.

Sisters Middle School counselor Brook Jackson shared an article compiled by staff at the Mayo Clinic with parents in a recent school newsletter in response to these issues. The article appeared on the clinic’s website at www.mayoclinic.org.

Under normal conditions

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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

Al-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 / 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 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.

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