

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Dinner

On Christmas Day, the Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD and the Sisters-Camp Sherman Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Association invite the public to the Annual Sisters Community Christmas Dinner. This year, meals will be available for takeout only and can be collected from the Sisters Fire Station Community Hall located at 301 S. Elm St. between 1 and 3 p.m. Everyone in the community is welcome. For further information and to reserve meals, contact Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD at 541-549-0771, info@sistersfire.com or via the Sisters Fire Facebook page.

Weekly Food Pantry

Wellhouse Church has a weekly food pantry on Thursdays. Food is currently being distributed drive-through style from 12:30 until all food is distributed at the Wellhouse Market building, 222 N. Trinity Way. People in need of food may drive through the parking lot and pick up a bag of food for their household. Other Sisters-area churches are joining with Wellhouse Church to contribute both financially and with volunteers to help sustain the program. Info: 541-549-4184.

Sponsor an Impoverished Child from Uganda

Hope Africa International, based in Sisters, has many children awaiting sponsorship! For more information go to hopeafricakids.org or call Katie at 541-719-8727.

Deschutes Public Library Curbside Pickup

Sisters Library is offering a new curbside pickup service. Place your books on hold through the library's website at www.deschuteslibrary.org. When the items are ready for pickup, park in one of the designated parking spaces at the library and text "hold" to the number on the sign. Staff will text back, then deliver your items to your car.

Free Weekly Grab-N-Go Lunches For Seniors

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon is serving seniors (60+) free Grab-N-Go lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. The lunches are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis drive-through style from 12 to 12:30 p.m. at the Sisters Community Church, 1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. Seniors may drive through the parking lot and pick up a meal each day of service. Come on by, no need to make a reservation. Info: 541-678-5483.

Antiques & Jewelry Donations Needed

Sisters Kiwanis takes donations of antiques, collectibles and jewelry throughout the year for its annual Antiques, Collections & Jewelry Sale, held on Saturday every Memorial Day weekend. Your donation is tax-deductible! For more information and to arrange for pickup of large or small items, please call Pam at 541-719-1049.

Furry Friends Needs Your Help

Furry Friends Foundation (FFF) needs your support in this time of crisis. During the holiday season, please consider a donation to this vital Sisters-area program. FFF operates two pet-food banks, a coat and pet-supply bank and sponsors free spay/neuters/vaccinations. For more info call 541-797-4023. Mail your donation to PO Box 1175, Sisters, OR 97759 or donate online at www.furryfriendsfoundation.org

Career Funds Available

Applications are available for the Sisters Kiwanis Career Opportunity Fund to help adult residents of Sisters establish an occupational path. Pick up forms at the Kiwanis House, corner of Oak and Main, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, and during regular hours from the Sisters Habitat for Humanity office. For more information, call 541-410-2870.

PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon
541-382-3537



Meet **BAMBINO**, a handsome 8-year-old kitty cat who is eager to find his forever home! This big fluffy man is looking for a family with no other pets where he can be king of the castle! Bambino is a charismatic kitty with a warm and friendly personality that wins over everyone he meets! If you are looking for a friendly, fluffy kitty with a lot of love to give then Bambino is the cat for you!

Sponsored by  **Sisters Veterinary Clinic**
541-549-6961

'Know Place' this January with DPL

You are here. Place can be a physical space, but it can also hold cultural significance tied to the past. Gain insight on important places in Oregon's African American history and our local landscape's geological past. Get answers on buying your first home and use feng shui principles to create your perfect space. All these Deschutes Public Library (DPL) programs are presented online; follow the links to access.

Oregon Battle of the Books: The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street — Wednesday, January 6, 3 p.m.

As they look forward to the New York City Marathon in which their friend Mr. B. will run, the Vanderbeeker children learn that one of their good friends is homeless. This three-part program includes a live reading of the book, a DIY craft, and chance to discuss the book with others. Suited for grades 2-5. This is a live Zoom event.

Preserving Central Oregon's Dark Skies — Wednesday, January 6, 6 p.m.

Learn the importance of dark skies and how to decrease light pollution, and discover Oregon's first certified Dark Sky Place with the Oregon Observatory at Sunriver. Registration required for this live Zoom event.

First-Time Homebuyers Webinar — Wednesday, January 6, 6:30 p.m.

Start planning for your dream home as a first-time buyer. Hear from a licensed real estate agent covering the ins-and-outs of home buying, commonly asked questions, home loan options, and more. This is a live Zoom event.

Feng Shui: Placement and Balance — Saturday, January 9, 4 p.m.

Join Vibrant Spaces designers to create your perfect place incorporating feng shui principles for uplifting energy in your home to make it feel more inviting, peaceful and happy. Registration required for this live Zoom event.

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Geology of Central Oregon: The Crooked River Caldera — Tuesday, January 12, 6 p.m.

Explore the rich geologic history of our landscape with retired Forest Geologist Carrie Gordon. Rocks tell stories of time passing and climate change, and it is our job to listen. Registration required for this live Zoom event.

Botany Meets Biology: The Plight of the Sage Grouse — Thursday, January 14, 6 p.m.

Discover the unusual biology of the sage grouse and explore historical events that have led to the deteriorated conditions of plant communities on the High Desert. Join Dr. Stu Garrett as he discusses the decreasing grouse population and threats to its changing vegetation. Registration required for this live Zoom event.

Writing about Home with Elizabeth Wetmore — Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.

Native Texan and author of "Valentine," the bestselling debut set in the oil fields of Texas in the 1970s, discusses the influence of place in her work. This is a live Zoom event.

"Placed: An Encyclopedia of Central Oregon" — Saturday, January 23, 2 p.m.

Editors Irene Cooper and Ellen Santasiero discuss *Placed*, a composition of writings based on place and phenomena unique to Central Oregon. Registration required for this live Zoom event.

Oregon's African American History — Monday, January 25, 5 p.m.

Delve into the history of African Americans in Oregon with a special emphasis on historic places. Kim Moreland is the vice president of Oregon Black Pioneers, and has over 25 years' experience in community development and urban planning.

For more information visit www.deschuteslibrary.org.

Christmas Church Services in Sisters Country

Christmas Service at Sisters Community Church

All are invited to Sisters Community Church Thursday, December 24 for a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6 p.m. Please register at www.sisterschurch.com/events. For info call 541-549-1201.

Christmas Services at St. Edward the Martyr

Mass at St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church for Christmas Eve will be held at 5:30 and 8 p.m.; Christmas Day Mass is scheduled for 9 and 11 a.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve and at 10 a.m. on New Year's Day. Please call 541-549-9391 for reservations. Following all COVID safety requirements.

Christmas Eve at Sisters Church of the Nazarene

Join a candlelight Christmas Eve gathering in person or online at sistersnaz.org on Thursday, December 24 at 3 and 5 p.m. All measures will be followed to ensure a safe yet joyful setting. The church is located at 67130 Harrington Loop Rd, off Gist Road. For more info call 541-389-8960 or visit sistersnaz.org.

Highland Baptist Church

Both contemporary and traditional Christmas Eve Services will be held at Highland Baptist Church, 3100 SW Highland Ave. in Redmond, on Thursday, December 24 at 4 and 6 p.m. For more information, call 541-548-4161 or go to hbcredmond.org.

Please call the church before attending to verify current status of services as restrictions are adjusted.

SISTERS-AREA CHURCHES

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA)

386 N. Fir Street • 541-549-5831
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com

Sisters Community Church (Nondenominational)

1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. • 541-549-1201
10 a.m. Sunday Worship (with signing)
sisterschurch.com | info@sisterschurch.com

St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

123 Trinity Way • 541-549-9391
5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
9 a.m. Sunday Mass
8 a.m. Monday-Friday Mass

Calvary Church (NW Baptist Convention)

484 W. Washington St., Ste. C & D • 541-588-6288
10 a.m. Sunday Worship | ccsisters.org

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

68825 Brooks Camp Rd. • 541-549-7087
8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare) 10:15 a.m. Episcopal Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare)

Chapel in the Pines

Camp Sherman • 541-549-9971
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Sisters Church of the Nazarene

67130 Harrington Loop Rd. • 541-389-8960 | sistersnaz.org
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship | 2sistersnaz@gmail.com

Wellhouse Church

442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184 | wellhousechurch.churchcenter.com
10 a.m. Sunday Worship (Indoor & Outdoor Venues available)

Vast Church (Nondenominational)

541-719-0587 • 5 and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship at 442 Trinity Way (Wellhouse building). See vastchurch.com for details.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church

386 N. Fir St. • 541-595-6770, 541-306-8303
11 a.m. Saturday Worship

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

452 Trinity Way • Branch President, 541-420-5670;
10 a.m. Sunday Sacrament Meeting

Baha'i Faith Meetings

Devotional Gatherings, Study Classes and Discussion Groups. Call for location and times • 541-647-9826

Nature's paint brush...



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Sisters Country continues to serve up spectacular sunrises and sunsets as the air grows chill.