

**C O M M U N I T Y**



The Outlaws Ski Team is finally getting some action on the slopes.

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# ALPINE SKI TEAM finds a way to begin competition

By Charlie Kanzig  
Correspondent

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc for high school sports teams, but due to the nature of the sport, the Sisters High School alpine ski team has developed a plan with other schools to begin competitions this week with a meet at Hoodoo scheduled for Wednesday, January 27.

Coach Gabe Chladek reported that the boys and girls comprising the team have been doing dryland training since November and have been up “on the hill” once or twice a week since mid-December.

“All of the team activities are 100 percent outdoors and we’ve been able to maintain

social distancing and wear face coverings while training,” said Chladek.

The Oregon School Ski Association (OSSA), which normally governs the high school ski racing in the state has taken “a hands-off” approach this season, leaving schools and coaches, along with volunteers, to organize some non-sanctioned “friendly” meets, according to Chladek.

“We will be racing informally with the Mid-Oregon and Southern Willamette Valley teams, along with the Redmond schools this season,” said Chladek. “Races will be conducted entirely with parent volunteers and coaches without assistance from the formal league.”

With 12 boys and nine

girls on the squad and all the extra planning required to create a race schedule, Chladek has relied heavily on his assistant coaches, which include his wife, Rima Givot, and Grant McDonald.

“Those two have really helped carry out the bulk of the training,” he said.

Chladek is excited about the team’s turnout and potential.

“We have a lot of new racers. Some with previous club racing experience, as well as a batch of returning racers from previous seasons,” he said. “Everyone involved seems to have a pretty strong skiing background and both boys and girls teams should be very competitive this year despite being an overall younger group.”

# Beloved Sisters veterinarian is retiring

By Jodi Schneider  
Correspondent

After more than two decades of practice at Broken Top Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Little Liedblad is transitioning (slowly) into retirement.

Liedblad is a 1985 graduate of Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine and has had patients from raptors to elephants and everything in between.

On January 1, 2000 Liedblad bought the building at 67293 W. Highway 20 in Bend and had it modified into a veterinary clinic.

Liedblad remembers when her husband, Craig, had seen an ad for a house for sale

right off Highway 20 on the way into Bend.

She told *The Nugget*, “We went over to look at the house, and on the walk-through my daydreaming began to take form and I could envision how a simple manufactured home could be turned into a really great veterinary clinic.”

If you’ve ever been to Broken Top Veterinary Clinic, you’ve probably seen the animal footprints along the way going up the ramp to the entrance. Those footprints were made by a dog, cat, horse — and a dragon named Melvin B. Scorch.

Liedblad noted, “Years

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# Artists sought for garden proposal

Pine Meadow Ranch Center for Arts and Agriculture (PMRCAA) in Sisters is seeking proposals for a signature garden space that is inspired by a quilt design. Proposals are sought from local Central Oregon quilt makers, artists and/or designers experienced with quilt patterns.

Proposals for the 2021 growing season are due February 12 and selection will be made by February 28. The garden, located

at Pine Meadow Ranch, will be a 20-by-20-foot bed with ‘quilt-blocks’ no smaller than 12 inches to be designed out of plants and flowers. Planting for this growing season will begin in early March. Proposals that include time towards implementation of the garden are encouraged. Implementation will be lead by the PMRCAA’s garden manager.

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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, by Zoom. / 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.

### 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