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Beth Wood will introduce her new book of poetry in a virtual event on Friday.

Local poet celebrates book with virtual event

Sisters poet and singer-songwriter Beth Wood will celebrate the release of her latest poetry book, "Believe The Bird," with a virtual reading hosted by Paulina Springs Books on Friday, February 19.

Wood will be joined by Kim Stafford, Oregon's poet laureate from 2018 to 2020, and author of a dozen books of poetry and prose. Wood and Stafford will share poems, conversation, and even a song or two. The event is free and open to all.

Wood follows up her award-winning poetry book, "Ladder To The

Light" (2019 Oregon Book Awards Readers' Choice Award and 2019 finalist for the Stafford/Hall prize for poetry), with a collection of forthright, shimmering poems that examine the stories we tell ourselves. Some stories are true, some may no longer be true. Some are based on history, cultural messages, direct experience.

Wood asks, "What if we examine the stories we tell ourselves to see if they resonate with who we are now? What if we allow our inherent wisdom to override

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Learning history in real time

By **Charlie Kanzig**
Correspondent

A six-week class during the presidential election, and the tumult and upheaval that followed, gave Sisters High School teacher Gail Greaney's Advanced Placement Government Politics and Policy students a chance to study history in the making.

A January 21 article published by the state's largest paper, *The Oregonian*, featured her class and focused on the challenge and strategies of teaching a course of this nature during an eventful political period.

The Nugget followed up with Greaney and two of her students to uncover more of what she and her classroom experienced during and after the presidential election.

Greaney was approached by a reporter from *The Oregonian* due to her involvement in the Classroom Law Project (CLP) which promotes the teaching of Constitutional law through programs such as We the People and Mock Trial. According to the group's website, CLP's mission is "working to equip students with the knowledge, essential skills, and motivation to participate in our democracy."

Greaney, a long-time participant of CLP, takes that mission quite seriously and found it hard to stay abreast as an educator with the fast-evolving events surrounding the elections and leading up to the January 6 uprising at the nation's Capitol.

"I would literally check my phone when I got up in

the morning to catch the news and think about it on my way to work, then look again at 9 a.m. and change what I was going to talk about," she told *The Nugget*. "Kids would arrive at 9:35 for class and ask a question about something that had happened between 9 and 9:30. There were days I could not keep up."

Often, a history or government class focuses on happenings of the past, but Greaney's group had a front-row seat as election results were challenged, a riot took place inside the nation's Capitol building, and calls for presidential impeachment began to rumble.

Policies, laws and the Constitution became part of every news cycle, in a

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Retirement... Central Oregon style

By **Katy Yoder**
Correspondent

Oscar and Gabrielle Pena decided to begin retirement in Sisters in 2017. But slowing down hasn't been on their agenda. Their love of the outdoors, sports, and preparing great food has kept them busy and moving fast. Choosing Sisters as their forever home is a true testament to Central Oregon's allure. They had the whole world to choose from and settled in Sisters Country.

The Penas have lived around the world, starting with their homeland of Mexico. Oscar's work as an electrical engineer with several technology firms, like Hewlett Packard, took their family of four to a variety of places, including Brazil and Miami. After a successful career, he was ready to retire and travel. In 2016, the couple took eight months and traveled to 15 countries.

"By traveling around, we looked for the best place

to start our new life," said Oscar.

The couple included a few rests at home before starting out again.

"With COVID, I'm so glad we did it," said Gabrielle.

After completing their global travels, and while Oscar was still working, they intensified their search to find the best place to live.

The couple was invited to a wedding in Montana.

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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., meeting by Zoom. 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.

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This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to lisa@nuggetnews.com