

# COMMUNITY



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Sitton family cut the ribbon on their new Sisters Habitat for Humanity home last week.

## Sisters Habitat for Humanity dedicates 71st home

Family members and a handful of Sisters Habitat for Humanity volunteers gathered on Cowboy Street in Sisters on Wednesday, February 24, to celebrate the completion of the Sitton family's home. A video of the socially distanced outdoor ceremony will be released in March.

The family of three expressed their thanks and appreciation for everyone who made their home a reality.

"I want to thank you all for making our dreams possible. Growing up, I've

always wanted a house of my own." Robyn Sitton said.

A beautiful quilt created by local quilter Susan Cobb was presented to the family. Cobb makes a quilt for each new Habitat homeowner.

Volunteers and the Sitton family worked alongside each other to complete the home. This is Sisters Habitat's 71st home in the area. The home is one that Sisters Habitat purchased from a previous Habitat homeowner. A ground-floor bedroom and bath were added to accommodate the family.

Construction began in the fall of 2019 but was on hold during much of 2020 because of the pandemic. Many volunteer hours went into completing this home. Construction Manager Darleene Snider gave special recognition to volunteer "super trooper" Dennis Mills, who put in 456 hours on the project.

Those interested in homeownership, home repair, or volunteering with Sisters Habitat can visit the website [www.sistershabitat.org](http://www.sistershabitat.org) or call the Habitat office at 541-549-1193.

## SPRD camp supports hybrid school schedule

Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) has been working closely with Sisters School District since fall to determine how to best support students and families during the 20/21 school year due to the impacts of COVID.

While elementary students were able to return to in-person learning rather quickly, middle-school students remained in comprehensive distance learning (CDL) for months. Since November, SPRD has offered a specialized day camp, Camp SPRD, that is designed for middle-school youth to support their CDL needs. Thanks to a close partnership with Sisters Middle School and through grants made possible by Better Together, this program was offered for 11 weeks at no charge.

While grant dollars have been exhausted and students

have transitioned into hybrid learning (two days at-home learning and two days in-school learning), the program remains open, with a new format.

Camp SPRD now runs Monday through Thursday with a Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday option to support the hybrid-learning schedule. The morning hours are dedicated to school work while afternoon is all about play. Throughout camp, students have made a variety of crafts, as well as created a few new games including the current favorite, giant four-square. Additionally, camp staff have stayed in close contact with Sisters Middle School staff. This open line of communication helps to ensure students are set up for success.

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## Roundhouse provides major boost to museum

The Roundhouse Foundation, based in Sisters, is awarding \$6 million to the High Desert Museum, the largest single donation in the Museum's nearly 40-year history.

The gift will support more capacity for educational programming, immersive experiences to bring visitors

into the forest canopy, and, in collaboration with tribal partners, an update of the Museum's permanent exhibition on the past and present of the indigenous people of the Columbia Plateau, "By Hand Through Memory." That exhibition opened in 1999.

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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](mailto: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](http://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. 541-668-1755.

**Citizens4Community, Let's Talk** 3rd Monday, 5:30 to 8 p.m. RSVP at [citizens4community.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:lisa@nuggetnews.com)