

C O M M U N I T Y



PHOTO BY BILL BARTLETT

A new smart board will enhance Circle of Friends' enrichment activities.

Circle of Friends gets 'smart'

By Bill Bartlett
Correspondent

Circle of Friends (COF) has just taken delivery of a 65-inch 4K Smart Board.

Think of it as the old-fashioned, circa 2010, melamine white board on steroids. The touch screen can be used just like the traditional white board, only using a finger instead of those often dried-up markers, enabling instructors to draw, write, and sketch. And with a whisk, erase it all, leaving no trace or cleanup.

The interactive device, while new to COF, has been employed in a number of Sisters School District

classrooms for a few years now, with more on the way. Educators say that the technology helps keep kids interested and engaged.

"It's a much more collaborative and creative method to keep kids on task and attentive," said Kellie Scholl, youth program coordinator of COF, who is assigned with mastering the smart board and implementing it.

Circle of Friends works with about 50 vulnerable children and teens who often struggle at school or whose homelife is challenging. In the 2019-20 school year, 14 lived in single-parent homes; eight resided with guardians other than a

biological parent. And fully 100 percent had experienced at least one adverse childhood event.

The \$6,178 smart board with camera was the gift from a grant by The Roundhouse Foundation of Sisters for the first \$5,000 and the remainder from a coordinated effort facilitated by Redmond-based Better Together. The "board" is both a fully functioning Windows-based computer and a powerful, internet-fueled teaching device able to stream bidirectionally vast sums of content. Its use is equally strong for in-person or remote engagement.

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Cogdill and Cooper face off in school board race

By Charlie Kanzig
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The Sisters School Board Position 1 is a two-person contest between relative newcomers to Sisters, Rodney Cooper and Jenica Cogdill.

Current Board Chair Jay Wilkins opted to not run for re-election to the four-year term.

Terms for Positions 2 and 5 are also ending and elections to those seats will be covered over the next two weeks in *The Nugget*.

Cooper, a graduate of the University of Oregon with an education degree in 1977, retired from teaching in 2009, after spending his entire career in the rural

Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District southwest of Eugene. During those years he taught every grade from kindergarten to eighth grade. After retiring, he continued to work as a substitute teacher, including the time since his move to Sisters in May 2019 with his wife of 46 years, Kristy. The couple has four school-aged grandchildren residing in the district.

Jenica Cogdill moved to Sisters in 2018 from Portland after taking a job at the Les Schwab headquarters in Bend, where she works as a customer experience manager which focuses on team marketing, digital

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Saving a majestic heritage tree

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

It was a sapling when Cortez burned his ships and moved inland to take on the Aztec empire. It was a robust young tree when the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. As it grew, it likely shaded the seasonal migrations and camp sites of native peoples. And it was a towering, majestic lord of the forest when the Graham Family homesteaded

nearby in the 1880s. By 2021, the 180-foot tall, 64-inch-diameter ponderosa pine that looms over Graham Corral west of Sisters posed a potential danger. With a major codominant fork, and standing as it does amid a recreational area that serves the Sisters equestrian community, the Sisters Ranger District labeled the tree as a potential hazard.

That could have meant the

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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, 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. 541-668-1755.

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 Monday. Call Suzi for location and time: 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., 5:30 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