

C O M M U N I T Y



The 2021 banner design featuring senior Olivia Bertagna. When Bertagna was a junior and Citizens4Community youth board member, she helped originate the 2020 banner project to honor students. Fittingly, this year she'll get a banner of her own.

Banners will honor SHS seniors

Sisters parent Jamie Vohs had witnessed a full semester plagued by COVID-19-related challenges. It had been a brutal test of endurance for schools as well as her freshman- and senior-class student athletes at home.

By mid-January, Vohs was feeling utterly compelled to help infuse the beleaguered school year with some much needed cheer. But how?

Vohs was at a Grad Night Committee meeting when her “aha!” moment came — during a discussion about last year’s Class of 2020 Street Banner Project. Led by the local nonprofit Citizens4Community, the project had seen some 100 banners—each featuring a different graduating senior

— displayed festively on lampposts throughout downtown Sisters. Vohs said the Grad Night team lauded the project for the special way it had honored the seniors.

“I have a senior and so I’ve seen the effects of what this past year has done to him and others,” Vohs said. “I felt continuing the banner project was one way we could come together as a whole community again to support local students.”

Vohs reached out to Citizens4Community. Meanwhile, SHS Yearbook Advisor Susie Seaneý — who played a critical role in producing the 2020 senior banners — was contacting C4C to re-enlist for the project.

Vohs, Seaneý and C4C

team members put their collaborative heads together. Fast forward; and on Wednesday, April 14, the SHS Class of 2021 Banner team officially launched its online GoFundMe campaign. Their goal is to raise spirits while raising the \$1,350 still needed for the banners.

Vohs and Seaneý recognize the project is not a cure-all for what has been a difficult school year. Nevertheless, they see it as one of many ways to unite residents and show that—no matter what comes—Sisters’ kids are supported.

“The seniors this year have had a rough go of it,” Seaneý said. “So parents

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Sisters Museum to celebrate City’s 75th

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

The board and volunteers of by the Three Sisters Historical Society are making preparations for the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Sisters in April 1946. Throughout 2021 the Sisters History Museum is collaborating with the City, the Sisters Arts Association, and local businesses and organizations to sponsor a number of special observances of Sisters 75th Anniversary. Events will necessarily be planned around whatever current COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

The doors of the Sisters Museum (managed by the Three Sisters Historical

Society) opened to the public on September 18, 2020, only to close due to COVID-19 restrictions two months later. From that time until reopening on February 26, 2021, a great deal of work and planning was underway by the museum’s board of directors and volunteers.

“We at Sisters History Museum are looking ahead with many exciting events planned for the community. We are very grateful to the many people who have supported us over this last year. Please stop in to visit us! We are open Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,” Board President Jan Hodgers announced.

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‘Landings’ offers hope, beauty in dark times

By Katy Yoder  
Correspondent

Creativity can sustain people through pain and challenging times. It also provides nourishment in ways never imagined. The pandemic inspired Sisters artist and educator Kit Stafford to create her way through the experience. She used her gifts and love of textiles and found objects to share stories about the “flight patterns” of loss, renewal, and reflection.

A show entitled “Landings” hangs along the western wall at Stitchin’ Post. It was scheduled for last April, but was postponed because of COVID-19 restrictions. Stafford invites people to come by to view her work until April 22.

Stafford is quick to point out that she is not a conventional quilter. Some quilters who saw the unique exhibit told her that the departure has

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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