

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

# Tunes and donations elevate *Music in the Garden*



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The Ballybogs brought traditional Irish music to the Sisters Community Garden in a fundraiser for Warfighter Outfitters last week.

By T. Lee Brown  
Correspondent

A last-minute anonymous donation sparked excitement at Music in the Garden, an event featuring traditional Irish music. About 150 people attended, according to Darlene McGrady, who coordinated the event.

Sisters Community Garden is a nonprofit organization, but organizers weren't raising money for their own group. Nonperishable edible goods were collected for Kiwanis Food Bank, and monetary gifts were gathered for Warfighter Outfitters.

Pleasant weather, before the heatwave, blessed the evening. Squashes ripened

and sunflowers nodded in the evening sun, riffled by a light breeze. Audience members ate picnics they'd brought for the occasion. The Garden is located east of Sisters Eagle Airport, which provides the Garden with its space.

Bob Lawton took up the microphone and shared memories of Marvin Benson. Benson was an important supporter of Sisters Community Garden who passed away from cancer the previous week. He built fences and raised beds, and planted an apple tree now heavy with fruit. The crowd applauded with appreciation for "Marvin's Gardens."

Next up, Cort Horner

from Warfighter Outfitters explained what the organization does. The nonprofit operates as a volunteer-run, veteran-run guide and outfitter. The group offers no-charge adventures — fishing, hunting, getting out on the water — to veterans and occasionally first responders. He noted that 23 veterans take their lives every day. The organization, he suggested, aims to save some of those lives.

The mood brightened as the Ballybogs started up with traditional Irish music: jigs and reels and more. Steve Lundgren, fiddle and mandolin player, said the garden might be the

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# Airshow of the Cascades takes off August 27

By Bill Bartlett  
Correspondent

The 2021 Airshow of the Cascades, held at the Madras Municipal Airport, is expected to draw large numbers of fans — and not only those with a love for vintage aircraft, but just all-around fun seekers. True, the show will be headlined by the famed U.S. Army Golden Knights, the world's top military parachute team, appearing both days with a 12-person team that performs for the President of the United

States, Super Bowls, and around the world.

Promoters bill the weekend affair as one of the premier summer events in Oregon that brings family, friends, youth, and veterans together to enjoy aerobatics, planes, cars, food, drinks, and music — an outdoor festival for all to enjoy.

The band Precious Byrd will perform Friday, 5-6:30 p.m.; Sweet Red & the Hot Rod Billies will take the stage the same time on Saturday.

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# Country Fair canceled due to COVID concerns

The 25th Anniversary of the Country Fair and Art Show at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration will have to await another year.

"With great sadness we announce that our celebration will not happen this year," said Sydney Harrison, who handles publicity for the fair committee. "We took this action out of an abundance of caution and lack of clarity as to what the future holds in regard to COVID-19."

The Fair has been a powerful outreach program for the church. All funds earned during this event, over \$290,000 since 2001, have

been distributed every year to organizations who support children and families in the Sisters community.

"As we discussed this difficult decision, we were once again thankful for those in our community who have lovingly supported this event over the years," Harrison said. "The talented artists, the wonderful restaurants, the small businesses we all love, and the many individuals who gave time, talent, and funds. We are so grateful for their support and we will feel the loss of working closely with them this year. We hope to see you next year."

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. / 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.

**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.

**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.

**Prayer Shawl Group** 2nd & 4th Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Call for location: 503-819-1723.

**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 at Sisters Community Church. 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** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., Email: sistersbridge2021@gmail.com.

**Sisters Caregiver Support Group** 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., Village Green Park. 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 Tues, 1-2:30 p.m. Call for location: 541-410-9716.

**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.

### 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