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Joel Chadd of Sisters has launched a crowdfunding campaign to complete his debut album.

Songwriter kickstarts debut album

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Correspondent

Joel Chadd of Sisters is pursuing his lifelong passion for music by releasing his first debut album.

Chadd grew up in a musical family with his father being a professional musician, and his grandma in her youth being a performer in Big Bands. Chadd played drums in middle school but put music on hold for many years, until at 23 years old he decided to pick up the guitar and learn. “I began teaching myself guitar and writing songs when I was 23 years old on my mom’s

nylon string guitar (thanks to her encouragement) and I haven’t looked back since,” said Chadd.

“When I found music again, and what it really meant to me, was when I found my form of self-expression when I was in search of understanding myself.”

There was an effortless ease to doing music once he got back into it and figured it out. He and his siblings grew up singing in church, so he had always had some affinity for singing, but now it was his form of self-expression — singing and songwriting.

“Creative writing and writing had also always been a passion of mine, so I was able to combine music with the writing aspect as well,” he said.

Chadd waited to go to college until he was surer of what he wanted to pursue in life. He got his two-year associates degree from COCC and from there wanted to figure out a way to integrate music permanently into his life. At the time, Breedlove Guitars in Bend was hiring and he jumped at the chance to get involved and have a foot in

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Small Farmer’s Journal big on content

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Small Farmer’s Journal on North Cedar Street is another of those surprising businesses tucked away off the beaten path in Sisters, and which has a large following well past our borders. The family-owned business publishes a quarterly, large format, color journal — and has since 1976. They have paid subscribers in 72 foreign countries and all 50 U.S. states and all Canadian provinces.

Editor and Publisher Lynn R. Miller, who founded the operation, describes the *Journal* as “more like

a community odyssey than a periodical.” He and wife, Kristi Gilman-Miller, are sincere when talking about the *Journal’s* editorial philosophy.

“This is a folksy, feisty publication, a clarion of free speech in the best old sense of the phrase,” the Millers say.

The 10-inch-by-10.75-inch *Journal* typically runs 100 pages, most all of it in color. Well over 50 photos or illustrations support the host of subjects in each issue that range from livestock, crops, barns, equipment, and recipes, to kids pages, poetry,

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Locals spin Camp Sherman tales

Two local authors will visit the Camp Sherman Store on Saturday, December 4, from noon to 2 p.m. to sign their very different, but nonetheless Camp Sherman-connected books.

Bethanne Kronick Blann will sign copies of her children’s book “Mr. & Mrs. Snowplow are Back!” created with her late husband, Camp Sherman’s beloved resident deputy Dave Blann.

“The book is the light in my life right now,” Bethanne

told *The Nugget*.

One of Blann’s duties as resident deputy was to keep Camp Sherman clear of snow during the winter. Though only a few miles to the west of Sisters, Camp Sherman gets a whole lot more snow than usually falls in tow, and plowing could be a big and exhausting job.

Bethanne recalls that, “Dave came home one morning after plowing for hours in

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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. / 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.

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., at Sisters Community Church. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-231-1897.

Sisters Astronomy Club 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

Sisters Bridge Club Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. at Sisters Community Church. 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 2nd Thurs., 1 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-668-6599

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Noon, Aspen Lakes. 541-760-5645.

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 Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Spoons Restaurant. 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 beth@nuggetnews.com