

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



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Colorado-based bluegrass band FY5 will lead the Sisters Folk Festival's Bluegrass Jam Camp in June.

## Festival to offer Bluegrass camp

The inaugural Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) Bluegrass Jam Camp is scheduled to take place June 23-26, 2022, outdoors at the Sisters Art Works venue in Sisters, Oregon.

The four-day program will focus on musicianship and collaboration through ensemble practice and performances on the traditional bluegrass instruments — guitar, mandolin, fiddle, banjo, and bass. Topics will also include music theory, song arrangement, singing, and harmony.

Jam campers will learn collaboration and performance skills, culminating in a final concert by camp participants that will be open to the public. The camp is

geared for intermediate-level musicians aged 18 and up. Because the focus is on bluegrass, campers will learn the style and techniques unique to that genre, as well as how to successfully jam and perform with others informally or in a band configuration. The days will be “jam-packed” but there will be plenty of time for fun and socializing with fellow musicians.

Bluegrass Jam Camp instructors are members of the Colorado-based bluegrass band FY5 — led by award-winning songwriter Mike Finders and bassist Erin Youngberg — plus guest instructor Eli West. FY5 has developed and run several other instructional

bluegrass camps, including at the Pagosa Folk N’ Bluegrass festival in Colorado and at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. The popular band performed at the 2019 Sisters Folk Festival.

Eli West is a singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist from Seattle, and a past performer at the SFF and other SFF events over the years. West has also taught at numerous music camps around the country.

Sisters Folk Festival has adopted a “pay what you can” model for this opportunity, to ensure that no one is prevented from attending

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## Classes turn spotlight on Whychus Creek

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Citizens can learn more about Whychus Creek starting in February by attending five two-hour classes sponsored by the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council (UDWC). At the end of the classes, an all-day tour of the Whychus watershed will occur in May.

Whychus Creek has its origins high up in the Three Sisters, runs down through Sisters, and continues northeast to join up with the Deschutes River on its way to the Columbia River and eventually the Pacific Ocean.

The Whychus Watershed Speaker Series will be

presented by the UDWC and its natural resource partners, discussing the history, hydrology, water quality, habitat conditions, native fish, water conservation, and stream restoration of the creek. The program is supported by funding from the Roundhouse Foundation.

Knight said the UDWC has flourishing programs that get students out on the creek and into nature and they want to extend those opportunities to adults, particularly those who have the creek in their neighborhood.

Whychus Creek has undergone a name change

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## Determining the future of SES land

With the Sisters School District soon starting construction on a new elementary school, a common question in the community is: “What will become of the current school building?” The building is located at the corner of Highway 20 and North Locust Street.

The Sisters School District has asked Citizens4Community (C4C), a nonprofit working for greater civility, collaboration, and civic engagement in Sisters Country, to conduct an outreach project with the

community. The goal of this project is to get public input leading to the best use of the current elementary school building and surrounding property.

Several times over the past decade, a community center has been identified as a need by your Sisters Country neighbors— most recently in the Sisters Country Vision process conducted in 2018-19. What’s unclear is exactly what should be included in a Sisters Community Center

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## 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** Thursdays, 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, 3:30 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