

SCHOLARSHIPS: Students are encouraged to apply

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Kroytz encourages parents to get involved with the process by helping their student to get registered on the GRO site and to set a personal timeline for getting things done.

The application and all the information students need can be found at www.sistersgro.org.

There are a total of 69 different scholarships — all funded locally — that are available through Sisters GRO, and some include multiple awards, according to Laura Kloss, program director for GRO. Last year GRO awarded over \$180,000 in total. Since 2008, GRO has awarded over \$1.2 million.

New scholarships this year include the Les and Lori Cooper, Myers Family, Bedouin, Julie Gravely, Bob Gould, Dream Cleanz Business/Leadership, and the Claire Kanzig Memorial Cross-Country scholarships.

Scholarships are sponsored by individuals, families, businesses, civic organizations, and family trusts, according to Kloss.

“We can’t thank our community donors enough for their continual generosity and support of Sisters High School graduates,” she said.

Kloss notes that the variety of scholarships means that there really is something

for every post-high school plan.

“Anyone who is even considering continuing their education in any direction beyond Sisters High School should check out what GRO offers,” she said. “Scholarships through Sisters GRO are not just for two- and four-year institutions. There are scholarships that are designated specifically for trade or technical programs, and even certificate programs. The criteria for each scholarship varies as well.”

Kroytz added, “Sometimes students think they don’t have the GPA to apply, but criteria for scholarships range from a 2.0 average on up,” he said. “The seniors also need to understand that because we have so many scholarships to offer, the GRO board and the donors work hard to ‘spread the wealth.’”

Kroytz and Kloss, along with ASPIRE volunteers and members of GRO, are available to assist students in the application process, which is now done completely electronically.

To help students get focused on applying, a pizza night will be held Tuesday, February 8 in the lecture room at Sisters High School beginning at 6 p.m., with adults on hand to help out.

In addition, Kloss will be on hand during the school day at SHS on February 8, 24, and 28.

Scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Celebration, scheduled for Wednesday, May 18.

Central Electric Co-op seeks Sisters board member

The board of directors of Central Electric Cooperative (CEC), Inc. is accepting applications from co-op members interested in being considered for the position of director from District No. 1, which includes the City of Sisters and the communities of Tollgate, Black Butte Ranch, and Camp Sherman.

The successful candidate will serve out the term vacated by Bill Rainey, who retired from the board after seven years of service. The appointed director may run for reelection to the position’s three-year term in April 2024.

Prospective candidates should have experience serving on committees or boards where fiscal responsibility is paramount in the group discussion/decision process. Prospective candidates should also possess in-depth business background/education.

Interested parties, must submit a completed application, letter of interest, and

resume by Friday, February 18.

Application packets are available at the cooperative’s Bend and Redmond offices or, upon request, by emailing handerson@cec.coop. Application materials can be dropped off at the offices or mailed to: President’s Office, Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., PO Box 846, Redmond, OR 97756.

Prospective candidates must affirm they have reviewed CEC’s conflict of interest policy, and agree to comply with the policy if appointed to serve on the board of directors.

The CEC Board of Directors’ nine members meet monthly at the company’s Redmond headquarters and at other specific meetings. Directors serve three-year terms elected by the CEC membership residing in each of the nine geographic districts within CEC’s service territory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sisters Cold Weather Shelter (SCWS)

In partnership with local churches, SCWS is providing free hot meals and a warm, safe place to stay this winter. Throughout February, shelter location is the old Sisters Habitat for Humanity building at 141 W. Main Street, upstairs. Access is from the back of the building. The Shelter will open at 6 p.m. each night.

Free Vaccination Clinic

The clinic is being held February 3, 10, and 17, from 12-4 p.m. at Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. Moderna (18 and up), Pfizer (12 and up), and Johnson & Johnson are available. First and second dose as well as boosters are available, as is a fourth shot for the immune compromised. For more information and free transportation services: call 541-699-5109.

The 2022 Special Olympics Polar Plunge

This year’s event is Saturday, February 5 at Riverbend Park. Please join us or pledge your support for your local Sisters High School Unified Program. For more information visit: support.soor.org/team/390314.

Take a Tour! Take The Survey!

The Sisters School District has asked Citizens4Community (C4C) to help identify the best future use of the current elementary school. C4C has created a public survey that will generate ideas and help indicate the viability of these and previously submitted ideas. Later in the spring, the community will be asked to assist with further prioritization. The survey link, map, floorplan, and more can be found at <https://www.citizens4community.com/elementary-school-outreach>. Become more familiar with the site by taking a building tour Feb. 5, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at 611 E. Cascade Ave.

Save the Rubberbands

Business owners: Are you the recipient of a bundle (or more) of *Nuggets* each week? Those huge, fat rubberbands are nice and stretched out, and highly valued by the *Nuggeteers* that bundle your papers each week. If you can save them, we’d love to use them again. And to those of you who already return them to us: thank you! Questions? Call Beth at 541-549-9941.

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Family Caregiver Support Group

Thelma’s Place Adult Day Respite Program in Redmond hosts a monthly support group for those caring for someone with Alzheimer’s or another dementia-related disease. The support group is held every third Wednesday of the month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This is a free family-caregiver support group featuring local organizations each month who join to share their experiences and resources.

Sisters Transportation and Ride Share (STARS)

Dispatchers are booking non-emergency medical rides Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rides are based on volunteer driver availability and are provided Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At least 48 hours advance notice is required. STARS Dispatcher number for all rides is 541-904-5545. Those interested in volunteering may complete the STARS application form at www.agefriendlysisters.com/stars-application.

Weekly Food Pantry

Wellhouse Church has a weekly food pantry at 222 N. Trinity Way every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. until food has been distributed. Both drive-through pick-up and shopping-style distribution are available. Call 541-549-4184 for more information.

Free Weekly Grab-N-Go Lunches For Seniors

The Council on Aging of Central Oregon is serving seniors (60+) free grab-n-go lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. The lunches are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, drive-through style, from 12-12:30 p.m. at Sisters Community Church, 1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. Seniors may drive through the parking lot and pick up a meal each day of service. Come on by; no need to make a reservation. For more information call 541-678-5483.

Sponsor an Impoverished Child from Uganda

Hope Africa International, based in Sisters, has many children awaiting sponsorship! For more information go to hopeafricakids.org or call Katie at 541-719-8727.

Let’s Talk, Sisters!

Citizens4Community invites all area residents to the monthly Let’s Talk, Sisters! discussion series — a forum where people learn about local topics of interest and exchange diverse viewpoints in a lively but respectful setting. Let’s Talk! is free and spotlights a different local topic each third Monday of the month. Learn more at Citizens4Community.com/events or call 541-549-1482.

PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon
541-382-3537



Gnocchi is one sophisticated, sensitive, and intelligent gentleman of a bunny. He has been exposed to children and here at HSCO has used his litterbox like a champ. Gnocchi will make a great companion, full of love and very playful; he loves his toys and may even learn quickly to play fetch! Gnocchi loves the outdoors, under supervision of course, and since he is using a litter box can stretch his legs, hopping around the house. Bunnies make wonderful pets but research into their care and handling is highly recommended prior to adoption. Just like a dog or cat, they need plenty of exercise, toys, vet care, a cozy home, and interaction with you!

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Black Butte Veterinary Clinic



541-549-1837

Please call the church before attending to verify current status of services as restrictions are adjusted.

SISTERS-AREA CHURCHES

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA)

386 N. Fir Street • 541-549-5831
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
www.shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com

Sisters Community Church (Nondenominational)

1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. • 541-549-1201
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
www.sisterschurch.com • info@sisterschurch.com

St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

123 Trinity Way • 541-549-9391
5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
9 a.m. Sunday Mass • 8 a.m. Monday-Friday Mass

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

452 Trinity Way • Branch President, 541-420-5670;
10 a.m. Sunday Sacrament Meeting

Sisters Church of the Nazarene

67130 Harrington Loop Rd. • 541-389-8960
www.sistersnaz.org • info@sistersnaz.org
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Outdoors

Baha’i Faith

Currently Zoom meetings: devotions, course trainings, informational firesides. Local contact Shauna Rocha 541-647-9826 • www.bahai.org or www.bahai.us

Calvary Church (NW Baptist Convention)

484 W. Washington St., Ste. C & D • 541-588-6288
10 a.m. Sunday Worship • www.ccsisters.org

Chapel in the Pines

Camp Sherman • 541-549-9971
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Wellhouse Church

442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184
<https://wellhousechurch.churchcenter.com>
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Vast Church (Nondenominational)

6 p.m. Saturday Worship
1300 W. McKenzie Hwy.
(Sisters Community Church Fireside Room)
541-719-0587 • www.vastchurch.com

Seventh-Day Adventist Church

386 N. Fir St. • 541-595-6770, 541-306-8303
11 a.m. Saturday Worship

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

68825 Brooks Camp Rd. • 541-549-7087
8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare) 10:15 a.m. Episcopal Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare)