

MUSIC ED: Classes and workshops slated for youth and adults

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offer the Branch to Fruit Music Camp for players who are comfortable on their acoustic instrument and relatively fluid in the common major and minor chords found in popular music. This camp will break out into some small group ensemble sessions in which two to four players will work out tunes that may include custom song arrangement, individual solos, harmonies, and improvisation. Branch to Fruit is open to students going into grades 6-10.

Judy Fuentes, the art teacher at Sisters Middle school, is planning two weeks of half-day visual art camps. August 1-5 will be focused on felting and fiber arts, and August 8-12 is primarily centered around watercolor painting and drawing. These week-long camps are open to students going into grades 5-8 with a maximum of 15 participants. Both will be held at Sisters Art Works in the mornings.

August 14-19 will bring songwriter-poet (and winner of the Oregon Book Award for Poetry) Beth Wood together with Judy Fuentes once again to teach *The Nature of Expression*. This popular creativity camp explores art, music, creative writing, and nature. Campers will investigate animals and nature through sounds and



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Jenner Fox will teach a songwriting workshop for adults on Tuesday evenings in March.

color, and explore storytelling and self-expression through art, creative writing, and music. Each day will include immersive experiences in both visual arts and creative writing, as well as time for reflection and making new friends. The goal of the camp is to have fun with many forms of creative expression through awareness, discovery, and play. This camp is open to students going into grades 5-8 and will be capped at 20 participants.

Registration for the three full-day summer camps opens March 2, and all three opportunities will offer the option to “pay what you can afford” at registration, with scholarship support available through SFF. No student will be turned away for inability to pay. Details about registration for the half-day camps is forthcoming.

For registration and additional information on all Sisters Folk Festival programming, please visit www.sistersfolkfestival.org.

COCAINE: Long-term investigation led to arrest of trafficker

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surveillance operation, law enforcement CODE Detectives applied for and received a search warrant for Decker’s black Honda Fit. They contacted Decker during a traffic stop on Highway 20 at the east end of the City of Sisters, made under the authority of that search warrant.

A Warm Springs Police narcotic K9 assigned to CODE alerted to controlled substances inside the Honda. A subsequent search of the car allegedly located a sizeable amount of cocaine, methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), scales, and packaging.

Decker’s three passengers were released without charges.

Decker was lodged in the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Jail on charges of unlawful possession, manufacture, and attempted distribution of cocaine; unlawful possession, manufacture, and attempted distribution of methylenedioxymethamphetamine (mdma); unlawful possession of a schedule I drug.

Decker’s bail was enhanced due to the commercial quantities found in his possession.

The CODE Team was assisted in the investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Oregon State Police, and the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office.

OSU-Cascades to launch degrees in economics, poli sci

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BEND – Oregon State University – Cascades will offer new bachelor’s degrees in economics and political science beginning fall 2022. The degree programs were approved by the OSU Board of Trustees last month.

“The new degree programs in economics and political science will attract students seeking careers in business and finance, public policy and government, and law and help them develop the critical skills needed to address some of society’s biggest challenges,” said Interim Vice President Andrew Ketsdever.

The new majors will leverage courses already offered at OSU-Cascades, as well as faculty expertise. Students will be able to pursue a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree in either major.

The economics degree curriculum includes courses in economic theory, micro and macroeconomics, public policy, as well as subjects that build skills in oral and written communication, and in quantitative analysis. Students will select from specialized options within the program including general economics; law, economics and policy; managerial

economics; and mathematical economics.

In the political science program students will take foundational courses in U.S. government and politics, international relations and political thought, as well as persuasive writing and speaking. They will also discuss and debate current world events. Program options in political science include environmental and energy politics; international affairs; and law and politics.

OSU-Cascades also offers a minor in political science.

Students studying in these new degree programs will be encouraged to pursue internship, undergraduate research and other educational opportunities beyond the classroom, including with organizations based in Central Oregon.

The degrees are offered through OSU’s College of Liberal Arts. Other degree programs at OSU-Cascades offered through the College of Liberal Arts include American studies; art; arts, media and technology; liberal studies; psychology; and social science.

Implementation of the new degree programs are pending support by the Oregon public universities’ provost council and the state Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

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