

C O M M U N I T Y

Fundraiser to send ailing man on 'bucket list' trip

Life-long Sisters resident Geoff Pepperling is facing stage 4 pancreatic cancer. With chemotherapy treatment, he may have a year to live. His last wish is to go to Yellowstone National Park, Colorado, and Salt Lake City. To help fulfill this wish, friends, family and supporters are holding a "Bucket List Bingo" fundraiser for Pepperling on Wednesday, April 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Sisters fire hall community hall.

There will be bingo, raffles and a silent auction to raise funds to support Geoff on this last journey with his family, while he can still enjoy the sights and the wildlife. According to his family, "the pictures and memories will help him through his last months and days." Bingo cards are \$1 each/six for \$5. A pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, soda and a cookie are \$10. For information contact Dierdre Jones, 541-306-0856.



PHOTO BY DIANE GOBLE

Black Butte School students showed their prowess in statewide academic competition.

Sisters to mark Earth Day with clean-up

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Dixie Eckford well remembers the inaugural Earth Day in 1970. It was the year she graduated from high school in The Dalles. "What I really remember is feeling part of something big... We were all really eager to do our part in the first wave of the environmental movement." Now, 45 years down the line, Eckford is mobilizing folks in Sisters Country to do their part in making our corner of the earth a little cleaner and healthier. She's coordinating an Earth Day clean-up Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers meet at 9 a.m. at the Sisters Park &

Recreation District (SPRD) parking lot (west of Sisters High School) to receive garbage bags, gloves and project assignments. Volunteers will clean up along Highway 242 and on Camp Polk Road, where there is a fair bit of roadside litter, and in other areas of the surrounding forest. Sisters Trails Alliance has sponsored a couple of clean-up sites. Additionally, volunteers will do cigarette-butt clean-up on the streets of Sisters. The "Pick Up The Butt" challenge encourages people to recognize cigarette waste as litter, Eckford explained. "Cigarette waste is toxic," she said. "It's really not the

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BBS students earn awards

By Diane Goble
Correspondent

Several students from Ethan Barron's upper-grade class at Black Butte School have been recognized in statewide competitions for their outstanding achievements. Kincaid Smeltzer, a 14-year-old eighth-grader, won an award for the best project demonstrating the use of water-quality principles from the U.S. Geological Survey, Oregon Water Science Center-Stream Health. His project involved testing sediment samples downstream after the removal of a culvert in Indian Ford Creek. The water had been diverted through a large metal pipe and covered with dirt so roads could be built over the streambeds. Some of these are in the process of being removed, making them available for testing stream recovery

downstream. Smeltzer got to work alongside Derrick Staab, project manager for the Upper Deschutes Home River Initiative; and Nat Dachetler, a fisheries biologist, and says he learned a lot about rivers and fish from them. Sixth-grader Skylar Wilkins, who is 12 years old, entered an essay competition created by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) winning first place among all of Oregon's middle schools. Walker's essay in SIFMA's InvestWrite national competition is titled "Why Nike is a Good Long-Term Investment." She states that over the years, the stock has been continually going up although the line looks "more like a drunken mouse running for some cheese while holding a crayon." She learned quite a bit

about the stock market, but winning the essay competition surprised her because, she said, "It's not usually my thing. I play all kinds of sports — soccer, basketball, lacrosse, rock climbing, skiing." Christopher Lundgren and Conner Petke, both sixth-graders, 12 and 11 years old, worked together on their project to test rocket nosecone designs to determine which rose the highest and was the most stable. The parabola came out on top and their project earned them the Outstanding Science or Engineering Project awarded by a U.S. Air Force program. Last year the boys tested rocket fins in different configurations for trajectory and stability; next year they will add more power and look at the effects on stability in flight. Lundgren's favorite part was launching the rockets. Petke liked making the nosecones.

SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

- ALANON** Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.
- Alcoholics Anonymous** Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Saturday, 8 a.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Monday, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Tuesday, noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Thursday, noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.
- Authors Support Group** 2nd Friday, 10 a.m., Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. 541-588-0081.
- Black Butte Macintosh Users Group** 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.
- Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club** Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Black Butte Ranch community room. All welcome; partner required. 541-595-6236.
- Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch** Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.

- Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild** 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.
- Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild** 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-639-3217.
- Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild** 1st Monday. 541-610-9022.
- East of the Cascades Quilt Guild** 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.
- Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. Public is welcome. 541-977-8285.
- Heartwarmers** (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Just bring scissors! 503-880-5832.
- Hero Quilters of Sisters** Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-548-3304.
- Military Parents of Sisters** 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-647-7483.
- Oregon Band of Brothers – Sisters Chapter** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-408-5594.
- SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment)** Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

- Sisters Area Photography Club** 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.
- Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group** 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.
- Sisters Astronomy Club** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.
- Sisters Bridge Club** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.
- Sisters Cribbage Club** Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. All are welcome. 541-923-1632.
- Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors** 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.
- Sisters Kiwanis** Thursdays, 7 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.
- Sisters Red Hats** 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.
- Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.
- Sisters Trails Alliance Board Meeting** 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Pines Clubhouse. 541-719-8822.
- 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. 541-595-6967.
 - VFW 8138 & American Legion** 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Service officer available. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.
- ### CITY & PARKS
- Sisters City Council** 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.
 - Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., SPRD building. The public is welcome. 541-549-2091.
 - Sisters Planning Commission** 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.
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- 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 Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at www.cloverdalefire.com.
 - Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.
 - Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills** Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.
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- Black Butte School Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.
 - Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors** 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX Revolution office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.
 - Sisters School District Board of Directors** One Wednesday per month, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at www.sisters.k12.or.us. 541-549-8521 x4011.

