

C O M M U N I T Y

Three candidates interviewed for council

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Chuck Ryan, Amy Burgstahler, and Bill Hall all threw their hat in the ring for the Sisters City Council seat vacated by McKibben Womack. City Council members interviewed the candidates in their Thursday-morning workshop last week.

Each possesses an impressive résumé and wide-ranging experience that would serve the City well.

When asked what motivated him to apply for the vacant seat, Ryan cited his love affair with Sisters. He moved here to

retire and has “lots of energy,” and wants to stay involved. He has a long career in financial management, believing it important to look at all sides of an issue or project. He likes to dissect and analyze issues, and then build consensus.

Important issues that Ryan sees facing the City in the next two to three years include “the need for Council to regain the trust and respect of the populace.” He believes that sound finances are important, and he would be able to offer his strong financial background as needed. He cited economic

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These women and more put in hard work at Habitat homesites in Sisters.

One Arm Bandit headed back to Sisters

The most popular act in Sisters Rodeo history is coming back to celebrate the rodeo’s 75th anniversary. The One Arm Bandit is bringing his black mouth cur hounds, horse or mule, and buffalo to town.

John Payne, the One Arm Bandit, has won the national Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association Specialty Act of the Year 12 times, including 2014. There is just nothing else like this performance, an unbelievable display of communication between a man and his animals. Wherever he performs, he steals the show.

Whip in hand, dogs at his

bidding, he herds buffalo from horse or muleback onto the bed of a truck and even on the roof of a stock trailer.

He will also take his act to the Sisters Rodeo Parade, sometimes in a breathtaking performance with his horse on the roof of a moving stock trailer.

John Payne was born on an Oklahoma ranch. The cowboy has spent his entire life on a horse with dogs at his side. He partners with his dad and four brothers as ranchers in his home state, but his showmanship keeps him on the road

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Sawdust flies during Women Build

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It’s not often that you walk onto a construction site and come upon a bunch of women in pink T-shirts up on ladders, wielding hammers and wrangling two-by-fours. But for three days last week that’s how it was on East Cascade Avenue, where two townhomes were under construction as part of National Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build Week.

Fifty female volunteers from around Sisters Country strapped on their tool belts and hard hats, picked up their hammers and power tools, and did a smashing good job framing and sheeting, helping to build affordable housing for two Sisters families.

The Maxwell family and the Spain family will be living

next door to each other in their respective new two- and three-bedroom townhomes “by September 1,” according to team leader Larry Lennon.

Lennon enjoys working with the women volunteers, who call him the “go-to guy,” because they can “admit when they don’t know something and are better at taking direction. Men tend to think they’re supposed to know everything and don’t ask questions, which can lead to mistakes that have to be redone.”

The women who volunteer are given some basic training and safety instructions through Lowe’s national partnership with Habitat for Humanity, and a number of the women, who have been volunteering for Women Build two or more years, have acquired various skills

in home construction.

Several of the volunteers work with new homeowner Kristina Maxwell at US Bank, which encourages volunteerism among its employees. She has them writing their names on the studs of the rooms they work on so they are always part of her experience as a homeowner. She spoke about what a privilege it was “to be working alongside these wonderful people.”

Judy Osborne is the Maxwell family partner from Habitat, who guides them through the process and is a huge part of their journey to home ownership. She had decided when she retired that she wanted to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. She finds it “very rewarding to see such dedication from

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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 of Directors 2nd Wed., 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. 541-419-1279.

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.

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 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.

SCHOOLS

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.

