

# C O M M U N I T Y

## STA to hold annual meeting next week

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Correspondent

The Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) will be holding their annual meeting next Thursday on January 29, at 7 p.m. in The Pines Clubhouse at the west end of Sisters. Even though this is the club’s annual meeting, the public is welcome. In addition to the meeting agenda, the STA will be having Marv Lang of the U.S. Forest Service as the guest speaker for the event.

Although Lang’s official title with the Forest Service is Recreation Forester for the Deschutes National Forest, he

prefers to be known simply as the “Trails Guy.” The topic of his talk will be “Sustainable Trails.”

For his part, Lang is looking forward to addressing the STA. “The Sisters Trails Alliance is, and has been, a consistently solid partner with the U.S. Forest Service on the Sisters Ranger District,” he said. “They have a unique mission that focuses on trails within a radius of the city of Sisters, which allows them to be involved in trails-related projects and policy from side-walks to primitive trails.”

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## Trail users to convene in Sisters

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“It’s been nearly two years since we’ve had local trail group leaders and representatives together, and I’m new and would like to get to know everyone who’s involved in local trail-use issues,” said Amy Racki, recreation team leader for the Sisters Ranger District.

Racki is the Forest Service’s new representative for trails in the Sisters area and wants to meet with trail users at the Forest Service office Wednesday, January 21.

She explained, “The mission for this group at this time is to bring together a diverse array of trail enthusiasts from Sisters and surrounding communities to respectfully communicate, coordinate, and collaborate on trail planning and management topics of interest to the Sisters community and visitors to the area.”

Racki is looking for input from every type of Forest Service trail enthusiast, including hiking, cycling, equestrian, cross-country ski, snowshoe, snowmobile, dirt bike, and ATV trail users.

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Lauren Taylor studied the biology of strawberries with mom, Tammy, at the 2013 Sisters Science Fair.

## Science club looks toward active 2015

By Jim Cornelius  
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In the short five years from its inception under the guidance of a handful of volunteers, the Sisters Science Club has become one of those organizations that has a profound impact on lives in Sisters Country, and especially in the schools.

Co-founder Bob Collins notes that the action has shifted from being driven by initiatives of himself and other volunteers.

“The creativity and energy has really shifted to the teachers themselves,” Collins said. “They’re coming up with the energy and ideas. We challenged them to come up with the ideas and that’s where the sparks are coming from.”

The most visible place where the community can see the sparks catch and kindle into a blaze is at the

Sisters Science Club’s Annual Science Fair, set this year for Saturday, February 21. Students, teachers, and adult mentors combine to create numerous interactive displays that entertain and excite as well as educate.

There will be an array of experiments involving electricity, chemistry, biology and engineering. Healthy-living and green-energy programs will have displays from greenhouse gardening to organic vegetables in the schools’ Seed-To-Table program. The planetarium will be set up and students, teachers, and astronomy volunteers will be on hand to explain the night sky.

This year, the traditional catapult challenge conducted by Rob Corrigan in the Design, Construct, Compete event has been replaced by an event featuring mousetrap cars. The cars must travel a certain distance, then stop

within a circle. Corrigan designed the challenge to test engineering skills of students, though anyone can enter.

Sisters Elementary School will be in the midst of an inventors’ convention during the fair, so students will bring their projects for display. They are encouraged to talk with visitors to the fair about their ideas for improving society through invention and innovation.

Middle and high school classes will bring out the things they are working on in their science classes.

Awards will be doled out to winners of the fair’s sci/art contest, which combines scientific vision with artistic expression through photography.

The club is also in the midst of a speaker series, with talks focusing on the subject

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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.

**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 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** Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-6933.

**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: 541-389-9554.

**Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

**Sisters Trails Alliance Board Meeting** 2nd Thursday, 8 to 9:30 a.m., The Pines Clubhouse. 541-719-8822.

**Sisters Veterans** Thursdays, noon, Bronco Billy’s Ranch. 541-480-8638.

**Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

**Three Sisters Lions Club** 3rd Monday, 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 541-480-8638.

### 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](http://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 at the School District Administration Building. See schedule online at [www.sisters.k12.or.us](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

