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Will Brendecke taking a core sample in the Indian Ford Creek Restoration Project area, the subject of a February 19 talk.

Scientists offer view of creek project

Join Sisters U.S. Forest Service silviculturist Will Brendecke and wildlife biologist Julie York in an overview of the Sisters-area Indian Ford Creek Restoration Project.

The presentation of the East Cascades Audubon Society is set for February 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Environmental Center in Bend.

They will discuss the management history of the area, current condition of the aquatic and terrestrial habitat, and the long-term restoration objectives of the project. Of special interest to local birders is Calliope Crossing, a spot along Indian Ford Creek with excellent

birding opportunities for spotting Calliope hummingbirds, woodpeckers, sapsuckers, multiple flycatcher species and pygmy owls.

Local birder Judy Meredith will highlight the birds commonly found at Calliope Crossing, as well as discussing why we should care about the planned habitat changes to this favorite Central Oregon birding spot.

The program starts at 6:30 p.m. at The Environmental Center. The Indian Ford Creek Restoration project discussion will run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Environmental Center is located at 16 N.W. Kansas Ave., Bend.

Horse rescue adopts highway

Mustangs To The Rescue has adopted a one-mile section of Highway 126 between Redmond and Sisters, through Oregon Department of Transportation's Adopt a Highway Program.

The Adopt a Highway Program provides citizens who are concerned about our environment an opportunity to clean up litter along state highways. Mustangs To The Rescue's all-volunteer crew will be cleaning up litter along the state highway throughout the year.

"Mustangs To The Rescue is so much more than just an equine rescue," says Kate Beardsley, executive director of Mustangs To The Rescue. "Our volunteers are involved in a variety of service projects because we believe in protecting our environment and giving back to the community that supports our work. We usually have a service project planned every week, and many are open to members of the public."

"The Adopt a Highway litter patrol is just one of

the ways our organization can provide opportunities for the public to become involved in community-service projects and is just one of the ways that our volunteers help our community," said Lene Banke-Fornalski, Adopt a Highway coordinator for Mustangs To The Rescue.

For more information and to reserve a spot on the crew, contact volunteer coordinator Angela Runk at 541-480-3540 or Volunteer@MustangsToTheRescue.org.

Valentine's Day show explores love

"If you put in just the one word — LOVE — in your search engine, you will find that someone, somewhere in the world, is searching right along with you," says radio host Kelsey Collins. "In fact, every 0.31 seconds someone is wanting to know what it is, how to find it, how it works, or that it doesn't exist at all, but is a figment of our desperate imagination."

Collins notes that love is "perhaps the single most misunderstood, yet most desired,

aspect of our existence. Is it chemistry? Is it a natural state or one that has to be earned?"

"Aristotle highlighted the importance of experiencing and actualizing self-love first — called Philautia — over 2,400 years ago, when he wrote that in order to care about others, one has to learn to care for oneself," Collins says. "Unfortunately, too many of us live the other way around: show me you love me first, and then I'll consider loving you. How's that working

out for you, by the way?"

Collins will explore love in all its various forms on her Valentine's Day broadcast of The Kelsey Collins Show at 9 a.m. on Sisters' community radio station, KZSO, 94.9. She and guest Mollie Shea will be playing with the idea of love being in the air. Listen via radio or live streaming at the KZSO website, www.kzso.org. It will also be available via podcast at kelseycollins.podbean.com later Saturday.

LETTER FROM SISTERS CITY HALL

In an effort to better engage the public and keep the public informed, every two weeks in this space you will find information about what is happening in Sisters from the City's perspective — projects that are underway, how they are progressing, ideas the Council is considering and general updates. We want to do our very best to keep you informed.

Here's what's going on in Sisters:

The City Parks Advisory Board will host a field trip to Cliff Clemens Park to discuss the possible addition of a public restroom at 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 18 (tentative). Directly after the field trip, individuals will be invited back to City Hall to discuss the Clemens Park restroom. City Council and the Parks Advisory Board will have a joint workshop concerning the Creekside Master Plan, February 12 at 6 p.m., at City Hall. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Volunteer Opportunities

The City has several openings on boards and committees. Applications for positions are available on the City's website www.ci.sisters.or.us or at City Hall. The City is accepting applications for an "out-of-city" volunteer, term ends 8/1/15, for the Parks Advisory Board. The board advises the City Council on acquisition, development, and maintenance of public parks, trails, and open spaces. Submission deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, February 20. The City is accepting applications for one "out-of-city" volunteer to serve out the remaining term of a Planning Commission position. The term expires in June of 2018. The Planning Commission's purpose is to review major land-use applications; advise the City Council on planning policies as well as needed changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code. Interested parties should submit an application by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2015. The City is accepting applications for two volunteers to fill three-year terms on the Budget Committee. To be eligible, a candidate must be a registered voter and live within the city limits. The City's Budget Committee typically holds two to three meetings in May. Application deadline is March 4, 2015.

Job Openings

The City is accepting applications for Community Development Director. An application packet is available on the City's website at www.ci.sisters.or.us or at City Hall.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about anything going on in the City of Sisters, please contact one of your City Councilors (their contact information is available on the City website, www.ci.sisters.or.us) or City Hall at 541-549-6022.

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