

**C O M M U N I T Y**

# New staffers join Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show

Tracy Alexander and Karen Koppel have joined the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS) to help professionally manage the world's largest outdoor quilt show — now in its 40th year.

Tracy Alexander joins SOQS as the administrative manager, a part-time position. Alexander, who was born in Hawaii, worked on the Hawaiian Quilt Research Project and exhibition from 1994-96. She moved to Central Oregon more than a decade ago.

From 1996-2005, Alexander served as Education and Family Program Specialist

at the High Desert Museum, where she was responsible for all aspects of training and supervising a teen volunteer program, as well as developing and implementing community partnerships with COCC, Bend Parks and Recreation District, and Deschutes Public Library. She also served as Art Station manager for Arts Central, managing the facility, programming and staff of Art's Central's education outreach program.

She has lectured on and taught Hawaiian quilting. She lives with her family in Bend,

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Jeri Buckmann and Judy Trego appreciate the remodel led by Gus Johnson of Sisters Public Works Department.

# Sisters Science Fair returns to high school

This Saturday, Sisters High School will turn into a giant science lab as the fourth annual Sisters Science Fair gets underway. The free, entertaining interactive family event runs from noon to 4 p.m. on February 21, at Sisters High School.

The science fair features student projects from all three local schools as well as community exhibitors, medical science, and environmental and ecology experiments and displays. The Design, Construct, Compete (DCC) contest challenges contestants to build and run a Mouse Trap Car and it promises to fill the

high school gym with roaring cheers. The event also features paper airplane contests and rocket launches.

“The variety of experiments and displays from all three Sisters schools is a great reflection of the fantastic science in our schools,” said Cal Allen, director of the Sisters Science Fair. “Plus, we have community businesses, universities and state-wide organizations displaying and explaining their products and services. Everyone who attends is consistently amazed at the diversity in the

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# Chamber offices remodeled

By **Jim Cornelius**  
News Editor

The offices and visitors center of the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce are considerably brighter, airier and more welcoming in the wake of a remodel by the Chamber's landlord — the City of Sisters.

A public works crew ripped out carpet that had been in the building for at least 20 years, since the building housed the Sisters Library.

“We tore out all the existing carpet and there was a ton of floor plugs for the library.

Gutted all those,” said public works director Paul Bertagna.

Bertagna reported that the carpet was glued down like the installers meant business. It took four men to yank on it till it came up.

New public works crew-member Gus Johnson led the installation of engineered hickory flooring.

The building, which got an exterior paint job last year, got a new coat of interior paint and new lighting.

The painting wasn't in the original budget, Bertagna said, but was included when it became apparent that they

could do it and still come in under the \$19,000 budget figure. The funds for the project came out of the City's general fund.

A second phase of the project is planned. Public works crews will open up the west wall of the facility and install French doors to tie the building in with Fir Street Park. New deck and ADA ramps will also be constructed between the Chamber building and the old Maida Bailey building directly behind it.

The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce is located at 291 E. Main Ave.

## 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 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.

**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. 541-549-8521 x4011.

