

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

# Festival presents 'Celebration of Song'

Sisters Folk Festival will present "Celebration of Song," an intimate concert showcasing songwriters and artists on Sunday, March 8, at The Belfry in Sisters. The concert is a culmination of the Americana Song Academy for Youth (ASAY), where select students and their mentor/instructors will perform. A headlining set will be played by Welsh songwriter Martyn Joseph; performers will include Sisters Folk Festival veterans Keith Greeninger, Jeffrey Martin, Dave McGraw and Mandy Fer, as well as regional artists Mosley Wotta, Brent Alan, Slater Smith, Laura Curtis, Benji Nagel and many more.

"The concept of Celebration of Song is to share publicly the

great work being done over the weekend of the Song Academy for Youth," said Brad Tisdell, creative director of Sisters Folk Festival. "Each year we hold a private concert on Saturday evening, and it is immensely inspiring and a great way to wrap up the students' weekend. This year, the Celebration of Song concert will share the variety of artists, the competency of the youth participating and the excellence of the artists teaching.

"We have these amazing musicians in town and we want to showcase their work, combined with performances by talented students."

ASAY is an inspiring

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PHOTO BY DIANE GOBLE

Liam Hughes discusses proposed actions at Clemens Park with interested citizens.

# Neighbors weigh in on Clemens Park

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Security and cleanliness of a planned restroom facility are the two concerns on the minds of neighbors of Clemens Park.

In response to an invitation from the Parks Advisory Board (PAB), about 25 neighbors and other users assembled at the park on Wednesday, February 18, to hear the plans for installing a restroom in the park's southeast corner and to share their concerns or support.

The restroom is the only element of the 2008 Master Plan that has not been installed. The split-rail fence, entry sign, and doggie stations are all in place as is the children's play structure, which is bringing more and more families with young children to the park. Where there are young children (or anyone else), there is a need for bathroom facilities.

In 2011 the bathrooms were again listed as a Priority 1 for Clemens Park. The PAB has reviewed all of the Priority 1 items on the current Parks Master Plan, and the Clemens restroom facility is at the top of the list. What makes this so relevant right now is the April 1 application deadline for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department "Close to Home" grant that would fund the facility with a 20 percent match from the City.

To answer the neighbors' concerns regarding cleanliness and security, Community Development Director Pauline Hardie assured the neighbors that the doors are secured at night by programmable automatic locks. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office substation is right down the street.

The public works department will perform maintenance of the facility. The prefab building is designed

with drains in the floor so each bathroom can be completely hosed out if necessary. Automatic hand-dryers eliminate the need for paper towels, cutting down on paper expense and reducing the possibility of overflowing garbage cans and litter.

One of the citizens suggested that a sign be installed on the building with the public works emergency number so that any problems or concerns could be addressed in a timely manner. The PAB is considering placing those signs in all City parks.

At the conclusion of the meeting, there appeared to be general consensus that the restroom facilities at Clemens Park, which will be less than half the size of those at Fir Street Park, are needed and would be a welcome addition.

As one young father who lives near the park said, "If we're going to do this, we need to do it right."

# Quilt Show issues call for artists

The Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show is seeking fiber artists to participate in the 12th Annual Around The Block Fiber Arts Stroll, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, in Sisters.

The event is free and open to the public.

Selected artists demonstrate, display, and may sell their artwork or craft in sponsor businesses. Artists will be selected on the originality of the work and a "fiber-arts" theme. The art stroll is a kick-off event for the week of festivities for the 40th annual

Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. The art stroll draws visitors from the Portland area, Sisters, Bend and Redmond as well as some of the 1,500 students in town for Quilters Affair classes.

Entry and image submission deadline for possible inclusion in 2015 Fiber Arts Stroll Poster is March 5. Deadline for general entries is April 15. For more information about the art stroll or to receive an entry form, contact Karen Koppel, 541-549-0989 or karen@soqs.org.

## 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, 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** 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 541-549-1132.

### 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 at the School District Administration Building. See schedule online at www.sisters.k12.or.us. 541-549-8521 x4011.

