

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters company staff helps horse charity

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Correspondent

When Kate Beardsley, executive director for Mustangs to the Rescue (MTTR), needed help with assembling a couple of shelters for the horses, Lena Fornalski, a volunteer crew member at MTTR asked her son Nick, a draftsman for ENERGYneering Solutions, Inc. (ESI), for help.

“My mom Lena asked me if this was something I could possibly do to help out, and since it looked like it was definitely more than a one-man job, I asked a couple of guys where I work at ESI, and they

jumped at the opportunity to help out and I really appreciated it,” said Fornalski.

Three staff members from ENERGYneering Solutions are reassembling two shelters that were donated to the program. They are volunteering their time to put up the walls and the roof. The two other staff members helping are Paul Wilson, an electrical engineer who has been with ESI for nearly three years, and Daniel Cowan, a mechanical engineer in his first year at the company.

“It’s just a team effort,” said Fornalski.

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Fermina, Zenas, Anna and Abel Ortega at the doorway of their new home.

Local residents show support for cat rescue

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Almost five years ago Sisters resident Pam Creason, Sisters Mercantile manager for 29 years before it closed in 2013, decided to adopt a kitten after her beloved Siamese cat passed away. She placed a call to Cat Rescue Adoption & Foster Team (CRAFT) in Bend.

“I remember seeing their little donation jars around town, so I called CRAFT and spoke with Janice Sershen, a volunteer there. I told her that I was looking for a Siamese, and she said she would call

me if they got one that fit what I was looking for,” Creason said. “Janice called me back not long after that, right when I was getting ready to go on vacation. But I went out to Craft off of Tumalo Road near Bend, and it was love at first sight after looking at a gorgeous Siamese kitten that they had.”

While working at Sisters Mercantile, Creason remembers caring for a stray neutered cat for 10 years. He lingered around outside of the store and was named Rodeo.

“The reason folks named

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Habitat refurbishes home for Ortegas

By **Jim Cornelius**
News Editor

“This is where we turn a house into a home, which makes it very special.”

So said Nan Daschel of Sisters Habitat for Humanity as she kicked off the dedication of the new home of the Ortega family of Sisters last Wednesday.

The Ortegas — Abel, Fermina, Anayancin, Jenifer and Zenas — are the 55th family to purchase a home as a partner of the Sisters chapter of the international home-building organization.

The Oretega’s home, where Main Avenue meets Locust Street, has a unique history, as described by

Habitat Executive Director Sharlene Weed. It was originally built in the 1970s in Deschutes River Ranch near Tumalo, and was moved to Sisters in 2002 and refurbished for a habitat home. When the Orlandos family moved on, they had \$30,000 in equity from the home. The house was then refurbished again by Habitat volunteers led by construction manager Shawn O’Hern, and prepared for the Ortega family.

“This is a very well-used, well-loved, recycled ... house,” Weed said. “It’s a very win-win-win situation.”

Family partner Rick Slavkovsky presented the Ortega family with the traditional Bible as a

house-warming gift, offering a kind word for each member of the family. Co-family partner Margaret Duke offered symbolic gifts of bread (plenty); a candle (St. Joseph, patron saint of home and family); honey (sweetness of life); wine (joy); and coins (good fortune).

“It’s been a pleasure working with you, and I wish you many happy years in your new home,” she said.

The Ortegas were also presented with an afghan hand-knitted by Habitat cabinet builder Ed Peterson of Gates.

Father Jude Onogbosele blessed the house, and then the Ortegas gathered on the porch for the symbolic ribbon-cutting for their new home.

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: 541-389-9554.

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 2nd Tuesday, 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, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at www.sisters.k12.or.us. 541-549-8521 x4011.

