

COUNCIL: Filling seat left vacant by resignation

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This was the first move in their married life, having lived in the same house in suburban Chicago from 1978 to 2010.

Hall was born and raised in Illinois, graduating as a chemical engineer from University of Illinois. Probably the greatest asset Hall brings to the Council is his decades-long experience with problem analysis and problem solving. He began working for Union Carbide as a chemical engineer and eventually transitioned to being a project manager, overseeing the construction of new facilities and later working in quality assurance.

He spent 15 years working at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, which deals with the buying and selling options and futures. His job was to oversee the quality of services provided for all 2,000 traders on the floor of the Exchange. In an effort to educate the public about options and futures, a variety of dignitaries were invited to visit the exchange. During those visits, Hall had the opportunity to meet Senator Bob Dole,

Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan, and Russian president Mikhail Gorbachev.

The last job before Hall's retirement was in quality assurance for MPC Products. They manufacture products for the aerospace industry, including for the international space station, NASA, the United States military, and commercial aircraft manufacturers like Boeing and Lockheed.

When it was time to retire, the Halls had already decided they wanted to live someplace new, exploring locations in Colorado, Montana, Idaho and Oregon. They visited Sisters several times before they found the lot on which to build. They enjoy having four seasons, and like our Central Oregon winters.

Hall likes the ability to "go to town" by traveling only a few blocks, and finds the residents of Sisters to be very friendly. One of the most enjoyable aspects of living in Sisters is that they are steps away from the trails in the National Forest.

Bill and Kathy enjoy birding, hiking, and perusing garage sales. Kathy has a plot at the Sisters Community Garden, in addition to their lovely yard full of birds and, of course, the deer.

Hall's years of experience in project management and



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Bill Hall.

quality assurance have proven there is an important key to any type of successful project.

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OHSET meet set for June

After an outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) forced the cancellation of the Oregon High School Equestrian Teams state championship last week, officials have settled upon an alternative date after school lets out.

The rescheduled 2015 Oregon High School Equestrian State Championship Meet will be

held at Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond, on Wednesday, June 24 through Saturday, June 27. Each day starts at approximately 8 a.m., free to the public and vendors on site.

There will be approximately 550 riders competing from 100 schools representing the eight districts in the state of Oregon.

Sisters Country birds

The pygmy nuthatch [*Sitta pygmaea*], chatters its high pitch staccato call year-round in the ponderosas of Sisters.

Gleaning insects and seeds, it forages the entire tree from trunk to needles. This tiny bird — 3.75 to 4.5 inch — is monogamous, bonding year-round with its mate. Both male and female help in excavating nesting cavities in dead trees and also employ helpers in the nesting and the feeding of their young.

When breeding season ends, the pygmys will form flocks combining several family groups. As the winter cold begins they will roost together to assist in maintaining body heat. As many as 150



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Pygmy nuthatch.

individuals have been found in a single roosting cavity, and the pygmy nuthatch can enter a torpor state to resist extreme cold temperatures.

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