Volunteers set for Habitat Women Build

More than 50 volunteers from Sisters Country will join Sisters Habitat for Humanity May 6-9 to help build affordable housing in recognition of National Women Build Week.

County Commissioner Tammy Baney, a team from US Bank, and the women of Youth Build will join local volunteers to help build homes for the Spain and Maxwell families on East Cascade Avenue. The project will include framing and sheeting the two-and three-bedroom townhouse.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity, a faith-based, nonprofit organization, recruits and leads a diverse and dedicated corps of volunteers to build and/or renovate affordable homes for qualified individuals. Funds to accomplish this mission are generated through mortgages, Thrift/ReStore operations, donations, grants and fundraising activities. Since 1991, 55 families have purchased an affordable Habitat home and since 2013, four families have had their home repaired through the Habitat home repair program.

National Women Build Week is a weeklong event created by Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program that challenges women to devote at least one day to help build affordable housing in their local communities. Across the nation, more than 15,000 women are expected to volunteer at Habitat construction sites this week to spotlight the homeownership challenges faced by women.

Lowe's helped launch National Women Build Week in 2008, and each year provides the support of Lowe's Heroes and conducts how-to clinics at stores to teach volunteers construction skills.

"National Women Build Week has made a difference in the lives of thousands of families since its inception," said Joan Higginbotham, Lowe's director of community relations. "We're grateful to all the women in Sisters who got involved this week and were part of something bigger with Lowe's and Habitat."

Lowe's donated nearly $2 million to this year's National Women Build Week, including a $5,000 store gift card to Sisters Habitat. National Women Build Week is one of the major initiatives supported through Lowe's national partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Since 2003, Lowe's has committed more than $63 million to Habitat and helped more than 4,000 families improve their living conditions.

Habitat's Women Build program recruits, educates and inspires women to build and advocate for simple, decent and affordable homes in their communities. Since the program was created in 1998, more than 2,300 homes have been built in partnership with low-income families using Women Build crews.

For more information on Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program and to learn about Women Build events in communities across the U.S. year-round, visit Habitat.org/wb or the Women Build tab on www.facebook.com/habitat.

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of directors also acted as the building committee for the project. They have been in ongoing dialogue with the architect since August 2014. So for the board to view a set of plans and approve them in 20 minutes is not all that unreasonable. To clarify the scope of the project, the structure is to be based on a pole barn; not a terribly complicated building. This is the quickest, least expensive way to meet the needs of the district; they were using taxpayer money to the best of its ability.

I do agree with Mr. Malone, the volunteers and constituents do deserve thoughtful consideration, critical thinking and vigorous discussion with regard to significant financial decisions. This board of directors has delivered that and more regarding this bond measure and the judicious frugal spending of the taxpayers' money.

Craig Matecki

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To the Editor:

As a Cloverdale volunteer firefighter I read with interest two letters in last week's *Nugget*. The directors of our fire district were described by two writers as having "what, perhaps, is an insufficient level of oversight as it relates to significant monetary decisions," and "the strain has already shown itself through a lack of oversight and mismanagement."

I find it interesting that these two writers can make such assertions when between the two of them, only one has attended a single meeting of this board over the last year and that was only the most recent meeting. Perhaps these two writers have received some misinformation?

Space prevents me from addressing each assertion individually so let's look at one of them for now.

An insufficient level of oversight, and mismanagement: The Moody's Investors Service, which provides credit ratings and research covering debt instruments and securities, last month rated the Fire District's finances as a part of the bond sale. The Fire District was given a rating of AAA+. Sounds like Moody's thinks the finances are being managed pretty well.

Oh yes, one writer did hedge his bets by leading his statement with the word "perhaps."

The writer's assertions lack merit. Feel free to come to the station and talk to the Fire Chief. Talk to more than one board member. Come and look around at what the District has been working with, see their plans, look at the 20-year master plan (goals) and see how the Board is ethically and responsibly improving the facilities for the public's and the volunteer's safety.

Clinton Weaver

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To the Editor:

As I watched on TV the riots in Baltimore, I also saw the abandoned buildings, the broken windows, listened to the reports of 40% unemployment and all I could say is – why is our Congress not addressing the root cause of the riots? In the 1930s, FDR started WPA; it created jobs, created income. I also read where almost every state is complaining of failing roads and bridges, and no money to repair them. I realize that the term WPA signifies a Democratic label – well, call it something else, pick your own term, but get something going!

The same report on the riot states that studies on the causes all say it has been 40 or 50 years in the making, not just a single incident between a cop and a victim! How many of us would resent a tax to solve problems incurred by every state in the Union?

Russell B. Williams

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Notice of Budget Hearing – Black Butte School District

A public meeting of the Black Butte School District 41 will be held on May 12, 2015 at 5:30pm at the Camp Sherman Community Hall (Forest Service Road #1419). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 as approved by the Black Butte School District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Black Butte School between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. This Budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the basis of accounting used during the preceding year.

Contact: Jennifer Severeide Telephone: 541-595-6203 Email: jsevereide@blackbutte.k12.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount Last Year 2013-14	Adopted Budget This Year 2014-15	Approved Budget Next Year 2015-16
Beginning Fund Balance	$1,595,059	$1,565,413	$1,589,456
Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	235,236	253,993	253,994
Current Year Local Option Property Taxes			
Other Revenue from Local Sources	22,112	17,708	29,700
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	1,179	1,600	1,100
Revenue from State Sources	230,699	162,882	204,921
Revenue from Federal Sources	566		
Interfund Transfers			
All Other Budget Resources	18,337	18,741	18,500
Total Resources	$2,103,188	$2,020,340	$2,097,672

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Salaries	$258,684	$255,338	$215,270
Other Associated Payroll Costs	148,807	178,757	136,669
Purchased Services	113,188	107,400	149,631
Supplies & Materials	18,958	17,843	20,406
Capital Outlay			
Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	11,268	31,600	32,390
Debt Service*			
Interfund Transfers*			
Operating Contingency	1,552,183	1,429,401	1,543,306
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves			
Total Requirements	$2,103,188	$2,020,340	$2,097,672

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY FUNCTION			
1000 Instruction	$344,075	$380,383	$326,300
FTE	3.5	3.5	2.7
2000 Support Services	225,166	210,554	227,416
FTE	1.3	1.5	1.3
3000 Enterprise & Community Service			
FTE			
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction			
FTE			
5000 Other Uses			
5100 Debt Service*			
5200 Interfund Transfers*			
6000 Contingency	1,533,946	1,429,401	1,543,956
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance			
Total Requirements	$2,103,188	$2,020,340	$2,097,672
Total FTE	4.8	5.0	4.0

* not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING **

The District reduced the hours for the District Clerk position and had additional expenditures decrease in both the Pupil Transportation and Board of Director budgets.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit $3.017 per $1,000)	3.017	3.017	3.017
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	$0	$0	$0