

C O M M U N I T Y

Forest Service rebuilds Suttle Lake Trail

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Correspondent

Nearly 20 years ago, inmates seeking a little elusive outdoor freedom volunteered to do trail stabilization work at Suttle Lake. In the decades since, their work has held up well.

However, since their principal building materials were logs, the structures they built have begun to rot and crumble over time.

As a result, the loop trail around the edge of Suttle Lake has suffered significant damage from erosion and heavy traffic. Since the lake

is popular for fishing and boating and is surrounded by campgrounds, a resort, youth camps, and a host of other recreational opportunities, the trail is one of the most heavily used in the Sisters Ranger District.

Because the trail hugs the shoreline so closely, there isn't much vegetation to hold the soils in place; and the constant lapping of waves has caused severe erosion in many spots along the shore, especially where the inmates' log retaining walls have deteriorated. Heavy use of power boats

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Georgia Edgington, 1944 Sisters Rodeo Queen (center), with fellow queens Frances Grammer (Redmond) and Mildred Meader (Powell Butte).

Sisters Arts Association launched with party

By Jim Cornelius
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Artists know how to throw a party: A beautiful location, some good food, some quality music and convivial company and you're good to go.

Sisters Arts Association (SAA) celebrated its launch last Friday with just such a party, at Ken Scott's Imagination Gallery. The event also served as the start of a Fourth Friday art stroll and a 20th anniversary celebration for *Cascade A&E* newspaper.

Ken Scott welcomed the large crowd. The sculptor noted that, like all pursuits, the

most significant creative act is always simply showing up for the work. And, he said, "what we've done tonight is a simple thing: We showed up."

The SAA is all about the arts community coming together — artists of all stripes, gallery owners, patrons — to show up for each other, to support each other in further developing a vibrant arts community.

The kind of partnership the association cultivates was on display at the launch party. The music was supplied by Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) and

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Queens of yesteryear ride in parade

Twenty-eight former rodeo queens and princesses will be special guests in the 75th anniversary Sisters Rodeo Parade on June 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Sisters.

In our local stable of former Sisters queens, Shelby Ross, Miss Rodeo Oregon 2012, Sara Marcus, Miss Rodeo Oregon 2014, and Kitty Sharp, Miss Rodeo Oregon 1992, will be among the participants.

Georgia Gallagher, Sisters Rodeo Queen 1944, and Helen Filey O'Brien, 1945, will be the grand dames of the former royalty. They are the only representatives of the first 17 years of Sisters Rodeo.

Gallagher, formerly Edgington, was raised two miles south of Sisters. Her father, Ellis, was one of the

founders of Sisters Rodeo. She recalls a Sisters Fair that was the predecessor of the rodeo, in which local farm kids would bring their livestock to compete for ribbons.

"We rode horses when we needed to go to town," Gallagher reminisced, "including to ride in the rodeo parade every year. It was fun to be the queen, and people were so nice."

Gallagher was honored as the Grand Marshal of the rodeo parade in 2006.

Helen Filey O'Brien has very different memories.

"We moved to Seattle for 30 years, and I didn't plan to ever return to this dirty little sawmill town [Bend]," said O'Brien, who was literally raised on mill property, now the site of the Old Mill parking lot.

That attitude changed quickly after her 1985 return. In 1993 her son, Steven, talked her into riding in the parade in his 1939 Cadillac limousine. She has rarely missed a parade or rodeo since.

"I even got to dance with JJ the clown last year on Saturday during the rodeo," she said.

"We didn't have fancy outfits back then. We wore gabardine pants and nice shirts, but there were no banners or flowers.

"I feel quite honored to be part of this special occasion, and happy to still be alive for it," Helen said.

She will have many family members in attendance, including her grandson, Ryan

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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: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board of Directors 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.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. 541-419-1279.

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.

