

C O M M U N I T Y

Council signs off on Creekside fixes

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Patrick Davenport, City of Sisters community development director, reports that the Sisters City Council reviewed the CPAB recommendations for improvements to the Creekside Campground, agreeing to most of them, including performing a traffic study to modify ingress/egress, and constructing a berm along Locust Street.

The proposed berm along Tyee Drive was replaced with enhanced landscape plantings in order to reduce the cost of the project.

Davenport reviewed for the parks advisory board a

progress draft of the new master plan for Creekside Park and Campground, including existing conditions and overall goals and objectives for improvements. The prioritization of the goals is outlined in the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for all the City parks. Davenport advised the board that the overall City Parks Master Plan has to be completed before the CIP goes to Council for their approval.

The final draft of the Creekside Park Master Plan will be returned to CPAB for review once the traffic study around the campground is completed and the parks CIP document is approved by City Council.



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Art in the Park vendor Dave Cretsinger at his Tumbleweeds art booth.

Forestry board: keep ground cover

By Sue Stafford
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The Urban Forestry Board has instructed the City of Sisters to discontinue its current practice of removing all ground cover from public treed areas, such as behind the truck scales on the east end of town.

City Manager Andrew Gorayeb had directed the public works department to do the clearing using Deschutes County inmate work crews to create a cleaner look, to reduce fire danger from

thrown cigarette butts, and to improve visibility of deer attempting to cross highways. The clearing extends 50 feet in from the edge of the road.

Urban Forestry chairman Dave Moyer, who is retired from 42 years with the U.S. Forest Service, elaborated on studies that showed such practices are bad for the health of the forests.

“When the ground under the trees is stripped of all vegetation and duff (tree needles, etc.), the healthy growth

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Eclectic treasures for visitors

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

Sisters offered sunny skies on Saturday for Art in the Park, an added attraction for visitors to enjoy during rodeo weekend in Sisters. Creekside Park was filled with over 85 vendor booths for folks to take in.

Ken and Sandy Ash, first-time vendors from Roseburg, really stood out to the crowd with their unusual birdfeeders and flower plates that add charm and color to your garden.

“I recycle decorative plates that I buy from just about anywhere, and attach them to electrical conduit poles. Then for the birdfeeder stacking I use ceramic cups, saucers, planters or vases and put it all together with industrial

strength glue,” Sandy Ash said.

Lots of folks stopped by the “Tumbleweeds” home décor booth where owner Dave Cretsinger from Redmond reclaims and restores old weathered materials to create original works of functional art from coffee tables to unusual frames. The eye-catcher was this year’s Sisters Rodeo poster by Dennis McGregor, in a Cretsinger signature frame.

“We love Sisters, and we used to be locals when we had our store, Tumbleweeds, here 10 years ago,” said Cretsinger.

Country/Western music and rodeo go hand in hand and lots of folks gathered round in their Western gear to listen to Briana Renea. It was Renea’s first time entertaining at Art in the Park.

Snake River Net Co. booth had homemade fishing nets made by founder Mike Avery from Idaho Falls. One big net, full of bugs, was ready to catch every customer that strolled by; you couldn’t help but stop and take a peek to see if they were real.

“We make handmade wood nets that are crafted from exotic hardwoods from around the world. The handle end widens so the fisherman does not lose the net by it slipping out of his hands. The reason for the bugs is to show that you can easily “match the hatch” with our net. It’s a common term for fly fishing. In fly fishing matching the hatch means to literally match the hatching insects that the trout are eating, it’s matching

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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.

