

**C O M M U N I T Y**

# Oregon Wild official to speak in Sisters

By Craig F. Eisenbeis  
Correspondent

As part of its continuing quarterly speaker series, the Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) will be hosting a presentation by Oregon Wild's Central Oregon Field Representative Pam Hardy.

She plans to talk about the organization's efforts to protect National Forests, wildlife and clean water. Some of Oregon Wild's most recent efforts, such as fighting for designation of new wilderness areas near places like

Crater Lake, will also be on the agenda.

Founded in 1974, Oregon Wild works to inform and involve the public in the important conservation issues in Oregon. The organization believes that Oregon's wildlands, wildlife, and waters belong to all of us, and that's the best way to protect those resources is to keep the public involved and informed.

As the organization's representative for Central Oregon, Hardy's work often involves

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PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

Diane Rickenbacher made a special quilt for Ali Mayea.

# Hayden Homes to discuss development

Representatives of the developer Hayden Homes will float alternative ideas for the remaining phases of their housing development on the west side of Sisters on Thursday, July 16.

The Sisters Planning Commission will hold a workshop that evening at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Representatives from Hayden Homes will be presenting options to the Planning Commission and the public for a revised development plan for Village at Cold Springs Phases III and VI-VIII. The public is invited to attend and provide their input.

The development plan approved by the City of

Sisters in 2010 called for 273 total dwelling units, including 164 apartments and 109 townhouses. Hayden Homes' development model and area of expertise is in construction of single-family residences.

Sisters, like much of the region, currently has an extremely tight rental market and difficulties in providing workforce housing, making the prospect of the construction of more housing of significant interest in the community.

The public workshop will be held at 520 E. Cascade Ave. Contact Patrick Davenport, community development director, at 541-323-5219 or pdavenport@ci.sisters.or.us for more information.

# Local receives special quilt

By Jodi Schneider McNamee  
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Last year at the 39th annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show animal portrait quilter Diane Rickenbacher of Pollock Pines, California surprised Dan and Stephanie O'Neill, a Sisters couple, with two quilts of their huskies Kaiya and Keynu as a gift.

What made this story even more unique is that Rickenbacher and the O'Neills were virtual strangers and had only met at the quilt show in Sisters the year before. Rickenbacher had

been admiring the O'Neills' two dogs and had taken a couple of snapshots of them with her camera, chatted a few moments and then went back to Pollock Pines after the quilt show.

After looking at the photos again back home, Rickenbacher decided to turn the photos into quilts as a random act of kindness, and surprise the O'Neills at next year's quilt show, if she could find them.

And find them she did with the help of Ponderosa Properties Realtor Ali Mayea.

"Since we didn't know where to find the O'Neills,

we stopped at Ponderosa Properties to ask around, since we purchased our summer home in Sisters from one of the Realtors there, which always seems to be rented during Sisters quilt show. But nobody knew who the dogs belonged to in the photo I was showing around, except Ali Mayea, who happened to be there at the time," explained Rickenbacher.

Mayea not only knew the O'Neills, the pet parents of the two huskies, but hatched an elaborate plan of how to surprise them with

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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](http://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](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

