

COMMUNITY

First day of school coming up fast

The first day of school for 2015-16 is coming up so fast it might take parents by surprise.

Things kick off when it still feels like summer vacation — on August 31.

Sisters schools are now open for new-student registration Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The first day of school for first- through ninth-graders is Monday, August 31. The rest of the high schoolers start on Tuesday, September 1.

First day for kindergarten

students will be Tuesday, September 8.

Sisters Elementary School will host a “stop and drop,” Thursday, August 27, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for students to bring their school supplies to their classroom prior to the beginning of school.

For more information call: Sisters Elementary School, 541-549-8981; Sisters Middle School, 541-549-2099; or Sisters High School, 541-549-4045.



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Kerani Mitchell, Brad Tisdell, Debbie Newport and Kathy Deggendorfer in an OCF panel discussion.

911 director advocates for region-wide system

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Steve Reinke, director of Deschutes County 911 Service District, made a compelling presentation at the August 13 City Council workshop regarding the formation of a countywide 911 Service District, with a regional radio system and permanent funding.

Reinke, who has been on the job for a year, stated that the current radio system in use reached its “end of life” in 2010, and parts availability for the outdated system is low. A year ago Sparling Engineering, consulting on the possibility of replacing the old system, predicted a price tag for the infrastructure of

\$13 million.

Reinke proposes working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oregon State Police to participate in a statewide radio system. By doing that the cost to the County for site maintenance, equipment, and electronics would be reduced to \$5-\$6 million. At present, the Deschutes County 911 District has a \$10-\$11 million reserve for replacement of equipment. Six million of that can be devoted to the new radio system if the County partners with the State of Oregon.

Deschutes County could conceivably serve as the first partner with the State. The County would be contributing

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Foundation rendezvous in Sisters

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Sisters is a model of community engagement between the arts community, public agencies, nonprofits and schools. That made it a perfect site for an Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) rendezvous that carried the theme of “community engagement.”

The rendezvous is a twice-a-year event conducted at one of the 18 sites that are implementing an innovative five-year OCF-funded project called Studio to Schools. Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) was awarded a Studio to Schools grant and is implementing the program in Sisters schools.

According to OCF, “Studio to School is a multi-year grant initiative supporting 18 collaborative projects

between schools and community arts organizations to design and deliver sustainable arts-education opportunities that have the potential for replication. Activities can occur both during the school day and in out-of-school time. Through this project, The Oregon Community Foundation aims to increase arts opportunities for underserved youth in grades K-8 and to support communities in strengthening their networks and capacity to offer year-round arts education.”

Last week’s rendezvous was headquartered at The Belfry, with groups scattering around Sisters to the many locations used by the Sisters Folk Festival as venues to take in different ways communities can make connections.

“Sisters and what (is) going on there was always

something we’d use to illustrate what we’re trying to do,” said Michelle Boss Barba of OCF.

“It was a powerful experience. And one that set us up well as a community and also as an organization to do some pretty remarkable work.”
— Brad Tisdell

One of the speakers was Milenko Matanovic, who advocated for the importance of creating spaces where people can gather to engage 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.

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.

