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"Abandoned Barn" by Ray Eyerly.

City council seat remains vacant

The Sisters City Council still has a vacant Council seat due to the resignation of Councilor Wendy Holzman.

The City encourages interested parties to apply for the vacated seat by submitting an application to City Recorder Kathy Nelson by September 18. The deadline has been extended due to lack of candidates filing.

Candidates must be a qualified elector within the meaning of the state constitution and have resided within city limits during the preceding 12 months. Applications may be found on the home page

in the announcements section of the City's website at www.ci.sisters.or.us or at the reception desk in City Hall at 520 E. Cascade Avenue.

Council meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. Workshops are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 8 a.m. and second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. All meetings are held at City Hall.

For more information contact City Recorder Kathy Nelson by email at knelson@ci.sisters.or.us or by calling 541-323-5213.

Ray Eyerly — a Sisters original

By Sue Stafford
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A man of humble beginnings, with no formal education, who worked at many trades during his lifetime, might have easily slipped from community memory after dying.

For one such man, Raymond Leslie Eyerly, his memory lives on here in Sisters and more widely through his paintings that provide a glimpse of the rugged country of Central and Eastern Oregon, its landscapes and people.

All of his work was the result of his innate artistic talent. The only formal training he had was one year of art school as a young teenager,

earned by serving as the school's janitor.

At the time of his death on July 31, 1980, at the age of 85, Eyerly had created over 1,000 pieces of art, including pastels, pen-and-inks, watercolors and oil paintings. The actual number cannot be accurately estimated because he kept no records of his work and only started numbering some of them later in life.

Many of his pieces are currently in museums, private collections, and in the homes of individuals who purchased them off the walls of The Gallery Restaurant in downtown Sisters. During those years, his originals sold for \$8,000 to \$12,000. According to former owner of The Gallery, Jim Cheatham, they usually

sold one or two originals a year. Cheatham also kept a box of Eyerly's prints at the restaurant and sold two or three a day.

His talents were recognized far beyond Sisters as he won awards, particularly for his use of color. According to Beverly Blodgett's biography of Eyerly, "A Picture or Two — The Story of Ray Eyerly" (1974) — he became the first artist honored by a resolution in the joint houses of the Oregon Legislature. On June 3, 1971, Oregon's master artist received official State recognition with a standing ovation at the Oregon State Legislature and was the first artist in the history of Oregon to be so

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

- Al-Anon** 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.
- Alateen** Thursday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 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.
- Celebrate Recovery** Thursdays, 7 p.m., Westside Church-Sisters Campus. 541-389-6859.

- 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. 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, 7 p.m., 17549 Knight Rd., Bend (Plainview area). 541-388-9013.
- 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. 541-923-1632.
- Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors** 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.
- Sisters Kiwanis** Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.
- Sisters Parent Teacher Community** 3rd Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 971-570-2405.
- 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, 6 p.m., SPRD building. 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, 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.

