

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters learning to 'Speak Your Peace'

By Sue Stafford
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Watch television news, look at photographs from Roseburg during the President's visit, listen to testimony at public meetings, read letters to the editor, or scan your Facebook page. It won't take long to find recurrent examples of the uptick in negative civil discourse issues locally, statewide, and nationally.

Over the course of the past few years here in Sisters, people have been distressed over bullying of and by public officials, rude comments

and hurtful accusations made publicly in *Nugget* letters to the editor. Lawsuits are threatened in place of working toward compromise. Headlines in *The Bulletin* label happenings in Sisters as hostile and litigious, a reputation that is distressing many in the community. There has developed a sense of helplessness and hopelessness among a number of ordinary citizens as to what can be done to change the polarization and rancor over so many issues.

The Sisters City Council and interested citizens heard a

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Harvest Faire shoppers check out the wares at one of many booths that lined Main Avenue.

Creekside fixes back on the drawing board

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Just when it looked like the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) was making forward progress on the issues surrounding Creekside Campground (CCG), they are back at the drawing board as the result of a vote taken at their October 7 meeting.

After more than a year of board meetings, park visits, public testimony, staff reports, petitions, and meetings with neighbors to the west and south of the campground, the PAB voted at their August

5 meeting to recommend to the Sisters City Council a one-year interim change in the ingress/egress patterns for CCG. All campers would enter from Highway 20 to Buckaroo Trail and then take Desperado into the campground. All exits from the CCG would be via Locust with right-turns-only out to Highway 20.

In their previous discussions, the PAB decided the fair interim solution would be to have all surrounding neighbors — Buck Run, Coyote

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Harvest Faire draws crowd on Main

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Celebrating a new location on Main Avenue, the Sisters Harvest Faire hosted by the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce kicked off its 40th year on Saturday under sunny skies.

Thousands of folks from all over the Pacific Northwest came to browse through an abundant harvest of handmade items, from handcrafted masks to whimsical birdhouses. And with over 175 juried artisan vendors, there was something for everyone's taste.

"We are very happy with the new location on Main Avenue," said Jeri Buckmann,

Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce event coordinator. "Fir Street Park is now a part of it all, and with the stage, the picnic area and the splash park it's a much better setup. Families can picnic and be a little more comfortable. And the band gets an entire stage for performances. Of course, the parking is better all the way around."

First-time vendor Michelle Griffin showcased her handmade whimsical art and garden finds at her booth, "One Little Blackbird."

"I did woodworking out of my garage for 10 years. I started with planter boxes then moved onto birdhouses. Two years ago I took a welding class and things took

off from there," Griffin explained. "I craft whimsical birdhouses and they are made out of recycled elements. I use rusty hardware for the perches, and even the paint is recycled. I am always learning more skills to incorporate new things."

With a unique fashion approach in mind, new vendor Laura Lee Laroux from Eugene showcased her "modern-prairie" style clothing, "RevivALL Clothing." She won Best Clothing Designer in Eugene three years in a row.

"I have been designing clothes for 13 years," Laroux told *The Nugget*. "Everything

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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 • 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.

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, Stitches 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. 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 Parent Teacher Community 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Sisters Elementary School loft. 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.

