

COMMUNITY

Forum on school facilities needs set

The Sisters community will have a chance to learn about local school facilities needs and weigh in on what is to be done about them in a community forum set for Thursday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sisters Middle School cafeteria.

Another forum is set for Monday, January 25, at Sisters Elementary School.

Sisters School District staff and officials will lay out the needs faced by the district to repair, maintain and update school facilities; take questions from the public; and solicit public opinion.

The district is exploring the

possibility of again seeking a bond from the community to fund deferred facilities projects. The school board may act on January 6 on a resolution required to qualify the district for potential matching funds should the district seek and voters approve a bond.

“The real work is to decide if by the end of March we’re going to craft the language and get on the ballot,” said Superintendent Curt Scholl.

In November 2014, Sisters voters turned down a \$14.5 million bond request to rehabilitate, improve, and maintain facilities.



PHOTO BY SUE ANDERSON

Sisters High Desert Chorale and Bell Choir wowed the audience in their Christmas show.

SPRD offers pickleball this winter

Sisters Park & Recreation District has brought pickleball back to Sisters Country for a second winter run, according to Shannon Rackowski, Adult/Senior Programs Coordinator for SPRD.

The sport is a hybrid version of badminton, ping pong, and tennis.

Pickleball started with Congressman Joel Pritchard from Washington state in 1965; he named this game after one of his pets, Pickle. In 1976 *Tennis* magazine published an article about

“America’s Newest Racquet Sport.” By 1990 pickleball was being played in all 50 states. Pickleball is now the fastest growing sport in North America.

Allen Boyette brought pickleball to Sisters Country some years back, and it took off with much enthusiasm.

“We have players come from Bend, Sunriver, Eagle Crest, and, of course, our own local group which have ranked between 3.0 and

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Sisters Chorale a holiday tradition

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

Just about everywhere you go in Sisters Country during the Christmas season you hear residents talking to each other in glowing terms about the recent performance of Irene Liden’s Sisters High Desert Chorale.

Hal and Jennifer Boley gave this review: “We attended the concert this past Friday evening (December 18) and have decided to make it our new Oregon Christmas tradition!

“My husband and I have lived in Sisters less than two years and were excited to learn of the Christmas concert. We attended last year and loved it and the community spirit that went with

it. The music choices were wonderful. The bell choir was enchanting, and the children’s choir was the frosting on the cake!”

Now, in it’s ninth year, the chorale performs twice a year — Christmas and in spring.

Dr. May Fan of the Sisters office of Bend Memorial Clinic offered: “The rich vocal harmonies at the concert were wonderful, and so appreciated by the residents of Anna’s Home (the new adult foster-care home in Sisters) where my mother-in-law lives. They had front-row seats and particularly enjoyed watching the children perform. Thank you, Irene and Lola and all the performers!”

Never, during all the hours and hours of rehearsing Monday nights at Shepherd

of the Hills Lutheran Church in Sisters, did any of the chorale singers get a hint that the residents of Anna’s Home and other such facilities would be lifted by the chorale’s voices.

In addition to the many hours Liden spends rehearsing with the chorale, there’s Lola Knox herding and coaxing the kids in her Children’s Choir to do the best they can. She also spends hours with the musicians playing in High Desert Bell Choir and accompanists such as flutist Trisha Liddell — plus the ukulele players that accompanied the “Hawaiian Christmas Greeting” number.

Carmen Millar Hull, who has been attending the

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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, 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.

