

Santa breakfast brings a big gift

Each year, in early December, FivePine Lodge & Conference Center in Sisters hosts Breakfast With Santa. It's a great way for families to enjoy some time together and for kids to make their wish list known to the jolly old elf.

It's also a great way to create a significant and meaningful gift for other kids in the community — kids whose families may be struggling to make ends meet.

On December 28 FivePine donated the entire proceeds of the event — \$2,195.85 — to Family Access Network.

According to FAN Foundation donor relations representative Nancy Childers, the funds will be "used to help local children in need."

Those needs may entail helping with a heating bill for



Nancy Childers, left, accepted a donation from Tricia Maxson, events director at FivePine Lodge and Conference Center.

a family, or providing a winter coat for a child, or assistance with a child's medical or dental needs.

FivePine has hosted

Breakfast With Santa for eight years, always in support of a local charity or non-profit; the past two, FAN has been the recipient.

PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

City seeks planning commission volunteer

The City of Sisters is accepting applications for one "in-city" or "out-of-city" volunteer to serve on the City of Sisters Planning Commission.

The term expires in June 2018. The Planning Commission's purpose is to review major land-use applications; advise Sisters City Council on planning policies as well as needed changes to the comprehensive plan and development code.

The City of Sisters encourages interested parties to apply for the opening by completing an application by 5 p.m. on January 15, 2016. The Planning Commission

regularly meets in Sisters City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. There may be additional meetings scheduled and sub-committee assignments.

Applications are available at Sisters City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Ave., or visit www.ci.sisters.or.us. Send applications and résumés to the following address: Community Development Department (Attn: Patrick Davenport, Community Development Director), P.O. Box 39, Sisters, OR 97759.

For more information call Patrick Davenport at 541-323-5219.

Christmas wreck sends six to hospital

A wreck on Highway 20 near the Santiam Junction sent six people to the hospital.

Oregon State Police reports that on December 25, at about 10 a.m., troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of a crash involving two vehicles on Highway 20 near milepost 77, just east of Santiam Junction.

Preliminary information indicates a 2003 Chevy Tahoe driven by Maria Sandoval, age 42, of Salem, was traveling eastbound when she lost control on the icy roadway. The Chevy crossed the centerline and struck a westbound 2005 Dodge pickup driven by Richard L. Barge, age 44, of Terrebonne, nearly head-on.

A passing motorist, a doctor, stopped and provided



Road conditions were treacherous in Sisters Country.

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medical attention to the injured passengers before medical personnel arrived. In all, six people were transported by ground ambulance to St. Charles Bend for various injuries.

Highway 20 was closed for several hours while the investigation was conducted.

'Speak Your Peace' sets meetings

Speak Your Peace, with its nine tenets for civility, seeks to improve the level of civic discourse to strengthen communities and help them respond to challenges and opportunities.

The Sisters community is invited to learn about this community-building initiative in three presentations on Thursday, January 14:

- Service organizations, hosted by Sisters Kiwanis Club: 7 to 8 a.m., Aspen Lakes Lodge. RSVP to

Kiwanis program coordinator Jim Horsley at jimhorsley4@gmail.com to attend.

- Nonprofit and government organizations, churches, hosted by Citizens4Community (C4C): 12 to 1:30 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall community room. RSVP to Citizens4Community at 541-549-1482.

- All-community meeting, hosted by C4C: 5 to 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall community room. For more information call C4C at 541-549-1482.

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