

COMMUNITY

City snapshot

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

News clips of happenings around town

• Clarification on last week's Snapshot regarding the Transient Room Tax (TRT): The current TRT on overnight lodging is eight percent, which is split 50-50 between the City and the Chamber of Commerce. Council is considering increasing the overall TRT to 9.99 percent, with one

percent going to the State. The remaining .99 percent increase would be split, as required by law, with 70 percent going to the Chamber and 30 percent to the City. The original eight percent remains as a 50-50 split. The City's additional 30 percent (estimated to be around \$25,000) is the amount Council is considering earmarking for an affordable housing trust.

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Life-saving app now available in Sisters

Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District has announced the availability of the PulsePoint mobile application in Sisters Country. Once the free application is downloaded, users will be notified if there is someone suffering from a sudden cardiac arrest within a half-mile of their location.

The application will also notify the public where the nearest automatic external defibrillator is located. The hope is that people will begin CPR more quickly prior to the arrival of paramedics. Fire Chief Roger Johnson said, "Every minute saved is critical during a sudden cardiac arrest event. If someone is doing CPR prior to the arrival of firefighter paramedics the chances of survival greatly

increase". The Deschutes County 911 Service District was instrumental in bringing PulsePoint to Sisters. The program cost around \$20,000 to launch countywide. The program interfaces with the 911 center computer aided dispatch system and the 911 call is sent to PulsePoint subscribers at the same time it is sent to emergency responders. PulsePoint also allows people to receive other types of 911 notifications to their phone including fire calls and vehicle accidents. For more information about PulsePoint and how you can become part of the life-saving team, visit their website at www.pulsepoint.org or visit the Sisters-Camp Sherman fire district website at www.sistersfire.com.



PHOTO BY SUE ANDERSON

Singers are welcome to join the High Desert Chorale, which is getting ready for spring performances.

High Desert Chorale swings into spring

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

If you enjoy the sounds of the Sisters High Desert Chorale, you may want to mark April 29 and May 1 on your calendar. Those are the dates of the first 2016 performance of the chorale at Sisters Community Church.

Rehearsals for the chorale are held each Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 386 N. Fir St., and if you enjoy singing and want to give yourself and the chorale a boost, come on down. There are singers who have missed a couple of

years, but have just returned, and most of them feel it as like it as just yesterday they were singing with their old friends.

Take Leslie the Prodigal Soprano.

"There I was," she said the other night, "walking in the obscured light of my twilight town, through the doors of a familiar destination. I was returning to the weekly rehearsals for Sisters Chorale after a hiatus of four years.

"Much has changed for me since the last note I sang with these enthusiastic beings, but there has always been a smile in my heart when I thought of all of you. I even watched the

videos of the last time I was able to participate in the glory of expressing myself through lyrical voice alongside you.

"As I arrived, which happened to be 31 minutes late (last time that will happen), a pool of smiling faces looked up and acknowledged my tardy return. I was promptly welcomed and given sheet music and a chair near the other sopranos.

"As our fearless leader directed on, I picked up the right piece of music, a miracle in itself, I began to sing the first note of a Broadway tune, and the time melted

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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., 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.

