

# Christian academy hosts fundraiser

The energy was as high and wide as the beautiful hats worn by guests at the annual fundraising auction for Sisters Christian Academy last Friday night.

The year's theme, "A Race for the Roses," brought more than 160 people to FivePine Lodge & Conference Center, where hearty Southern-style appetizers, mint juleps and fun bidding were enjoyed by all.

The emcees for the evening, Dr. Kevin and Dr. Eden Miller, kept things lively by jokingly predicting dire medical problems for folks who didn't enter into the silent auction. Board chair Peter Storton thanked all of the guests, volunteers, and teachers for making this "our best auction ever."

Then Principal Cheryl Peterson shared her amazement over the quality of education the students receive at SCA, the high caliber of



It looked like Kentucky Derby day at FivePine Lodge & Conference Center. PHOTO PROVIDED

teachers who pour their lives into the students, and the many families who make their school a wonderful place to be.

Guests dressed in their Kentucky Derby-style finest raised their paddles often and high to bid on everything from trips to Costa Rica or Kauai, to baskets filled with

beautiful creations made by the children and staff. Most of the items were donated by local businesses and friends of the school.

"This is just another example of how people in Sisters support each other," said one guest as he happily carried his winnings to his car.

# Inmate convicted in girlfriend's murder dies

UMATILLA (AP) — Oregon prison officials say a 60-year-old inmate serving time for murdering his girlfriend has died at a Portland-area hospital after being found unresponsive in his cell.

The Department of Corrections says prison staff found Joel Abbott at Two Rivers Correctional Institution

in Umatilla on Saturday. He died at about 5 p.m.

The *Bend Bulletin* reports that Abbott was serving a life sentence for killing 35-year-old Carolann Payne. She was 35 when she disappeared in 1985. Despite searches, her body was never found.

Abbott lived in Redmond at the time Payne went

missing. He was arrested in Portland in May 1992 following a lengthy investigation by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

In tape recordings made by an informant, Abbott said he took Payne to a remote area of the county and shot her, returning later to bury the remains.

# Mr. SHS pageant set for Saturday night

The annual Mr. SHS (Sisters High School) pageant is scheduled for Friday, March 4, at SHS auditorium at 7 p.m.

Each year SHS staff members select eight senior boys and eight senior girls to participate in the pageant. The selected are students that excel in leadership, community service, academics, the arts, sports, and/or have been active and dynamic Outlaws during their time at SHS.

The contestants and their escorts are: Seth Larson/Maggie Bidesolo; Steen Johnson/Taylor Eagan; Rob Merola/Tara Greaney; Ross Grant/Chelsey Shepard; Jadon Bachtold/Tessa O'Hern;

Rory Petterson/Michaela Miller; Tristan Kaczmarek/Kayla Neil; Sam Patton/Betsey Ausman. They have been all been busy since December preparing for Friday night.

This year's theme, "Once Upon A Time," will take the audience to a land of enchantment as the students will display their characters of Kristoff and Anna; Peter Pan and Wendy; Mary Poppins and Bert; Shrek and Fiona; Tarzan and Jane; Kylo Ren and Rey; Mr. and

Mrs. Incredible; LiShang and Mulan as they tap and disco across the stage in their opening choreographed dance.

The evening will include a display of talent from each contestant, swimwear and formalwear presentation, and a series of competitive questions to be answered by the contestants.

Five judges will tally up points at the end of the evening leading to the prestigious honor of crowning one winning contestant as Mr. SHS 2016.

Refreshments will be available during intermission at minimal cost.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Sisters Family Access Network (FAN) which provides social services to local students and families. Last year FAN served over 755 clients in need of emergency rental/utility assistance, clothing/school supplies for students, Oregon Health Plan medical insurance support, and more.

Tickets are on sale at the SHS office and at the door the night of the event: \$10 per person. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

For more information about the event call the FAN office at 541-549-0155.

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