

**C O M M U N I T Y**

# Fire district honors its own at banquet

By Craig Rullman  
Correspondent

A full house was on hand Saturday, March 19, at FivePine Lodge & Conference Center to enjoy and celebrate the annual Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District awards.

Nearly 100 honored guests, family, and friends enjoyed a roast beef or salmon dinner, and a motivating keynote talk from guest speaker Paul LeSage. LeSage, a retired assistant chief from Tualatin Valley, Oregon, spoke to the assembled crowd about leadership and teamwork, critical elements of the fire service, and reminded everyone that

good leaders strive to make the people around them better.

LeSage was followed by Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Board President Chuck Newport, who spoke in praise and appreciation of the professional dedication and exceptional service provided by both the volunteer and career EMS and fire service employees in the district.

Deputy Chief Tim Craig followed with a review of the prior year's highlights, which included a visit by five members of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service from England. The deputy chief played a short YouTube

See **FIRE AWARDS** on page 21



PHOTO PROVIDED

Emporia State University students spent spring break working with Sisters Habitat for Humanity.

# Sisters gets set for annual Easter Egg Hunt

Children from infants to 11 years of age are invited to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt co-sponsored by the Sisters-Camp Sherman and Cloverdale fire departments.

The event will take place on Easter Sunday, March 27, at 1 p.m. at the adjoining Creekside Park and Creekside Campground, regardless of weather. The Easter Bunny will be present to greet all.

Parking is limited, so plan to arrive early. Children wishing to participate are asked to be at the parks by 12:40 p.m. so they can be divided into the appropriate age groups. Children are divided into the following groups: Infant to 2 years old will be in the red area; 3-5 years will be in the yellow area; 6-8 will be in the blue area; and 9-11 will be in the white area.

Be prompt; the eggs disappear fast!

# University students volunteer

Eleven students from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas, spent their spring break in Sisters last week, helping build two homes for Sisters Habitat for Humanity. They left 70-degree weather and flew to Portland. While driving past Government Camp they were greeted by a snowstorm and didn't arrive in Sisters until after midnight. Yet they were up the next morning, ready to start work on the homes at 412 and 402 N. Desert Rose Ln.

"They are one of the most eager and fast-learning groups that I have worked with," Habitat's Construction Manager Darleene Snider said.

The trip was part of the national Collegiate Challenge Build through Habitat for Humanity International. Elayna Coleman, 21, the community service coordinator for the alternative spring-break program at the university, picked Sisters as the location for the team's visit because it was affordable to get here and it looked like a neat town, she said.

"It's one of the most welcoming communities we've been to," she said.

The community did welcome the students. They stayed at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and were given access to Sisters Athletic Club to shower. Sisters Bakery donated

donuts to the students and construction volunteers, and several Habitat volunteers cooked lunches for the group while they worked at the job site.

Zach Mandell, 20, shared how he wanted to join the group because he had worked with Habitat for Humanity in Kansas and fell in love with Habitat and its cause.

"I would rather build with Habitat than go to Padre. It's great doing something for someone else," he said of coming to Sisters instead of the popular Texas island where many students venture for spring break.

See **VOLUNTEERS** on page 31

## 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.

**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** 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sisters Art Works. Public welcome. 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](http://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](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

