

C O M M U N I T Y

‘Darkness to Light’ training on tap

By **Jim Cornelius**
News Editor

Protecting children is a sacred duty for every adult, and this duty is highlighted in Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Leveraging off the heightened awareness of the issue, Sisters Park & Recreation District, Circle of Friends and KIDS Center are co-sponsoring “Darkness to Light – Stewards of Children” training at SPRD on Saturday, April 16. The training is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested. Contact Kelly Davis-Martin

at 541-588-6445 or email kelly@acircleoffriendsoregon.com.

Davis-Martin is associate director of Circle of Friends, a youth mentoring program in Sisters. She urges members of the Sisters community to avail themselves of the opportunity.

“It’s an incredible training,” she said. “It’s intended for *any* adult.”

Attitudes and cultural mindsets have shifted in recent years, redefining what is appropriate in interaction with children. The training

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PHOTO BY GARY MILLER

Training for the annual Habitat Women Build is scheduled for later this month.

City snapshot

By **Sue Stafford**
Correspondent

• Last week, one of the oldest ponderosa pines in the city had to be removed due to disease and bug infestation. A large crowd gathered in Creekside Park to bid farewell to this forest giant. A “cookie” section of the tree has been saved and will be displayed by cutting a V-shape in the remaining stump and setting the section up on its side. It will be varnished to protect it from the weather. Visitors to the park will be able to count the rings

(well over 400) to estimate the age of the tree and appreciate its longevity.

• The newly established Housing Policy Board will act in an advisory capacity to Sisters City Council on issues regarding housing in Sisters. Applications are currently being accepted for four positions to be filled by residents who reside within the city limits and three who are residents of greater Sisters Country. Applications are available on the City website, www.ci.sisters.or.us, under

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Volunteers invited for Women Build

Sisters Habitat for Humanity is seeking women volunteers for its 5th annual National Women Build Week, May 3-7.

Sisters Habitat is one of more than 300 Habitat organizations nationwide hosting Women Build projects with support from Lowe’s, a long-time partner in the event.

Women of Sisters will gather to help build the homes for Alexandra and Jessica Lantaler and Selah Broderick. The future homeowners will both be working at the jobsite during the week. Interested volunteers can sign up for a 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. shift during

one of the five days.

“I would like to say that I am deeply grateful for the support of everyone at Habitat. The volunteers are truly inspiring, and doing good work to serve and benefit others,” Broderick said.

Construction or home-improvement experience is not necessary, however, a mandatory orientation will take place Thursday, April 28, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sisters Library. Volunteers are also encouraged to attend the “How to Safely Use Hand Tools” class Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the jobsite: 402 and 412 N.

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Lowe’s helped launch National Women Build Week in 2008. This year, Lowe’s contributed \$2 million to National Women Build week, and \$5,000 of that contribution will be donated to Sisters Habitat.

Sisters Habitat hosted its first Women Build event in 2012, and since then local women have worked on seven homes.

Registration is required for Women Build. Those interested can call Sisters Habitat for Humanity at 541-549-1193 or email marie@sistershabitat.org.

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. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

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.

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.

