

COMMUNITY

City snapshot

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

• Mayor Chris Frye signed the contract appointing Rick Allen as a limited-duration city manager for a set term through November 18, 2016 or upon termination at a point, whichever comes earlier.

Allen hit the ground running last Thursday with a morning council meeting and workshop, tour of the city, planning commission workshop, budget committee meeting in the evening, and meeting all of the staff. One of his first duties will be to circulate a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a new city attorney. *(See story,*

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Allen's position is part-time, so he will probably be physically in Sisters two, sometimes three, days a week. One of those days will be Thursday due to council meetings, workshops and planning commission meetings. The other day may be Monday. Allen reminded the council this will be a fluid time that will require flexibility on everyone's part.

"This is a six-month interim time. Some projects may just sit. It will not be business-as-usual. Some things may have to take a back seat," Allen said.

• The City of Sisters Budget Committee met last

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Tom Barrier presented an electric bicycle to raffle-winner Tom Buck.

SPRD opens new playground

Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) held a grand opening for their community preschool's new playground on Thursday, May 19.

The community Preschool, housed at Sisters Elementary School, was able to adapt a small gravel section behind the classrooms to a new dynamic play area over the course of the last several months, Thursday represented their community grand opening.

"I love it!" said one three-year-old Grasshopper Class

member. "I loved building the castle on the stage with the new puzzle pieces."

Students could be seen bouncing on ride-on toys, playing in the new outdoor playhouses, making water and sand flow with the new play tables, and even planting flowers.

One of the most unique items is an eight-foot-long play wall — complete with everything a young preschooler would want to try to

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Veterans mark Armed Forces Day

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

For a large contingent of Sisters area veterans, their lives continue to be filled with the kind of mission and purpose that drew them to serve their country.

The Sisters chapter of Band of Brothers filled the banquet room at Takoda's on Saturday evening for an event marking Armed Forces Day.

Co-founder Tom Barrier recalled starting the chapter with Dave Culver and Merle Holm. Now it's grown to 60 members, devoted to fellowship and helping veterans and others in the Sisters

community. It's all about continuing the ethic of service to others.

"It gives you such an uplift to know you did something for somebody today," Barrier said.

To help fund their programs, veterans from Band of Brothers put in 170 volunteer hours selling raffle tickets at Ray's Food Place for an electric bicycle. They raised a gross of \$4,800.

Jim Mandel rode the bike over to Takoda's from Ray's for Saturday's raffle drawing.

"It rides like a dream," he said. "I wanted to keep going."

Sisters resident Tom Buck,

owner of Cork Cellars, was the winner.

Veterans from Sisters VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 will host Memorial Day observances at Sisters' Village Green Park at 11 a.m. on May 30, featuring keynote speaker Karl Baldessari, Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Retired.

This is the 150th anniversary of the national holiday, which was originally established to honor Civil War soldiers who died in the conflict.

Sisters residents and visitors are invited to attend the special event and a barbecue lunch following the observances.

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 Tuesday. 541-639-6216.

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 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

VFW 8138 & American Legion 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 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 Out West Realty 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.

