

Entrepreneur opens storage facility

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Jon Rumgay saw a need in Sisters, and he set about filling it.

Sisters Self Storage is now open in the Sisters Industrial Park along Barclay Drive, offering 214 units ranging in size from five-by-five feet on up to 15-by-50-foot motorhome storage units — which are highly desirable in Sisters Country.

Rumgay's road to opening a storage facility reflects the classic entrepreneur's light-bulb moment: He and his family needed storage and there was nothing to be found in a community that has filled up the available space.

"We tried to get one and we were on a waiting list," he said. "And then (we) decided to build one."

It was a major undertaking for Sisters. With land, Rumgay puts the price tag on the project at about \$2.2 million.

Kevin Spencer and Empire Construction built the facility with financing through



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Jon Rumgay and Angela Crippens at the new Sisters Self Storage.

Summit Bank.

That's a big investment in Sisters — but one that Rumgay, who is also the lead salesman at Sisters' Best Vue Blinds — is comfortable making.

"I live here and I own property here," he said. "I plan on staying here forever."

The 4.3-acre facility offers room for an additional 80 units, should the market support them. Given the immediate demand — with some 80 units taken right away — it is likely that it will.

Outdoor storage parking for boats and RVs is still available, though filling

quickly.

Angela Crippens is the on-site manager for Sisters Self Storage. She lives on the property and is available to help new customers obtain their unit. The facility, which is accessible till 10 p.m., has 24-hour security.

Rumgay noted that the facility features additional brickwork and trees, beyond what is required, in an effort to make the facility as visually pleasing as possible for the community.

For more information, visit the facility, call 541-588-2626, or go to www.sistersselfstorage.net.

Obituary

Jessica Leslie Simonich

November 17, 1978 – July 2, 2016

Jessica L. Simonich, 37, passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2016 from complications of asthma.

Jessica was born on November 17, 1978, in Los Angeles, California, and has been a long-time resident of Central Oregon. In keeping with Jessica's loving and generous spirit, it was her decision to be an organ and tissue donor and donate life, so that others may live.

She worked hard as a single mother, doing various jobs with pure joy. In Jessica's spare time, she enjoyed hiking, cooking, and spending time with her friends and family. She was a loving mother, a devoted daughter and a true friend. Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children; Nicholas Simonich, age 20; and Hailey Simonich, age 17.

Jessica is survived by her two beautiful children; father Nicholas Simonich, Jr.; two sisters, Monica Morenao and



Stephanie Fergosa; uncle John Simonich; aunt Cathy Simonich Negrete; and several cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to a celebration of Jessica's life on Friday, July 22, 2016, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pioneer Park in Bend. Please come and share your memories and stories of Jessica. Contributions in memory of Jessica may be made to www.gofundme.com/jessicasimonich. This fund will be used to help support her children.

Jessica will be missed by many.

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