

Lordi joins land trust board of directors

The Deschutes Land Trust announced today that Danielle Lordi of Bend has joined the Land Trust's Board of Directors. Lordi brings unique skills, expertise, and passion for conserving land in Central Oregon to the organization, according to staff.

Danielle Lordi is a civil litigation attorney at Bryant, Lovlien & Jarvis, PC. She received her B.A. from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and her JD from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2004. Danielle grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but considers Oregon her home. She particularly loves Central Oregon, where she enjoys hiking, birding, kayaking, and spending time with family. Danielle has lived in Bend since 2010 and also serves on the boards of the Humane Society of Central Oregon and East Cascade Audubon Society.

"I am so excited to continue my involvement with the Land Trust as a board member and feel privileged to be a part of the Land Trust's vital and exciting work to conserve our unique Central Oregon lands and wildlife habitat," said Lordi.

"We're truly thrilled with the addition of Danielle to the Land Trust's Board of Directors," said executive director, Brad Chalfant.

"Danielle first got involved with the Land Trust by volunteering for our bird survey program. She then stepped up that involvement as part of the Leadership Bend program of the Bend Chamber of Commerce. Her skills and background are huge assets, particularly as we continue our landmark Campaign for Whychus Creek."

The Campaign for Whychus Creek is the Land Trust's campaign to finish protecting the highest-quality wildlife habitat along Central Oregon's Whychus Creek, ensure the permanent stewardship of those lands for generations to come, and engage the community along the way. In the two years of the Campaign, the Land Trust protected two new parcels of land along Whychus Creek. They acquired the 480-acre addition to Whychus Canyon Preserve in October 2014 and the 58-acre Aspen Hollow Preserve in April of 2015.

The Deschutes Land Trust conserves land for wildlife, scenic views, and local communities. As Central Oregon's only nationally accredited and locally based land trust, the Deschutes Land Trust has protected more than 8,750 acres since 1995. For more information on Deschutes Land Trust, call 541-330-0017 or visit www.deschuteslandtrust.org.

Luau set to roll at Village Green Park

Sisters Park & Recreation District's third annual luau is set for August 11 at Village Green Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Shannon Mokuahi Rackowski, Adult/Senior Programs Coordinator, a native Hawaiian, and luau organizer and cook, has named this year's luau "Hawaiianous" — of Hawaiian spirit.

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"My Aloha (love) for the community of Sisters is given back 10-fold by the piliana (respect) I am shown and for those who come to the luau to support our kupunas (senior) programs, all the kokua (help) from my co-workers at SPRD, *The Nugget*, City of Sisters, our sponsors: Rotary of Sisters; US Bank; Ray's; and all the entertainers who



PHOTO PROVIDED

Young dancers enjoyed last year's SPRD luau.

give so graciously of their time to make SPRD's luau wonderful."

This year's entertainment includes Mele'uhane from Kona, Hawaii; Halau Uhane Dancers; Kurt Silva; DJ Chuck Boogie; Sisters Ukulele Players; and Mailelalie-Kuipo-Rapoza-Mokuahi (Rackowski).

A special treat from Essex, England will be Coach Steve

Pearl, eight-time national basketball championship coach, and his team of young ladies known as the Southend Swifts. This will be their first luau, and they will be helping out with serving.

Tickets are available at SPRD, online at www.sistersrecreation.com, or call 541-549-2091. SPRD is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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