

Habitat picnic, concert set

Sisters Habitat for Humanity and the Cascade Horizon Band will bring recognition and fine music to the Village Green on Wednesday, August 10, when the two organizations share their roles at an evening get-together.

Habitat will begin the connection with the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at 5:30 p.m. The Cascade Horizon Band, which played an evening concert in the Village Green a year ago, will start its performance at 6:30 p.m.

The band, with several musicians from the Sisters area, is preparing a wide-ranging selection of pieces that includes "The King and I," "Star Wars," "Washington Post March," "Themes Like Old Times," "Armed Forces: Pride of America," "Rock, Roll and Remember," and other numbers.

All Cascade Horizon Band concerts are free to the public, though donations are encouraged and accepted. Donations at the August 10 performance will be passed on to Sisters Habitat for Humanity.

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serve and of having choices from among a pool of qualified candidates.

"It's paramount to the success of Sisters in the short term and, more importantly, the long term. The lack of stability that has been part of the political landscape over the last few years has damaged the community in many ways. As elected officials come and go, often they lack the knowledge of exactly what their role is, and they tend to make decisions that are based on knee-jerk reactions to immediate controversy," Allen said.

From his years of experience in local government, Allen knows that it takes a couple of years to really learn what the role of a Council member is and how to use authority in a way that benefits the community.

"Stability of elected officials has a calming effect on business prospects looking to locate in a community, on small-business owners looking to expand, modernize and grow their company, and offers the general public some certainty in making plans for homes, careers, and the

future," he elaborated.

Sisters relies heavily on state, Federal, and private grants to help fund many of the improvement projects needed in town, like the Cascade Avenue project and the new restrooms at Village Green and Cliff Clemens Parks. (See photo, page 4.)

"Groups that give out grants want to know the community is stable and that there is some level of continuity in policy. That is difficult when those making decisions are changing every few months," Allen cautioned.

Some people tend to think that serving on City Council requires a huge time commitment. At times in the recent past that may have been true, but as the City gets back on a firm footing, the need for endless meetings is greatly reduced.

"We plan to reduce the number of meetings to twice per month with a work session prior to the regular Council meeting. This will allow for less of a time commitment and (have Sisters) function like most of the smaller cities in the region. Other meetings will be scheduled as needed," confirmed Allen.

Council currently meets on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month at 7 p.m., with a 5:30 or 6 p.m. workshop

beforehand. They used to also meet the first and third Thursday mornings for workshops, but that is no longer the case, making it more convenient for citizens who work to serve on Council.

To have a strong, healthy community that citizens can be proud of and enjoy living in, it takes qualified citizen involvement in the local government as councilors, commissioners, and task-force members. A vibrant community has citizens who work together for common goals. Additionally, being of public service can be a gratifying endeavor, as current Councilor Nancy Connolly shared.

"It is humbling to know that people voted for me to be on Council, showing they believe in my ability to do what is best for the community, even though at times it might not appear that way. By serving on Council, I am able

to effect change and shape the future of the city for years to come and hopefully leave future Council members with clear, fair, well-thought-out policies," Connolly offered.

Allen has offered to meet with anyone who is considering running for the Council to discuss the time commitment and the roles and responsibilities of a Council member.

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"I would like to hear from people so that I may ease the fears of service and learn what hesitation they might have in serving," said Allen.

He can be reached at 541-815-4380 or rallen@ci.sisters.or.us to schedule a meeting.

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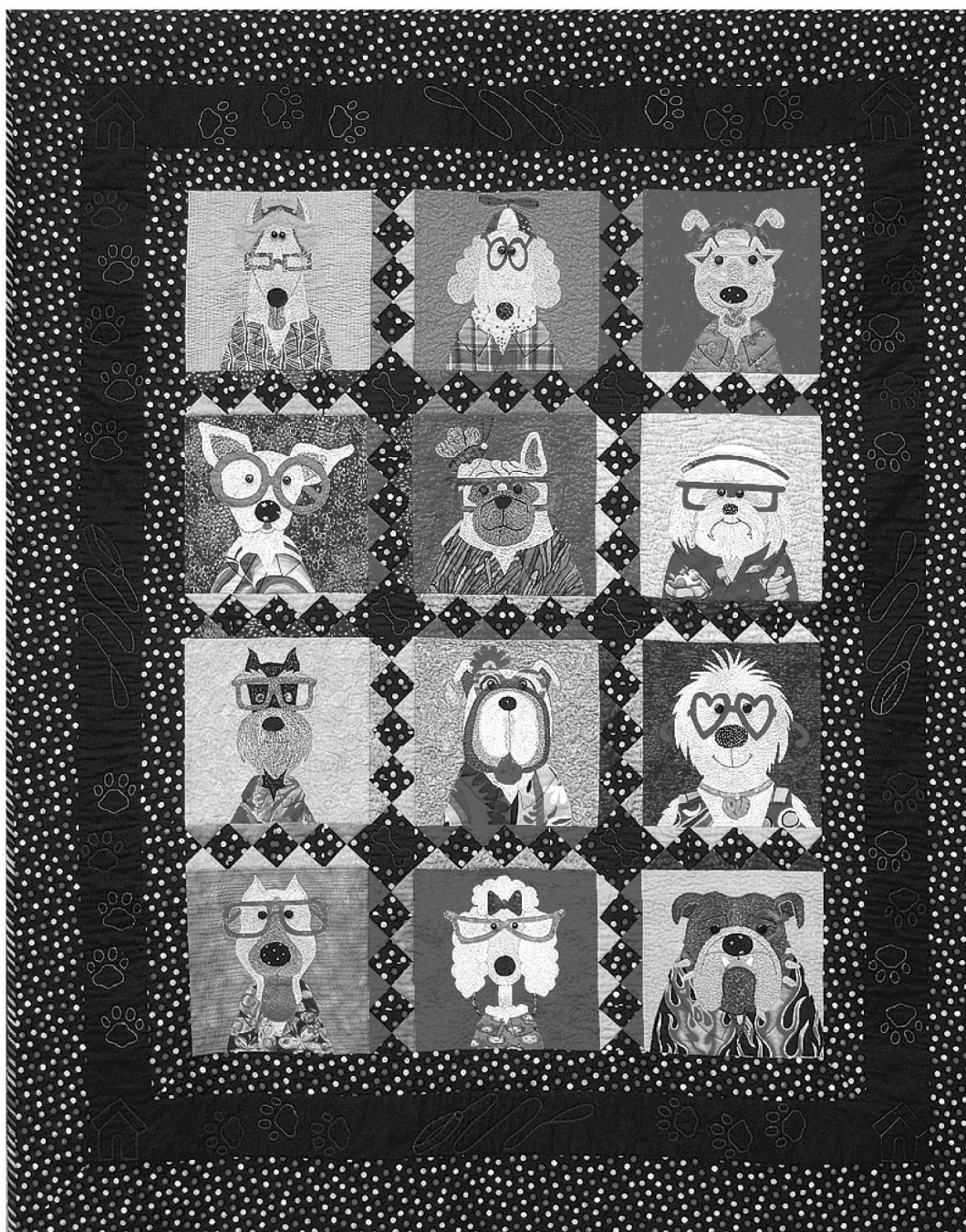
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