

C O M M U N I T Y

High school moves to semester schedule

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Correspondent

Sisters High School students will have more freedom to tackle elective courses, spend time on internships or pursue other options under the semester schedule beginning this fall.

Those are the benefits of moving to semesters from the previous trimester setup, said school district Superintendent Curt Scholl.

For example, he said students will be able to take a year-long series of science or art courses without missing sections, as happened under the trimester plan.

“There is no perfect schedule,” Scholl said, “but there

is more continuity of classes with semesters.”

The superintendent said some students and parents have expressed concerns over the new schedule, but Scholl anticipates it will all be running smoothly soon.

Some parents with children in both high school and middle school were apprehensive that the two schedules might not coordinate smoothly, but district officials don’t believe that’s going to happen. The middle school is sticking with a trimester schedule.

Sisters High School Principal Joe Hosang agreed the new approach provides

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Missing Sisters woman found safe

Lena R. Shieler, 84, left her adult-foster-care facility in Sisters overnight on August 26-27, between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m.

She took off in a red Subaru Legacy four-door sedan that belongs to one of her caregivers, prompting law-enforcement officials to put out notice asking for help in locating the woman, who “has significant medical issues including dementia,

and requires regular medical monitoring.”

Oregon State Police found Shieler on Highway 26 in the area of Government Camp at about 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, after motorists reported the Subaru driving erratically.

Shieler was found to be in good health, but was transported to Mt. Hood Medical Center, in Gresham, Oregon, for an evaluation.



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Taxpayers funded the purchase of a capable new fire engine.

Cloverdale’s new engine in service

The Cloverdale Fire District recently held a combined ceremony which is known in the fire service as a “Wetting Ceremony” and a “Housing Ceremony.”

The Wetting Ceremony is the dedication of a new engine. Water was taken from the old truck and poured into the new truck’s tank to show the continuity of service from one generation to the next.

After the transfer of water from the 35-year-old Pierce engine, the Housing Ceremony began. Chief Thad Olsen recounted the fact that many years ago fire apparatus was pulled to the scene of fires by horses. Upon return to the firehouse, the horses could not back the heavy steam engines and hose carts into

the building. The apparatus was placed on the apron, the horses unhitched, and the rigs pushed back into the station by hand.

The volunteer members of Station 601 pushed the new 621 into the bay, honoring the tradition and marking the placing into service of the new fire engine. Lt. Clinton Weaver — who has volunteered more time placing the new trucks in service than any member of the district — had the honor of retiring the old 35-year-old engine, and placing the call to Deschutes County 911 Dispatch with this message; “Dispatch, show 621 Pierce, out of service, retired. Show 621 Rosenbauer, available, in service, in quarters.”

In a separate observance,

Weaver was promoted to captain and ACI Spencer Cashwell was promoted to lieutenant.

They were honored last Monday night in a ceremony where Captain/Training Officer Michael Valoppi conveyed how these two men exemplify what it means to be a volunteer — each receiving Firefighter of the Year and the Deputy Chief John Thomas Award multiple times for their dedication and service.

The ceremony was completed as Lieutenant Cashwell’s wife, Jenny, and Captain Weaver’s wife, Cindy, pinned their new collar pins on them.

Chief Thad Olsen stated, “We are proud to have them as part of the community.”

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 2nd 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 Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Ray’s Food Place community room. 541-771-3258.

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.

