

C O M M U N I T Y

New teachers at Sisters Elementary School

By Erin Borla
Correspondent

Sisters Elementary School welcomed three new teachers this fall.

Students welcomed Ashleigh Thomas, replacing longtime P.E. teacher Mark Lamont; Danielle Pulliam as a new third-grade teacher and Ashley Bye as the new Title Teacher for both reading and math.

Both the P.E. and title position replaced staff who have moved on from the Sisters School District. Pulliam's position is new to the District — added this

year to help keep class sizes small as promised by District personnel. Superintendent Curt Scholl credits the passing of a bond in May, which helped the District pay off the full-faith and credit obligation and put that money directly into the classrooms, for the third-grade teaching position.

Pulliam began her teaching career overseas in Taiwan teaching English to young children. She then moved back to the states and taught many English As A Second Language (ESL) classes in

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Well-wishers came out to support Justin Veloso (right) in his cancer fight.

SHS flight class has new instructor

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The sky is the limit for students in Sheryl Yeager's classes at Sisters High School (SHS).

That's because she teaches two sections of Flight Science, and the 50 students who are enrolled could be well on their way to having a pilot's license by next spring.

"It's not very common," Yeager said. "I didn't even know anything like this existed."

She worked as a substitute teacher at SHS and other Central Oregon schools last year. When Sisters School District advertised for a flight instructor, Yeager had all the credentials — including an appropriately famous last name.

She'd had a pilot's license since 1999, was a certificated Oregon teacher, and she lived locally. Her takeoff as a full-time Outlaw instructor fell neatly into place beginning

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Community rallies for Justin Veloso

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"There is so much love in this room."

That's what one event-goer said to Justin Veloso as Dennis McGregor and The Spoilers hit the stage at the Belfry last Thursday night after a live auction raised over \$27,000 for the 28-year-old's cancer treatment and recovery.

Veloso, a lifetime musician and drummer who graduated from Sisters High School in 2006, was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in February. In March, he had surgery to remove his thyroid and some lymph nodes and is on the road to recovery with a lifetime of hormone replacement

drugs in his future.

After Veloso's diagnosis the community rallied around him and planned this benefit evening for the young man.

Local business owner Jennifer McCrystal, along with Angeline Rhett, Katy Yoder, Benji Nagel, Carys Wilkens, Audrey Tehan, Maren Burck and several other volunteers planned the evening. Dinner was coordinated by volunteers and included everything from curry to gluten-free shepherd's pie and desserts.

According to volunteer Katy Yoder, the group initially wasn't sure how it was all going to get pulled together — but it did.

"From the food to the donations to the auction to

everyone that showed up," she said. "It was beautiful to see people from all different generations in Sisters come out for this event."

The evening began with Justin performing with one of his drum students, 6-year-old Frankie Borla. Then Veloso played his own drum set along with keyboardist Andy Armer.

An emotional Veloso shared his gratitude and thanks for the community supporting him through this effort. He kept it short in front of the crowd and instead offered personal thank-yous to individuals throughout the night.

After Veloso performed his

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Wednesday, 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

Alateen Thursday, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-1527.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration; Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration; Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Tues., noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Thurs., 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., BBR community room. 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 Aglow Lighthouse International Fellowship 1st Saturday, Ponderosa Room, Best Western Ponderosa Lodge. 541-699-9522.

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.

