

C O M M U N I T Y

Chinese lute concert on tap in Sisters

World-renowned Pipa (Chinese lute) artist Zhou Yi will visit Sisters schools and perform in concert on Friday, October 7.

David Perkins, who founded the Mandarin language program in Sisters schools, told *The Nugget* that he has been working with Portland State University to bring Zhou Yi here.

“She is giving a concert at PSU Wednesday, October 5, and then will travel to Sisters to do a demo for the Americana and Chinese students in the choir room at 12:30 p.m. October 7, and then a free concert that

evening in our auditorium at 7 p.m.”

As a child prodigy, Zhou Yi started to learn music at the age of five and gave her first public recital at six. She trained for four years on the pipa before enrolling in the elementary school of Shanghai Conservatory of Music, similar to the Julliard School of Music in New York City. Two pipa students out of thousands were selected for the position in the school.

At the age of 8, she won the first prize of the Shanghai Spring Music Festival. At

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PHOTO BY STEVE KADEL

Mentor Julie Benson discusses college options with Sisters High School senior Sam Lewis.

ASPIRE helps teens find career path

By Steve Kadel
Correspondent

Sisters High School senior Sam Lewis knows he wants to go to college and study engineering. The question is, where?

Lewis is getting help with that decision from a local resident who has lots of engineering knowledge. Julie Benson, owner of ENERGYneering Solutions, Inc. at Sisters Eagle Airport, is an ASPIRE volunteer working with Lewis to help him make the best choice.

Thirty-five volunteer ASPIRE mentors meet regularly with juniors and seniors to discuss career plans, help them meet deadlines for financial aid, and discuss

the nuts and bolts of moving toward college, a trade school or other post-high-school education.

Lewis, a top student, has several options. He's interested in Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, where Benson's daughter is enrolled. He's also considering the University of Utah, which he will visit in early October.

Benson gave Lewis some inside knowledge about Colorado School of Mines: “They have real-deal projects funded by NASA. Undergraduates get to work on this stuff. And the labs are really nice at Mines.

“There are some engineering schools that say you'll have a lab, but when you look

in there's one table. Mines is the engineering school in the country, along with MIT and Cal Tech.”

Benson, who is starting her fourth year as a mentor, urged Lewis to apply to his top pick as well as other schools in case he isn't accepted by his No. 1 choice. Cost is a big factor, of course, and Benson said “there are actually quite a few (scholarships) in engineering.”

She counseled Lewis to possibly consider mechanical engineering because it offers lots of career options.

“An engineer with hands-on skills is really valuable,” Benson said.

ASPIRE coordinator Rick

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SFF partners with SSD in strings program

Sisters Folk Festival (SFF), in partnership with the Sisters School District is offering an after-school strings program as part of the Studio to School (S2S) initiative. The goal is to introduce 4th- through 6th-grade students to the violin and cello, and to potentially integrate these instruments into its already-popular Americana Project programming.

“As part of a year-three goal of the S2S initiative, we are working with

Sisters Elementary School music teacher Shelly Hicks to start this program,” said Brad Tisdell, creative director of Sisters Folk Festival and project lead for the grant. “Shelly has over 15 years playing violin in a variety of settings, and is excited to share that experience with students in the District. In providing support for the visual arts and music education K-8, we are building foundational

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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 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.

