

# COMMUNITY

## Fire district saves taxpayers \$195,000

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District recently completed the process of issuing a general obligation refunding bond to lower the interest expense on the District fire station.

District taxpayers approved the issuance of bonds to fund the construction of the headquarters fire station in 2007. Annual interest rates on the bonds issued in 2007 were 4.5 percent. Recently, interest rates have fallen to the point that it made sense for the District to seek proposals to issue refunding

bonds to lower the cost for District residents.

David Ulbricht with Special Districts Association of Oregon Advisory Services guided the District through the process. Six proposals were received by the District and Columbia State Bank was determined to have provided the best proposal with an annual interest rate of 1.87 percent.

The total savings for District residents is estimated to be \$195,000 over the next

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PHOTO BY ERIN BORLA

Sisters IEE students cleaned up Camp Polk Cemetery in advance of a service later this month.

## Locals seek to establish cold-weather shelter

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Imagine, if you can, what it would be like without a roof over your head and facing a nighttime temperature in the teens. Your few belongings may be wet. That would be a challenging situation by yourself. Add a child or two to the scenario and it becomes untenable.

A group of people in Sisters has been meeting and planning how to extend Sisters' spirit of generosity by opening an emergency shelter on nights when the

temperature is forecast to be 32 degrees or lower. The shelter will be open from about the time public places like the library close until morning.

This will be the first effort in Sisters to provide shelter to those who find themselves homeless in the winter. It will be known as Sisters Cold Weather Shelter. Pastor Ron Gregg of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and Lois Kaping of Westside Church are co-chairs of the group. Mandee Seeley

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## Students clean up cemetery

By Erin Borla  
Correspondent

Sisters High School Interdisciplinary Experiential Education (IEE) students got to experience a piece of Sisters history last week. 23 students from the IEE program participated in a cleanup at Camp Polk Cemetery on Thursday, December 1.

Students learned a little bit about the cemetery's history in the classroom earlier in the week and then took a bus to the cemetery. As they hiked in from Camp Polk Road the weather was chilly but it didn't dampen their spirits.

The service project came about in advance of the upcoming Wreaths Across America ceremony at Camp

Polk Cemetery.

Camp Polk Cemetery is unmanaged, and current ownership is not clear. In the past, community volunteers have cleaned up the graves around Memorial and Veterans days.

Led by a team of IEE interns, teachers Samra Spear and Rand Runco, as well as community volunteers including Lance Trowbridge and Earl Schroeder from Sisters American Legion Post 86 and Sisters V.F.W. Post 8138, students divided the cemetery into sections and got to work. Armed with rakes, brooms, buckets and wheelbarrows the students cleaned pine needles, trash, and other debris from each of the gravesites.

Runco talked with students about the emotion he felt

when he walked through the cemetery the week prior and saw four past students buried in this location.

"It hit me and I wasn't prepared for it," he told the group. "It's okay to feel unexpected emotion."

A small trailer-load of pine needles and other debris was removed from the site during the cleanup. In addition, graves were swept and raked. Many students had questions about community members who were buried at the cemetery and had an opportunity to learn Sisters history from community members in attendance.

"I feel like the whole experience was a good way for

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## SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

**Al-Anon** Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Wed., 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 / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Tues., noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills / Wed., 7 a.m., Gentlemen's Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills / Thurs., noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills. 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 OR Spinners and Weavers Guild** 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library (NOT Nov.-Dec.). 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 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** 1st Wednesday, 5 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](http://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](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

