

Sisters salutes...

• Recently Scout Master Craig Ansell and Cub Scout Pack 139 of Sisters honored Sisters VFW Post 8138 with a monetary gift as part of their military outreach commitment.

Bill Anttila, Commander of Post 8138, accepted the gift on behalf of the Post, and demonstrated the retiring of a used American Flag with a 13-fold ceremony at the event.

Post 8138 would like to thank Pack 139 for their hard work, honoring veterans of Sisters and for their gift to the Post.

• Carla Merrell wrote:

We've all been going through so much with this historic winter. We are being pulled in directions we don't want to be pulled in: time, money, safety, strength. We are dealing with some unknowns, and unknowns usually scare us.

And we are in this together. We are communicating with each other in our time of need and distress. We are either giving or receiving as community, a bunch of neighbors we might know or might not know.

Yet, in all this, there has been so much beauty come out of our community and most likely more to come:

The many crews who've taken on the task of climbing up on snowy/icy roofs to clear them. Who wants to climb around on our steep-pitched roofs in deep snow and known ice? There is one crew I've heard of that sings while doing this daunting task. These folks have lists an arm long to get through of people in need. They work

early till late seven days a week to help us beat time. It costs some serious money to get our roofs cleared of snow and ice dams, but we are warm inside our homes and not in the hospital with lots of broken parts from falling off those roofs, and we rest easier knowing those guys really took care of our needs avoiding costly and inconvenient insurance claims.

Then there are the snow-plow crews. We've got the City of Sisters, ODOT, commercial plowers and many a neighbor with a snow blower helping others out. Lots of these crews have gotten stuck as they whiz through their tasks to get on to the next mile of road or driveway, and there seems to be someone who comes by (usually another plower) to pull them out and off they go again. While we sleep scores of these hard-working souls are out there in the darkness getting us able to move again. Being able to move through this winter with some normalcy like getting in our vehicles to go to work or school or grocery shopping is a true gift from them to us.

A shout-out to my dear neighbor, Sue, who hand-shovels our driveway and walkway while I'm laid up after surgery. It takes her hours to do this task. When it's really coming down she'll do it several times a



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Pack 139 honored VFW Post 8138.

day. It feels like being cuddled in a warm blanket in my favorite chair with a mug of soup on a cold day with the best sleep ever coming on. Thank you, Sue!

How about you? What stories do you have of kindnesses being offered to you? What have you witnessed out there? An inconvenient and costly winter for sure, yet without the warmth of neighborliness it would be a bear of colossal proportions to contend with.

• (This salute was submitted in November and inadvertently omitted. A *Nugget* reader brought it to our attention)

Tollgate Board of Directors wrote:

It is with heartfelt gratitude that the residents of Tollgate thank Benny

Benson for quite literally flying to our rescue. Upon commencing the planned upgrade of our aging water delivery system we found an unknown failed backflow valve, while 1,500 Tollgate residents were in the middle of a scheduled 48-hour shut-off. The closest replacement valve was in Seattle. Benny flew the replacement valve from Seattle to the Sisters Airport just 3 miles away. Thank you, Benny and Sisters Airport, for being there when we really needed you, and also for the hot shower we thoroughly enjoyed on schedule.

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demonstrative skills, hands-on activities, stimulating visuals and social interactions that excite and ignite every student," Johnson told *The Nugget*. "It's a time and place where the teachers can step back and let the real learning happen. Where EMS students can demonstrate a semester's worth of hard work, like successfully taking vital signs while teaching their 'patients' how to do it themselves. A time and place where seventh- and eighth-graders can feel an anxiety-free connection with the high school, while older students demonstrate the intelligence, maturity, and confidence that the high school experience can provide.

"When the high school students tear down their booths, there's a tremendous sense of pride, a true sense of service, and desire to do it again. When the seventh- and eighth-graders return to the middle school there's an excitement, sense of purpose, and security for what's to come. In my opinion, that's education at its best — engaging, challenging, and inspiring."

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Sisters Urban Renewal Agency Annual Report
The Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for the Sisters Urban Renewal Agency has been prepared and is on file at Sisters City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Avenue and is summarized here. In FY 2015-16 Sisters URA received \$266,448 in revenue, spent \$359,016 on projects and administration, and paid \$226,959 in principal and interest. Estimated tax revenues and interest for FY 2016-17: \$167,500. Budgeted expenditures for FY 2016-17: \$74,200 (Capital Projects Fund) and \$206,635 (Debt Service Fund). Interested persons may obtain a copy by contacting Finance Officer, Joseph O'Neill at 541-323-5222 or joneill@ci.sisters.or.us. A copy is also available on the City's website, www.ci.sisters.or.us.
An analysis of the tax collection impact on the permanent rate of other tax districts is shown in the table below.

Taxing District	FY 15/16 Forgone Revenue	FY 15/16 Permanent Rate Levy	% of Permanent Rate Levy
Deschutes County	13,840	26,621,431	0.05%
Fairgrounds Bond	1,380	2,634,080	0.05%
County Library	5,947	11,376,512	0.05%
Countywide Law Enforcement	11,044	21,097,417	0.05%
County Extension/4H	212	463,899	0.05%
9-1-1	1,734	3,347,270	0.05%
City of Sisters	28,635	907,064	3.16%
Sisters/Camp Sherman Fire District	29,218	2,152,341	1.36%
Sisters Park & Recreation District	2,372	268,631	0.88%
School District #6	44,457	7,600,635	0.58%
School #6 Bond 2001	10,548	1,803,149	0.58%
High Desert ESD	1,026	1,969,097	0.05%
C.O.C.C.	6,725	12,664,174	0.05%
Total	157,139	92,905,699	0.17%