

COMMUNITY

City snapshot

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

• The long, cold winter has caused closure of the Village Green Park restrooms. Moisture collection, which has created freezing and expansion problems in the concrete around the building, has prevented the outside doors from opening. Several remedies will eliminate this problem and will be undertaken when the weather improves. Installing gutters on the building could redirect water away from the building, reducing the amount of moisture in the ground. Replacing

the current concrete with heated sidewalks will eliminate the ice buildup and the need for shoveling.

• Recruitment materials are out for the city manager position in Sisters. Jensen Strategies of Portland, who are conducting the recruitment process, will review applications beginning March 24, and conduct preliminary phone interviews with qualified candidates the week of April 3.

A committee of the mayor, one other city councilor, one designated department head,

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PHOTO BY CEILI CORNELIUS

Laura Curtis and Slater Smith are giving back to the program that helped launch their music careers.

Science Fair will explore the world of physics

By Bunny Thompson
Correspondent

The word physics originates from the Ancient Greek word *phusicke* meaning “the science of nature.”

Physics is the science that deals with matter, energy, motion and force. It’s a fundamental scientific discipline that is also the basis for space and time and helps us to understand how the universe works. If you’ve ever marveled at stars in the night sky, admired the functional beauty of a great bridge, or watched a helium-filled balloon rise,

then you’ve experienced the extraordinary phenomenon called physics.

This year the Sisters Science Fair, set for noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at Sisters High School, is featuring “The World of Physics.” The very loud and always exciting Ping-Pong Cannon is returning this year, shooting ping-pong balls through a tube at amazing speeds. This demo will be in the long hallway just outside of the physics room. Inside the physics room you’ll find The World of

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Americana alumni return to teach

By Ceili Cornelius
Correspondent

The Americana Song Academy for Youth is a week-end where students learn from professional musicians and instructors about anything and everything to do with songwriting. The annual event, produced by Sisters Folk Festival with sponsorship support from Cris Converse and The Roundhouse Foundation, was held at The Belfry in Sisters last weekend.

Laura Curtis and Slater Smith both were a part of the early days of the Americana Project at Sisters High School. Curtis has recorded her own record and lived in Nashville, and is now living in Portland and working

in the field of politics. Smith is a part of the well-known band The Weather Machine. They both studied politics at Willamette University, under the same advisor. They’ve been able to use their studies in their music.

They are both returning instructors this year, and they love coming back every year to give back to the students.

“It’s cool to see how the camp changes every year, and to see students progress over the years,” said Smith.

Smith and Curtis taught similar classes, both focusing on writing songs for causes. Smith’s class focused on creating characters and then finding what within that character you relate to; he had students write out any character or

thought and then tease out what resonated most with them. Curtis’ class was more about the introspective aspect of songwriting and how to take things around you and put them into songs.

This is Curtis’ seventh year coming back to song camp.

“I love giving the support to the students that I got so much of us as a student in this community,” Curtis said.

For her as an artist, she appreciates coming back and relating to other artists and exploring creativity in all its forms. As a young person, Curtis felt everything very deeply, and was always around adults and learning from them. She believes that

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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 of the Transfiguration / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Gentlemen’s meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Sober Sisters Women’s meeting, Thurs., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

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 (Jan.-Oct.). 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., Station 602, 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at 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, 0 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.

