

COMMUNITY

Firefighters fundraise for leukemia, lymphoma

The Sisters Country Firefighters Team made up of 10 firefighters from Black Butte Ranch, Cloverdale and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire districts participated in the 26th Annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb in Seattle last weekend.

Firefighters must climb 69 floors — or 1,356 steps — in full firefighter gear including: boots, turnouts (fire-resistant clothing), helmet and SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus — weighing approximately 50 pounds). The event takes place in the

Columbia Tower in Seattle and drew 1,795 participants this year. The top time for all participants was 10 minutes 58 seconds. Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Firefighter Dave Keller finished in 15 minutes and placed 57th overall.

Each team participating held fundraisers prior to the event, and 100 percent of the money donated goes directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for blood cancer research. The

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Rodeo poster a collaborative effort

The 2017 Sisters Rodeo poster was an inventive collaboration by three celebrated Sisters artists: classic Western painter Dirk Godby; international photographer Gary Albertson; and life-long graphic designer Dennis Schmidling.

The concept was developed by Schmidling to maintain the rodeo's tradition of presenting the landmark Three Sisters Mountains as a backdrop to a rodeo action scene. The finished work draws on the strongest qualities from the artistry of Godby and Albertson.

"I believe the natural beauty of Sisters Country is what makes it the perfect stage for our world-class rodeo. Blending the fine artistry of Dyrk and Gary helps to enlarge this portrait beyond the rodeo arena and into the viewer's heart," explained Schmidling.

Godby, who is one of the best Western artists in the nation, offered a tie-down roping cowboy dismounting quickly from a colorful paint horse. As a former rodeo competitor, Godby is able to

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PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

Sandy McDonald is shelving her library career after three-and-a-half decades.

McDonald retiring from Sisters Library

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The Sisters Library will say goodbye to a long-time treasure on March 31, when Public Service Specialist Sandy McDonald retires, after 35 years as an employee of the library.

The public is invited to stop by the library on Friday, March 31, 2 to 4 p.m., for an open house celebrating McDonald's long service and her retirement. She is leaving as the longest-serving

employee in the entire Deschutes County Library System.

McDonald began her work at the little Maida Bailey building, filling in when librarian Peg Bermel needed help. In those days, the library was part of the County, before the library district was established. The library had its own local board, and funding was touch-and-go at times.

McDonald fondly recalled examples of the community support for the library in its

early days. During the Great American Read, community leaders, including the police and fire chiefs, would come to the school and read to the children. Bucks for Books helped fill the library shelves with books.

When the then-new library building was built (the current Chamber of Commerce office), students formed a "book brigade" from the Maida Bailey building to the new building, passing the

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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 Wednesday, 6:30 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.

