

## Sisters salutes...



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Jake Merrell, center, has completed OCS.

Jake Merrell recently completed Officer Candidate School in the United States Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. He is a 12-year veteran of the USMC. His parents are Carla and Bruce

Merrell of Sisters.

Jake graduated in 2004 from Sisters High School. Jake will next finish his four-year degree at Oregon State University as part of this program.

## Reading night promotes literacy

The Sisters Elementary School Parent-Teacher Community (SPTC) is looking forward to setting sail with “Books Ahoy! Family Reading and Literacy Night” on Friday, April 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school.

Sisters Elementary School students and their families can expect to participate in over 15 different projects designed to inspire a love of reading and books. Projects will be based on the Harry Potter series; “Percy Jackson and the Olympians”; “Puff the Magic Dragon”; “Do Unto Otters”; “The BFG”; “Wonder” and several other books.

Participants will also get a chance to read recipes, practice tongue-twisters and speed reading, write poetry, create

their own journals and more.

The Battle of the Books will be represented with the grades 3-5 titles for the 2017-2018 school year for students who are interested in getting a head start in their preparation for next year.

The Deschutes Public Library will also have a special poetry station.

“This should be a great night,” said SPTC volunteer Erin Borla. “So many fun activities to celebrate reading and inspire students to find their next favorite book.”

Limited food will be available for sale but families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner. There will also be a raffle at the event for items donated by the Deschutes Public Library, a gift card to

Paulina Springs Books, and a Kindle Fire. Tickets will be available at the event for \$1 each or 6 for \$5; winner need not be present.

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For more information about Books Ahoy! Family Reading & Literacy Night or the Sisters Parent-Teacher Community at Sisters Elementary School, contact Borla at 541-480-5994.

## Chamber receives grant for wayfinding kiosk

The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce has received a grant from Travel Oregon for a wayfinding kiosk in downtown Sisters.

“Receiving this grant, and building the visitor kiosk and signage, are big steps in continuing our successful efforts to enhance the visitor experience in Sisters Country,” said Judy Trego, executive director of the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce.

The kiosk program will assist visitors and residents in locating downtown retail businesses, dining, lodging,

parcs, trailheads, services and the Sisters Business Park.

Current Chamber members will receive a listing as an added benefit to their current membership.

Businesses that are not chamber members may have an opportunity to be included in the kiosk program for an annual fee. The fee will cover bi-annual updates and annual maintenance of the kiosk and map.

Contact Jeri at jeri@sisterscountry.com by May 1 for membership information or to be included on the map.

### Releasing small fry...



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Third-grade students from Sisters Elementary School released steelhead fry into Whychus Creek last Friday as part of the ODFW eggs-to-fry program, which allows schools to raise fish from eggs in aquariums in the classroom.



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