

COMMUNITY

Arbor Day celebration set at park

Trees are an essential part of the unique character and identity of Sisters.

This year the City of Sisters will be showing appreciation for trees by celebrating Arbor Day with a proclamation reading by Mayor Ryan followed by a ceremonial tree planting at Village Green Park.

Sisters Elementary School kindergarten students will pitch in.

This special “benchmark year” celebration, marking 10 years of receiving the Tree City USA Award and seven years receiving the Growth Award is set for Friday, April 28, 11:45 a.m. at Village Green Park.

Science celebration underway in Sisters

A slate of events are underway in Sisters, all planned in support of the national March for Science on April 22, in Washington, D.C. and sponsored locally by the Sisters Science Club.

“We are grateful to the Sisters community for its support for science in the schools,” said Dr. Robert Collins, co-founder and president of the Sisters Science Club. “This celebration is a great opportunity to thank the community through these special events in support of science education and the research that impacts all aspects of our lives.”

Science lovers will meet to discuss “The Gene,” by Siddhartha Mukherjee, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning “The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography

of Cancer.” The Wednesday, April 19 event will be at Paulina Springs Books at 6:30 p.m.; on Thursday, April 20, discussion of “The Gene” will be at Roundabout Books in Bend at 7 p.m. Both discussions will be facilitated by Barbara Pettersen, a nationally certified genetic counselor.

On April 20-21, the Deschutes Land Trust will host two hikes at Whychus Canyon Preserve to explore the recent Whychus Creek restoration. Hikers will tour the restoration site and explore the role science plays in modern restoration and management of private lands. Hike leaders will include Martha Lussenhop of Sisters and Jen Zalewski, land steward for the

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Sam Lewis, left, got a traditional shirt-tail trimming from instructor Sam Monte.

Sisters student takes wing

Every pilot remembers the first time they took to the skies without the security of an instructor sitting beside them: The solo.

“It’s just me up here now.”

That’s what 18-year-old Sam Lewis said to himself as he maneuvered the Outlaw Aviation Cessna 172 through his first solo flight last week. It was a day he will always remember.

Lewis, a senior at Sisters High School, is the latest student to solo out of the Flight Science program offered at Sisters High School this year. The course is an elective sequence running the entire year, integrating the study of aerodynamics, physics, chemistry, navigation, and meteorology to prepare

students to pass the rigorous FAA private pilot written exam. Lewis took the Flight Science course last year during his junior year, and then passed the FAA written exam.

In addition to the academic study of the ground school, students pursuing their private pilot license must train in an actual aircraft with a Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI). Sam Monte, the flight instructor for Outlaw Aviation at the Sisters Airport, is a graduate of the COCC Aviation Department.

“Sam is an excellent student, and has a real passion for aviation. He’s an easy student to teach, and just loves to fly,” says Monte.

The tradition of the

instructor cutting the shirt tails of the student after their first solo originates from the days when pilots were trained in tandem aircraft, where the student sat in front of the instructor. Before enclosed cockpits and headsets allowed them to talk to each other, the only way an instructor could get the attention of the student from behind was to tug on their shirt tail. Once the student demonstrated he no longer needed the assistance of an instructor by soloing, the shirt tail was cut off.

In order to earn a private pilot license, a student must complete several steps: they must pass a medical exam from an FAA-certified

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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 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 Veterans Thursdays, noon, Takoda’s Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

Sisters Walking Group Fridays, 10 a.m. at Village Green Park. All are welcome to come walk! 541-410-9245.

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.

