



Lola Knox and her Sisters Children's Choir performing at Christmas, 2016. PHOTO BY SUE ANDERSON

## Children's choir getting underway in Sisters

By Jim Anderson  
Correspondent

If you have a daughter or a son who is between the ages of 5 and 10, and wish he or she knew more about music, and/or could actually sing or play a musical instrument, call Lola Knox.

She will sign up your daughter or son with her Sisters Children's Choir.

Knox will teach your child music, and to sing. If you want to give your child the opportunity to really get involved with music, she can also teach piano, stringed instruments, percussion, and woodwinds.

The Sisters Children's Choir has sung with the Sisters High Desert Choir several years running, and knocked the audience out of their seats every time. Those who have heard her kids sing

have stood next to their moms and dads, clapping with tears of joy on their faces.

This year, Knox is doing a lot of music from the "Peter Pan" era, because, as she put it, she and Peter Pan are the same age (and knowing Lola, they share some personality traits). She will also be doing music from "Annie."

"Of Peter Pan, we'll even modernize things by adding a rap version of, 'I Won't Grow Up,' and 'You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile,'" she said.

The choir meets every Monday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at 386 N. Fir St. in Sisters. If you want your child to join in the fun give Lola Knox a call at 541-390-4615, or send her an email: [forteknox@icloud.com](mailto:forteknox@icloud.com).

## City snapshot

By Sue Stafford  
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• Negotiations continue between the City and Uber on a contract that would bring Uber services to Sisters, beginning around Memorial Day weekend.

Negotiators are attempting to make the contracts between Bend and Uber, Redmond and Uber, and Sisters and Uber be as similar as possible to eliminate confusion for the drivers and passengers as they travel between cities. At the Sisters City Council workshop Wednesday, April 12, Council members reviewed a new draft ordinance, separate from the contract, regarding vehicles for hire, to cover any transportation network company (TNC) doing business in Sisters. Council hopes to approve the ordinance and the contract at their April 26 meeting. Service could begin 30 days after approval.

• The City website has been redesigned to be more user-friendly. The home page has links to current topics of importance, such as updates on the Highway 20/Barclay roundabout construction, Creekside Park campground information and reservations, City positions currently available, Whychus Creek water flow, the new Cascades East transit routes between Sisters-Bend and Sisters-Redmond, and other pertinent information.

• The Arbor Day Foundation has named Sisters a 2016 Tree City USA for the 10th year, in honor of the City's commitment to effective urban forest management. The community also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for the seventh time by demonstrating environmental improvement and higher level of tree care.

The City has an Urban Forestry Board made up of volunteers who work with the City forester and the Public Works department to identify diseased and distressed trees on public rights-of-way that pose a public safety hazard and need removal. Many of the ponderosa pines around the city are showing signs of stress from the lack of water over the past years. That stress makes them more susceptible to insect infestation and other diseases. If citizens notice a tree on public property that looks sick or hazardous, they should contact the public works department.

The City maintains a tree nursery on the property where the sewage treatment plant is located. Five trees from the nursery will be planted at Village Green

Park on Arbor Day, April 28, in a public ceremony at 11:45 a.m., with kindergarten students from Sisters Elementary School doing the planting. These trees will replace the trees that needed to be removed when the sidewalk and parking spaces were put in around the park.

• At the April 12 Council meeting, three motions were approved regarding acceptance by the City of water line easements from the Sisters Airport property, which allow the City to access their water lines that are on-site at the airport, to service and maintain the lines.

• The slate of potential candidates for the City Manager position was narrowed down to eight last week after phone interviews were finished. Interviews of the eight semi-finalists should be completed by April 26. After a Council executive session, the final three to five candidates will be publicly announced and interviews will take place in Sisters. That interview process will include an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates and provide feedback to the Council.

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Assistant Professor Chris Hagen, PE (CO)

What is interesting and upcoming in the world of transportation fuels, fuels for stationary power generation, and energy conversion? This talk will focus on fuel sources, from bio-derived and fossil-based, to inform the audience of the merits of these different sources. The speaker will also give an overview of the life-cycle merits (ie, all implications from greenhouse-gas to economics) of the different sources.

Chris Hagen is an assistant professor in the Energy Systems Engineering program at Oregon State University – Cascades. Dr Hagen's research focuses on energy systems, advanced internal-combustion engines, unconventional fuels, applied thermodynamics and fluid mechanics.

Prior to joining the faculty at OSU, Hagen was an assistant research professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Colorado State University (CSU). His industry experience includes serving as a Lead Research Engineer at the Chevron Energy Technology Company where he investigated novel fuels for advanced internal-combustion engines. He also worked as an Application Engineer for Woodward, Inc., a global energy system solution provider. Hagen received his BS in mechanical engineering from Valparaiso University, his MS in mechanical engineering from CSU, and his PhD in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Tuesday, April 25**  
**At The Belfry, 302 E. Main Ave., Sisters**  
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