

C O M M U N I T Y

Aspen Lakes marks 20-year anniversary

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

When the Cyrus family set out to build a quality 18-hole golf course just east of Sisters back in the mid-1990s, they weren't just "thinking outside the box."

"We didn't know where the box was," Matt Cyrus recalled.

From an unconventional approach to designing and building a course to filling bunkers with picturesque red cinders instead of typical white sand, the Cyrus

family did things their own way. And it worked. This month marks the 20th anniversary of Aspen Lakes Golf Course, which has become one of the premier courses in Oregon. Along with Black Butte Ranch's Glaze Meadow and Eagle Crest Resort, they hosted more than 300 golfers last weekend in the Central Oregon Shootout.

The idea for a golf course and a cluster development dates back to the 1980s, when the Cyrus' excavation outfit,

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Muddy hands are proof of the planting done by the kindergarten class.

City snapshot

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

- All four current members of the Urban Forestry Board were reappointed by the City Council to fill two- and three-year terms. Dave Moyer, Marcus Peck, Pat Burke and Gerry Bertagna will continue as board members. There is one vacancy still to be filled. The board meets the second Monday of the month at 3 p.m. at City Hall. If interested in filling that vacancy, contact Nicole Abbenhuis at the City, 541-323-5220.

- Council approved a new ordinance (474), which repeals, replaces,

and supersedes the previous municipal code concerning taxi and public conveyance regulation and licensing. The new ordinance allows for Uber and any other transportation network companies to operate within the Sisters city limits. That will make it possible for passengers to utilize Uber to travel within and between Sisters, Redmond, and Bend. City Manager Rick Allen is hopeful that Uber service in Sisters will begin in time for Memorial Day weekend, the start of the tourist season.

- The Creekside

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Getting muddy for Arbor Day

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Wielding trowels and a few "big-people" shovels, excited kindergartners celebrated Arbor Day by planting trees at Village Green Park last Friday morning.

The day dawned with blue skies and sunshine, allowing the eager gardeners to walk from Sisters Elementary School to the park, where they were greeted by Sisters Mayor Chuck Ryan, Community Assistance Forester Katie Lompa of the Oregon Department of Forestry, and employees of the City Public Works Department.

Mayor Ryan read a formal proclamation regarding

Arbor Day, followed by Lompa's presentation to Ryan of two awards from the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The Tree City USA award recognizes the City's commitment to effective urban forest management by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department (Sisters' Urban Forestry Board); a tree-care ordinance; an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita; and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

This was the 10th year the City received the award and the seventh year for the Growth Award for

demonstrating environmental improvement and higher urban forest management above and beyond the four standards.

The Tree City USA award was given to 60 other Oregon communities and over 5,500 communities nationwide. Salem has received the award for all 41 years that it has been given.

"Healthy city trees contribute to the livability of every city," Lompa told the gathering at the park. "The trees right outside our doors provide critical benefits to people and wildlife. Over the next 50 years, urban areas are projected to increase substantially. The role of trees and

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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 541-719-1230.

Military Parents of Sisters Meetings are held quarterly; please call for details. 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.

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.

