

C O M M U N I T Y

District considers ambulance fee hike

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Ambulance fees in the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District may take a jump soon — but users should feel little direct impact.

The board of directors for the District will consider a proposal to increase ambulance user fees at their May 16 meeting.

The District operates three ambulances staffed by a combination of career firefighter paramedics and volunteer

EMTs (emergency medical technicians). The District currently charges \$900 for “advanced life-support transport” and is considering an increase to \$1,500. That would put Sisters slightly above the median of \$1,400 in the region (the high is \$1,850, the low is \$800). With a couple of other agencies also considering fee increases, Fire Chief Roger Johnson told *The Nugget* that he expects that by this summer Sisters will be right in the

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PHOTO BY SUE ANDERSON

Soprano Sue Broomhead and Sue Edgerton giving it their all, along with other members of the Sisters High Desert Choral last spring, and they'll be doing it again this coming Mother's Day weekend.

Mustang act to return to Sisters Rodeo

Sisters Rodeo has announced the return of Bobby Kerr's Mustang Act to the arena for the 77th annual rodeo.

In 2014, Kerr made his first appearance in the Pacific Northwest at Sisters, where rodeo crowds were on their feet cheering and gasping as they watched the miracle of what a trainer can do with a formerly wild horse.

Kerr demonstrates how time, trust and courage can bring a fearful animal into a relationship that allows a trainer to get a mustang to even sit in a car and go for

a ride. The tricks and riding skills that Kerr has drawn out of these horses have to be seen to be believed. Fans will have that opportunity at all five performances of Sisters Rodeo this June.

Kerr became a mustang trainer after 40 years as a professional horse trainer. In 2010, he viewed the Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover as a guest and his heart was captured.

“Bobby always thought mustangs were like ponies,” explains his wife, Susan, “and

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Chorale performing for Mother's Day

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

Sisters High Desert Chorale Director Connie Gunterman will bring the highly regarded singing group back to perform two free performances Mother's Day weekend at Sisters Community Church. (Donations are welcome.)

The first performance will be on Friday evening, May 12, at 7 p.m., and next on Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day at 2:30 p.m.

The performance will begin with the chorale doing “Water is Wide,” followed by “A Gaelic Blessing,” a choral composition by composer John Rutter, who set the text

to an adapted ancient Gaelic tune. It's also known by the beginning of the text, “Deep Peace.” The work was commissioned by the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church in Omaha, Nebraska, and published first in 1978 by Hinshaw Music, and has become a popular for baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

That will be followed by “Silver Swan,” Greg Gilpin's original music, set to Orlando Gibbon's famous poem and music that is both reflective and compelling. The first lines, “The silver swan, who living had no note, when death approached, unlocked her silent throat...” are hauntingly beautiful.

That will be followed by four more numbers: “Danny Boy,” “Black is the Color,” “Seeing Nellie Home,” and “Soon Ah Will be Done.”

And after that there will be intermission where the audience can eat some cookies and meet the singers.

“Danny Boy” will open the second part of the concert, followed by “Deep River,” then “Simple Gifts,” a Shaker song written and composed in 1848 by Elder Joseph Brackett. The piece was largely unknown outside Shaker communities until the well-known composer Aaron Copland used its melody in 1944 for the score

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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.

