

COMMUNITY

Gregg elected to Sisters School Board

Nicki Gregg prevailed in the only contested race for Sisters School Board on May 16, taking 57.6 percent of the vote according to the unofficial tally of the Deschutes County Clerk.

Gregg is a parent, teacher, and budget committee member and ran on the assertion that “It is important to have someone on the board that has teaching experience in a public school classroom. My experience as a parent in our schools and my background as a teacher makes me uniquely qualified for this position.”

She defeated entrepreneur and middle school parent David Wentworth to gain the seat. Jay Wilkins and incumbent Amanda Clark were elected after running unopposed.

In the Cloverdale Fire District, Deanne Dement won 296 votes to oust Keith Cyrus (201) from his seat on the fire district board of directors.

Jack McGowan won the contested seat on the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District board with 79 percent of the vote. Heather Johnson and Roger White ran unopposed.



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Jen Zalewski, land steward for the Deschutes Land Trust, led the first tour of the Trust's newest preserve at Willow Springs on Whychus Creek.

Cyclists set to Stampede into Sisters

Cyclists from across the Pacific Northwest will roll into town this weekend for the annual Sisters Stampede Mountain Bike Race, set for Sunday, May 28.

The Sisters Stampede is sanctioned by the Oregon Bicycle Racing Association and runs on the Peterson Ridge trail network. The trails were built by the Sisters Trails Alliance. The race course features mountain views and rolling singletrack scattered with lava rock.

The start/finish will be located just west of the FivePine campus, where

Three Creeks Brewing Co. will be launching a “Ridge Trail” ale for the event and will host the after-race party.

The race offers \$1,000 cash prizes for top three men and women — either pro or expert. Other category winners will get a 21-oz. mug, custom tote bag, and other prizes from sponsors. There will be a raffle after the awards.

“The Stampede always draws a big field, a competitive field,” said competitive cyclist Andrew Loscutt.

However, he noted, the

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Willow Springs Preserve makes debut

By Craig F. Eisenbeis
Correspondent

Earlier this spring, the Deschutes Land Trust made yet another land purchase to add to its growing list of protected lands in the Deschutes River Basin. With the addition of the Willow Springs Preserve, the Land Trust’s “Campaign for Whychus Creek” continues to steadily build momentum.

The Land Trust’s newest preserve brings another 130 acres and an additional mile of Whychus Creek under its protective umbrella. Just upstream of, and nearly adjacent to, their precedent-setting Camp Polk Preserve

stream rehabilitation project, the Land Trust has similar long-range plans for this new property.

Those plans, however, remain very much in their infancy. Jen Zalewski, land steward for the Deschutes Land Trust, led the Trust’s inaugural on-site public “Show and Tell” last week. “Willow Springs is not open to the public at this time,” she explained. “But we will have visits by tours such as this one. We still have to evaluate ecological factors and impacts on our neighbors.”

Amanda Egertson, stewardship director for the Deschutes Land Trust, explained about the

“neighbors” on adjoining properties. “The county established a management plan for the property in the early 1990s when the Cyrus family created the Rim at Aspen Lakes subdivision,” Egertson said. “So we’ll be working with them, the neighbors, and funders on updating that plan.”

“In the coming months we’ll be conducting ecological surveys, establishing photo points ... to document change over time, and developing a management plan that will guide the long-term stewardship of the property. In the short term,” she said,

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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.

