

Students start raising funds for trip

Next year Sisters Middle School and Tumalo School students will leave for a week-long trip to the East Coast on an adventure and an unforgettable learning experience.

Starting just after the end of school (June 2018), students will fly out from Portland to their first destination, New York City, where they will visit key locations such as the 911 Memorial, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. The evening before departing, students will get an opportunity to enjoy a Broadway play.

The trip only begins there. The following days students will be taken to Philadelphia to visit the Liberty Bell, Franklin Court and Independence Hall. From there they set off to Gettysburg to visit the Civil War battlefield.

The trip will wrap up in Washington D.C. There they plan to visit Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill and the National Archives Building. This trip is being provided by ETSI

(Educational Travel Services Inc.).

Founded in 1988 by Judi and Dennis Tichenor, ETSI has been enriching young minds in history through first-hand experiences. This incredible journey will give our students a personal and deeper understanding to key events prior to studying U.S. history the following year.

Over the next year, dedicated students will be organizing events around town and providing services in order to raise money for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The first fundraising event will involve selling solar eclipse glasses and water bottles during the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. Plans are being made for future events such as holiday wreath sales and bottle and can recycling.

Watch for specially marked recycle bins around town. If you have a surplus of bottles and cans that you wish to donate, you may contact Julie Patton via email at julie.patton@sisters.k12.or.us.

Additional events will be announced in the future.

Obituary

Curtis Eugene Morken

October 2, 1928 – June 15, 2017

Curtis Eugene Morken was born October 2, 1928, in Madison, Minnesota, to Dora and Elmer Morken. He had a brother, Wayne; and sisters, Eunice and Corrine.

After school, he moved to Minneapolis to attend vocational school, then began a career as an upholsterer. While in Minneapolis, he married his high school sweetheart, Dixie Greenman, on June 18, 1948. The couple moved to Southern California to be near Dixie's parents.

After the birth of their son, Rick, they moved to Milton Freewater, Oregon. There, Curt worked for Recap Rubber. Then they moved to Ritter, Oregon and had a daughter, Vicki. While in Ritter, Curt worked in forestry and helped pave the road to Ritter from Highway 395, along the John Day River.

The Morkens returned to California when Curt was hired by Lockheed. With layoffs, he started working for UPS. He began as a driver

and then advanced to customer service, retiring after 26 years.

In 1984, the couple moved to Sisters, where they built their home at Indian Ford Ranch. Many new acquaintances encouraged them to join Sisters Rodeo Association, where they both became very active and developed many friendships.

Curt was an avid fisherman, golfer and hunter. He loved to play cribbage. He helped organize the Sisters Cribbage Club, which met upstairs in The Hotel Sisters for several years.

In a marriage of 69 years, Curt never lost his sense of romance. He loved to purchase gifts for Dixie, from clothes to jewelry and cars. The staff at Leavitt's Western Wear enjoyed helping him find the right outfit for Dixie at least twice a year and on special occasions.

Curt was a member of the Pasadena Masonic Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Sisters Rodeo Association.

He is survived by his wife, Dixie; son Rick (Eilene); daughter Vicki;



sister Corrine Gustafson; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Deschutes Memorial Gardens on Wednesday, June 21.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests remembrances in Curt's name be made to Sisters Rodeo Association (P.O. Box 1018, Sisters, OR 97759) or the Pasadena Masonic Lodge (200 S. Euclid Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101).

The Morken family would like to thank all the people for the flowers and cards, also for coming to his memorial. He would have really been pleased.

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