

COMMUNITY

Sisters Trails Alliance seeks 'trail adopters'

Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) is recruiting volunteers for their Adopt a Trail program. The goal of the program is better-maintained and safer trails through community ownership and stewardship.

Trail adopters are the superheroes of our trail system. They do periodic

inspection and minor maintenance on an assigned section within the STA trail system and keep us up to date on trail conditions. Potential Adopters should have a moderate level of fitness to serve in this role, but no direct experience is necessary and

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Volunteers sought for stream monitoring

Upper Deschutes Watershed Council is hosting their ninth stream sampling on Whychus Creek on Saturday, August 12 — and folks in Sisters are encouraged to participate.

“We’re actively recruiting volunteers for the event,” said Lauren Mork, stream monitoring coordinator for the Council.

Volunteers will meet at Creekside Park in Sisters at 8:30 a.m. (coffee and snacks are provided).

“We do a brief introduction to UDWC and the stream restoration and steelhead and salmon reintroduction that are happening on Whychus Creek, followed by a sampling protocol training with aquatic entomologist Celeste Mazzacano,” Mork said.

In teams of three or four,

volunteers sample one or two sites along Whychus Creek. Sampling includes wading in the creek, using heels and hands to dislodge aquatic macroinvertebrates from the bottom of the stream, and transferring them from the net to sample bottles.

Samples are accompanied by a stream habitat description and stream measurements. Sampling teams typically wrap up by 3 p.m. and return their samples to Creekside Park.

Samples are sent to a lab for identification. The resulting data allow us to understand how stream conditions are changing with restoration actions and a changing climate.

Stream sampling reveals

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PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

Dry Canyon Stampede entertained a record crowd at the Sisters Rotary’s Hoedown on Saturday night.

Hoedown draws record turnout

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

Hundreds of guests showed up for a record turnout for the 2nd annual Sisters Rotary Hoedown. Folks dressed their Western best for the family-friendly event to enjoy live country-western entertainment by Dry Canyon Stampede, great food, a silent auction, live auction, and a raffle draw on Saturday evening.

A vast indoor horse arena, located on Cloverdale Road, was donated for the evening by Julie and Vito Bartolotta.

Hal Darcy, Rotarian and coordinator for the event, has been Sisters Rotary’s fundraising chairman for three years.

“Last year we had 375 people and it looks like this year we are sold out at over 500,” Darcy said. “We tried to keep the same format from the feedback that we received last year. But we tightened up our schedule and the program. Our goal was to do better at everything.”

The event was a bulk fundraiser for the four nonprofit organizations that were invited to partner with Sisters Rotary for the event. They were Seed to Table, Harmony Farm Sanctuary, Circle of Friends, and Sisters High School Flight Science Program. Each nonprofit had an information table and a color-coded silent auction table with items donated from artists and businesses around

Sisters.

Former Circle of Friends executive director Debbie Newport was on hand with new Executive Director Nicky Merritt.

“We don’t have the capacity to put on an event like this,” Newport told *The Nugget*. “And when Rotary called us and invited us it was a wonderful surprise and an incredible partnership opportunity.”

Hoyts Hardware & Building Supply donated a flatbed truck that was used as a stage for the country-western band Dry Canyon Stampede.

The band got off to an early start when the very first

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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.

