

# COMMUNITY

## Trails Alliance seeks Cycle Oregon volunteers

Hundreds of cyclists will come rolling down the McKenzie Highway on September 16 (fire conditions permitting) on the final leg of the annual Cycle Oregon bike ride.

By the time they hit Sisters they'll be hungry.

Sisters Trails Alliance is seeking 24 volunteers to work 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. getting ready for the riders, serving up lunch, and cleaning up afterwards.

"They give you \$2,000 for doing that, which is

really nice," said Ann Richardson of STA. "We're donating that to Bike Park 242."

Bike Park 242 is a community-based project to create dirt-track riding features for mountain bikers. There's already a pump track on the grounds of Sisters Park & Recreation District, and design, materials, and funding are being put in place to add technical skills features, "drop zones" and lines of jumps.

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Wild West gunfighters pulled their smokewagons on Cascade Avenue.

## McGregor paintings soon to be a book

By Helen Schmidling  
Correspondent

Is there a term for animals that share their familiar names? If you know the answer, please tell Dennis McGregor.

Over the years, the Sisters artist and musician has painted hundreds – maybe thousands – of animals, birds, fish, and insects. He is widely known for his many illustrations for the Sisters Folk Festival, Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, and Sisters Rodeo, among many others. If there is a deer, fish, bird

or fowl in Sisters Country, McGregor has probably painted it.

One ordinary day, three years ago, he sat down in his studio and painted a turtle, but from the underside. This turtle needed some kind of support – so McGregor painted it hanging on a string of barbed-wire fence. This turtle wears a rather pained expression, no doubt, due to its precarious perch.

Then, he decided to paint a bird next to the turtle on the wire. The bird he picked was

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## Show shoots up its own smoke

By Jodi Schneider McNamee  
Correspondent

Cascade Avenue between Oak and Pine streets was taken back to a time when the "Old West" was alive and well. With 140 feet of Western town façade, folks did a double take and sat for a spell to watch the Deschutes Desperados, formerly The Pine Mountain Posse Reenactment Players, and a rowdy bunch of new players entertain with skits for the 5th annual Sisters Wild West Show last weekend.

The Deschutes Desperados reenactment player Mick Howard, aka Mojave Mick, was back again as the town's sheriff, ready to incarcerate the worst hombres. Howard

has been in re-enactment for eight years and with involved in cowboy action shooting for over 20 years.

"Re-enactments are only a small part of Pine Mountain Posse, which is the cowboy action shooting club that I belong to," Howard told *The Nugget*. "We decided to separate ourselves as re-enactment players, so I came up with the name Deschutes Desperados."

The Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) is an international organization formed to preserve and promote the sport of cowboy action shooting, a competitive shooting sport that originated in Southern California.

Spectators got to step back into the wild age of gunfighters, saloons, and cowboys,

like a scene out of a classic Clint Eastwood Western that came alive. The Deschutes Desperados performed nine Western performances, skits, and shoot-outs.

Before each show, event organizer Richard Esterman talked about safety and explained that the guns used are real, but there would be no real bullets, only black-powder blanks.

However, the gunshots sounded real and the kids were advised to cover their ears – and they did, along with a few adults.

On Saturday, the first shootout performance was at high noon and every hour until 5 p.m.

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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.

