

**C O M M U N I T Y**

# A ringside seat for Milli Fire fight

By Emily Woodworth  
Correspondent

When the Milli Fire burst onto the Sisters horizon in August, Doug and Jessica Mohr occupied a front-row seat. Situated past the Cow Camp off J-15, the Mohr residence commands a stellar view of the mountains. From the comfort of their porch, they remember watching the flames during a party on Saturday, August 12.

“On August 16, I sent Doug a picture of the fire burning behind our house,

saying ‘should we now be concerned?’” Jessica recalled. A contact in the Forest Service let them know an evacuation of their property was likely, what Jessica called an “informal Level 1.” By the next day they were given the official Level 2, which soon turned into a Level 3 as Milli fed off the winds and dry conditions to make a run at their property.

The Mohrs focused on evacuating their large animals first. Jessica and Doug

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# Sisters Science Club blasts off with NASA

Gabe Gabrielle is a believer — in the magic of believing in yourself.

The former director of engineering for the U.S. Air Force’s Special Operations Command, Gabrielle is currently assigned to NASA’s Speakers Bureau. Using NASA’s space program as his vehicle, Gabrielle’s motivational message “To Infinity and Beyond” will launch the Frontiers in Science lecture series on Tuesday, September 26, at 7 p.m. at The Belfry.

Gabrielle is noted for his inspirational talks, not only for scientists and other

space “junkies,” but also for his ability to connect with students. During his stay in Central Oregon, he will visit with classes at Sisters High School, speak at all-school assemblies at Sisters middle and elementary schools, and appear at schools in Redmond and Bend.

Gabrielle has traveled the world for NASA. He has been at Kennedy Space Center as a contractor for NASA as an engineering programmer for approximately 17 years; a member of

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PHOTO BY ERIN BORLA

Sisters Middle School students are celebrating the success of their monarch butterfly project — including the creation of a waystation and a book that has earned them international recognition.

# ‘Journey’s Flight’ was educational

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Correspondent

Sisters Middle School students can be proud of what they have accomplished: raising and releasing a record-setting Western monarch butterfly, creating a monarch waystation to help the dwindling monarch population — and now a published book.

“Journey’s Flight — One Western Monarch’s Record-Setting Migration” went on

sale to the public through Paulina Springs Books in Sisters and Amazon.com last Friday. The book project, a collaboration between Susie Werts’ reading class and other Sisters students; the United States Forest Service; representatives from U.S. Fish and Wildlife; and local writer Jean Russell Nave, is a celebration of an amazing accomplishment.

After reading a story about the Western monarchs’ winter migration in

the spring of 2016, Werts’ class decided to create a monarch waystation at the middle school. Local businesses and community members donated their time, products and services to help create the waystation with milkweed and nectar plants. These two plants created the perfect home for the monarch to grow, feed and thrive.

On September 15, 2016, Werts and her students

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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 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 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.

**Weight Watchers** Thursdays, 9 a.m. (weigh-in 8:30 a.m.), Sisters Comm. Church, 541-602-2654.

### 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.

### 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.

**Today**  
This listing is for regularly scheduled meetings; email [teresa@nuggetnews.com](mailto:teresa@nuggetnews.com)