

COMMUNITY

Firefighter returns to work after accident

A local firefighter injured six months ago in a 40-foot fall has returned to work.

Captain Thornton Brown of the Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD was canyoneering in Hades Canyon in Death Valley with two other firefighters when he fell during a rappel. Captain Brown's injuries prevented him from continuing the hike out and he had to spend the night in the remote canyon. Rescuers with the California Highway Patrol Inland Division Air Operations (H-80) were notified of the accident and

conducted an air rescue utilizing a helicopter.

A link to the video of the rescue may be found with the online version of this story at www.nuggetnews.com.

Since the accident, Captain Brown has endured medical treatments and extensive physical therapy. Throughout the recovery process Captain Brown was determined to make a full recovery and get back to work on the fire engine.

Fire Chief Roger Johnson

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PHOTO BY CHARLIE KANZIG

ASPIRE volunteers help Sisters youths discover their post-graduation path.

Getting prepared for winter

By Jim Cornelius
Editor

Folks in Sisters Country are coming to grips with a stark reality: Winter is coming.

In fact, regardless of the calendar, we've already seen snowfall and temperatures dropping into the teens overnight. The great fear, of course, is that we will see a repeat of the heavy winter Sisters endured last year.

The best way to relieve anxiety in anticipation of winter is to get prepared.

Sisters residents learned

— or re-learned — some hard lessons last winter. The most important one is that we have to clear the snow off our roofs and keep it cleared. The greatest damage last winter occurred due to the accumulation of snow on roofs, which led to ice damming, which led to sometimes catastrophic leakage.

"Get that snow off your roof — really," says Paul Ryan of Bison Construction in Sisters.

That means getting a rake out, or getting up on your

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ASPIRE program helps students plan

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

Navigating the curvy and bumpy road of planning for life after high school is not something students are expected to do alone. For seniors, looking to "next year" is the first time they don't have a clear picture of the future. Fourth-graders go to fifth grade. Eighth-graders go to high school. But for seniors, the next step may be anything but clear.

That is where the ASPIRE program comes into play at Sisters High School. Led by coordinator Rick Kroytz and his band of volunteers, seniors and juniors have the opportunity for one-on-one mentoring related to post-high-school

plans.

There are currently over 140 ASPIRE sites in Oregon, and Kroytz is doing all he can to meet the mission of the program, which is to help students explore education and training options beyond high school, develop a plan for post-high-school, receive assistance with essays and applications, help students meet deadlines, access resources about college choices, and receive direction to scholarship and other financial aid resources.

ASPIRE is associated with the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) based in Eugene, which helps coordinate

state-wide scholarship opportunities for high school graduates in Oregon.

Kroytz, in his third year at the helm, provides training for adult volunteers (ASPIRE mentors) in order for them to more effectively provide guidance toward college, technical/vocational training, career readiness, and more so that every graduate leaves with a plan for post-high-school life.

There are currently 34 mentors trained and working with juniors and seniors this year, which is a very healthy number compared to other ASPIRE programs in Oregon, but Kroytz is actually recruiting for more.

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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.

Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., Three Sisters Irrigation District Office. 541-549-8815.

Three Sisters Lions Club 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.

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

SCHOOLS

Black Butte School Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 5 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 online at www.ssd6.org. 541-549-8521 x5002.

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 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 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.

