

COMMUNITY

Civil War to be re-created near Sisters

The sound of fife and drums and the pungent smell of blackpowder smoke will fill the air in Camp Sherman next weekend as reenactors and visitors travel back in time to the 1860s and the American Civil War.

The nonprofit Northwest Civil War Council will present a full Civil War reenactment at House on Metolius, Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20.

The historically accurate tent camps house more than 200 Civil War reenactors presenting living conditions and

circumstances of 1863. This is the fifth Civil War living history event held at the site and the only event of its kind in Central Oregon.

The reenactors also donate their time Friday, May 18, for School Day, when the camps of the Blue and Gray are open just for students on school field trips. More than 1,100 students will participate this year.

House on Metolius, near Camp Sherman, is a secluded mountain meadow with

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PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

Keller Williams Realty associates left the office for a day of service, including work at Harmony Farm Sanctuary.

Unlocking the secrets of prehistoric poop

Eighty years ago, excavations at the Paisley Caves in south-central Oregon revealed exciting evidence suggesting that people may have lived there as early as the late Pleistocene epoch, some 12,000 to 15,000 years ago. But it was not until recent developments in ancient DNA testing that the evidence has become fully accepted.

Dr. Dennis Jenkins has been instrumental in verifying and expanding the Paisley Caves research first conducted by Dr. Luther Cressman in the late 1930s. Dating of camel and horse bones, artifacts,

twigs, and dried human feces containing Native American DNA between 12,900 and 14,500 years ago indicates that people lived in the caves and probably hunted camels, horses, and other animals at the end of the Pleistocene.

Dr. Jenkins, a senior research archaeologist at the University of Oregon, will speak at The Belfry as part of the Frontiers in Science lecture series sponsored by the Sisters Science Club and supported by the UO's Museum of Natural and

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Local realtors give back to community

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

Each year since 2009, on the second Thursday in May, tens of thousands of associates from Keller Williams Realty across the country participate in the RED Day (Renew, Energize, Donate) initiative. They donate that day to a wide range of projects, devoting their time to community service through activities ranging from food and blood drives to rebuilding homes and schools for community members in need.

On Thursday, May 9, Keller Williams Central Oregon Realty associates shut down their offices for the annual RED Day effort.

"We had over 150 of our Keller Williams Central

Oregon brokers participate from our local office in some way or another," said Sisters resident Jodi Satko, broker for Keller Williams. "It was an awesome privilege to be the organizing chairperson for such an amazing community event. The committee worked tirelessly to vet the charities and make sure we fulfilled their needs."

The associates split into groups serving four charities in Central Oregon and had an in-office collection for Bethlehem Inn Bend shelter and rehabilitation center for the homeless.

One group volunteered with property cleanup at the new Wellness Ranch in Tumalo, a nonprofit organization that provides equine-assisted psychotherapy,

acupuncture, yoga, and other holistic and integrative mental health and wellness services for veterans, trauma survivors and local community. Another team picked up over two truckloads of debris for a Forest Service trail cleanup. Another helped with renovation for Band of Brothers Redmond Chapter. The other team helped with cleanup at Harmony Farm Sanctuary in Sisters.

Courtney Satko and Shaini Bourland, both agents from Keller Williams Bend, headed up the team of 25 volunteers at Harmony Farm Sanctuary in Sisters.

Lurch, a friendly male turkey, is Harmony Farm Sanctuary's ambassador and

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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.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group 1st Tuesday, 11 a.m., Sisters City Hall. 800-272-3900.

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.

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. www.sistersfol.com.

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) Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Thursday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-639-6216.

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, 10:30 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. 541-760-5645.

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., TSIDI 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.

Weight Watchers Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. weigh-in, 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 Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to teresa@nuggetnews.com