

C O M M U N I T Y

Contractors make rodeo into a big show

By **Bonnie Malone**
Correspondent

Sisters Rodeo has a knack for bringing the best of professional contractors to town, a team that makes the rodeo's famous fast pace attract fans from across the nation.

"There is a chemistry and atmosphere at Sisters that you just don't find at other rodeos," said Jason Buchanan, a rodeo sound man, who has been producing music at Sisters for 16 years. "The crowd gets so involved, which makes the event that

much more exciting.

"Sisters gave me my first shot at sound," Buchanan explained, "and then I recommended my good friend JJ for their rodeo. With the announcers we have and JJ, there is a fine-tuned read of the crowd that is almost an art. My voice is the music.

"We all work so well together. We know when to let the crowd settle after big action, then we bring it back up to hand clappin' and foot stompin' fun."

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Instructor Sam Monte turned over the controls to George Chladek for a solo earlier this month.

Visioning project going deeper at forums

By **Sue Stafford**
Correspondent

Now that the initial interviews, surveys, and community meetings are completed, the visioning process known as Sisters Country Horizons is entering into a period of deeper conversations on specific topics.

Connected Sisters will be held Thursday, May 31, 5 to 8 p.m., in the Sisters High School lecture room. The event is free and open to the public, and those planning on attending are asked to email jjpieper@ci.sisters.or.us to

reserve a space. Light food and refreshments will be provided.

According to Steven Ames of NXT Consultants, the purpose of all four forums is to "take the higher-level thinking on values and visions that surfaced in the surveys, interviews, and meetings, and engage in longer, deeper community conversations about the key questions, challenges, and critical choices being heard" by the consultants.

The format for each of the forums will be similar.

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16-year-old takes to the skies

George Chladek, a sophomore at Sisters High School, has joined the elite club of students who fly solo in an airplane at 16 years old. Chladek wanted to solo on his 16th birthday in February, but had to wait for weather conditions to improve.

Chladek soloed before school on May 7, in Outlaw Aviation's Cessna 172 at Madras airport. After a flight with CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor) Sam Monte of Outlaw Aviation, and a few landings and take-offs, Monte asked Chladek to drop him off on the ramp.

"The conditions were perfect, and he proved to me he was safe and responsible as Pilot in Command. I only had one decision to make, and that

was to get out," said Monte.

Chladek recalls "I was a little nervous when I got to the runway, but once I got in the air, I just focused on flying the plane like I was trained to do. When Sam got out, the plane felt so light with just me in it. I took off in half the distance."

According to Monte, Chladek has one of the fewest flight hours of any student he has soloed. The average amount of flight training is over 50 hours before a solo, but Chladek soloed at only 17 hours of flight training.

Chladek's interest in aviation started in 7th grade when his neighbor, Jon Renner, who was teaching the Flight Science program at the time, offered to take Chladek

flying in his Musketeer. When Chladek entered Sisters High School as a freshman last year, he enrolled in the Flight Science class taught by Sheryl Yeager.

Chladek has received a scholarship from The Roundhouse Foundation for part of his flight training, and then received a matching scholarship from Outlaw Aviation and Sisters Airport from their fund-raising events.

Chladek plans to take the FAA written exam for his private pilot certificate at the end of this school year, along with several other SHS Flight Science students. Then he plans to take his oral 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