

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters GRO seeks grant for tech upgrade

Sisters GRO is trying to secure a \$6,000 matching grant to improve the GRO technology systems.

Sisters Graduate Resource Organization (GRO) was established 10 years ago. In that time, it has grown in both the number of scholarships it awards each year and the amount of the scholarships. To launch into the next 10 years, Sisters GRO would like to develop a more robust website and database to keep up with changing technology and to make the scholarship process less manual. Grant funds will fund a redesign of Sisters GRO's website with added cyber security; design and installation of a database

system to record and monitor donor and student data relative to donations and scholarship awards – also with an added data security systems.

The technology enhancement is expected to immediately enable the GRO organization to become more digitally effective, efficient and safe leading to the provision of more scholarships for the roughly 100+ SHS senior graduates. To make a donation to help Sisters GRO make the technology upgrade and for Sisters GRO to receive the matching grant that has been established, contact Sisters GRO at Info@SistersGRO.org.



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Joe O'Neill and Wanda Braughton work the grill at the annual City of Sisters barbecue.

Sisters will 'rally on the runway' for 4th of July

The Sisters Airport will host its sixth annual Fourth of July community celebration, featuring an airplane fly-in, classic car show, pancake breakfast, 5K run, and drag races down the runway. The theme for this year is Rally on the Runway.

Festivities will begin at 7 a.m. with the buzz of planes arriving from all over the Northwest for the fly-in, and the rumble of classic cars for the hotrod show. Sisters

Rotary will be flipping pancakes and sausages. "Old Glory" will arrive by air in a spectacular flag jump presentation by Skydive Awesome at 7:30 a.m. The 5K walk/run will start at 8 a.m. with the Sisters-tradition race between a plane and a street dragster. Runners can pre-register online at www.SistersAirport.com.

The premier Sisters Fly-in

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City hosts parking lot barbecue

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The Second Annual Sisters Barbecue sponsored by the City of Sisters on June 19 at City Hall was a rousing success, with an estimated 350 attendees.

Clouds over the sun provided a perfect temperature for those gathered around tables under red awnings in the parking lot and scattered on the lawn and under the trees, enjoying hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, chips, and cookies. Guitar music and songs by local Scott Brown provided entertainment as residents and a few visitors enjoyed socializing and meeting new people.

City Manager Brant

Kucera, Mayor Chuck Ryan, and Deschutes County Commissioner Tony DeBone each spoke briefly, encouraging residents to participate in the Sisters Country Horizons vision project.

"Cities are a place of ideas, hope, diversity, and progress," said Kucera. "The vision process will provide a guide for what the city will become."

Ryan focused on the many important issues currently facing Sisters: affordable housing, marijuana dispensaries, and a new noise ordinance.

"All of these, and the TSP (transportation safety plan) are going to affect the city going forward," Ryan pointed out. "The visioning project is

a time for public input. We want to hear your opinion."

Ryan went on to encourage residents to get involved in the city by volunteering for committees and local nonprofits.

Steven Ames and Ruth Williamson of NXT Consulting invited people to participate in the Horizons vision project by attending meetings and taking the new survey coming out in July. Williamson encouraged people to "navigate change with your heart open."

Kerry Prosser, City recorder, and the rest of the City staff, organized the event, handling all the details from setup, to purchasing and cooking the food, to the final cleanup.

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 One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 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.

Go Fish Fishing Group 1st Monday, 7 p.m. Sisters Community Church. All ages welcome. 541-771-2211.

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 Meditation Group Sundays, 6 p.m., 484 W. Washington Ave. #A. Text only (no voice) to 541-207-7266.

Sisters Parent Teacher Community 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 971-570-2405.

Sisters Parkinson's Disease Support Group 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Suttle Tea. 907-687-8101 or 541-668-6599.

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., TSID 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 office. 541-549-4133.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wed. monthly, 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 Wed., 7 p.m., 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. 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