

C O M M U N I T Y

Lost Bayou Ramblers ramble into Sisters

By Ceili Cornelius
Correspondent

The Louisiana-based band Lost Bayou Ramblers are coming up north as the second installment in the free summer concert series brought to Sisters by First Interstate Bank and Sisters Folk Festival.

The band line-up is led by brothers Louis Michot on fiddle and lead vocals; Andre Michot on traditional accordion and lap steel; with Bryan Webre (electric bass), Johnny Campos (electric guitar); Eric Heigle (electronics and

acoustic guitar); and Kirkland Middleton on drums.

Louis and Andre started the band in 1999. Both were born and raised in Southern Louisiana.

“We started the band kind of accidentally after we were in our own family band with our father. We were the rhythm section when we were young. We then learned the more traditional instruments and started our own traditional Cajun band,” said Louie Michot.

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Art Attack — a critique group for local artists: Standing (left-right) Randall Tillery, Katherine Taylor, Joanne Burgess, Jim Horsely. Seated: Clark Berryman, Gary Cooley.

Wyden speaks in Sisters to friendly audience

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

“Healthcare is far and away the most important issue. I believe it’s a basic human right,” Oregon Senator Ron Wyden told the audience at a wide-ranging town hall meeting at Sisters High School last Saturday, July 28.

A group called “Healthcare for All” agreed, holding up a large sign in the back of the auditorium. A spokesperson for the group told Wyden, “Greed is devastating the American people ...

have to rein in Big Pharma.” They asked Wyden to join Oregon’s other senator, Jeff Merkley, in supporting SB 1804 which would provide improved Medicare for all.

Wyden told the assembly that \$3.5 trillion would be spent on healthcare this year. That same amount of money would allow every family of four in the U.S. to be sent a check for \$40,000. Wyden’s conclusion? We are not getting all the healthcare value out of the money being spent.

He warned, “We must stop

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Art Attack Group grows local artists

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

Some artists cringe at the mere thought of having their work critiqued. The very word “critique” is based on the word “criticism.” But a good critique group can be one of the best tools to help artists better understand how their work is communicating to a larger audience.

Two years ago, local artist Jim Horsley, known for his art style that represents the American West, and a couple of other talented well-known artists in Sisters agreed that a monthly gathering to review each other’s work would be helpful in growing their capabilities.

Sisters Art Attack Group was conceived, and from humble beginnings has grown into a group of nine noteworthy artists who are represented by local galleries.

Critique groups create a sense of community with a supportive, challenging environment to test work-in-progress and completed work.

“We each bring two pieces to review, and it has been extraordinarily helpful to have other eyes review our work,” Horsley said. “We need to understand how our art work is perceived by others.”

Maintaining an efficient critique group can help an artist’s work stay fresh, relevant, and active.

“When Jim presented me

with the idea of starting a critique group, I was all for it,” said Randall Tillery, known for his award-winning landscapes. “I wanted good feedback and you need other good artists to get that. One of my desires for the group was to give an honest, but respectful critique of the work presented.

“Most of the time, I will put up an art piece before the group that is either new work, or something that is just not working for me. I seem to know that something is a little off but just can’t put my finger on it. And that’s when many other artists eyes can be a lifesaver,” he added.

Some artists join critique

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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 Fly Tyers Guild For Saturday meeting dates and location, email: steelefly@msn.com.

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.

Council on Aging of Central Oregon Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-480-1843.

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 Wednesday, 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 Wednesdays, 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 541-207-2666.

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

Sisters Parkinson’s Support Group 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sisters Community Church. 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