

COMMUNITY

Community will clean up its own act

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Years ago Sisters Park & Recreation District employee Mandee Seeley was impressed by a community Earth Day cleanup in Jamestown, New York and hoped to do something similar one day. With Seeley's organizing and encouragement, Sisters will have its own Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 29, 8 a.m. to noon.

The two main goals for the event are to bring the

community together to care for their surroundings and to educate the public on "leave no trace." It is being held on the same day as a number of SOLVE (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) fall beach and riverside cleanups around Oregon.

SOLVE is a statewide nonprofit organization with a mission to bring Oregonians together to improve our environment and build a legacy of stewardship to protect and preserve the places that make

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PHOTO BY TL BROWN

Black Butte School head teacher Delaney Sharp and his family enjoy their house in Camp Sherman.

Celebrating Mexican independence

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If the energy and excitement that exists among the organizing committee carries over to the actual event, the Fiesta de Independencia on Sunday, September 16, 3 to 7 p.m., at Fir Street Park and the adjoining street, will be a joyous, exuberant afternoon.

This is the first of what is hoped will be an annual community-wide, family-friendly free celebration of Mexican Independence Day. Entertainment will be provided by an eight-piece

mariachi band from Hood River, Los Temerosos de Juan Antonio, and folkloric dancing by Folklore Luna of Madras. Everyone will be welcome to dance.

Mexican dishes will be available for purchase at reduced prices from three food trucks – Joe's of Sisters, Krustiis Muchiis of Redmond, and Tacos de Nava of Bend. Free beverages are being provided by event sponsor Citizens4Community (C4C). No alcohol is allowed in the park.

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Local school solves housing problem

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Correspondent

Fine communities, stunning forests and popular festivals: Sisters Country is filled with great things. Workforce housing isn't one of them. As in ski towns around the country, business owners and civic leaders are sometimes stymied by the lack of reasonably priced housing. Finding and retaining employees becomes difficult. One local school district solved the problem by purchasing a house outright.

Daniel Petke is board chair of the Black Butte School

District. This tiny district is comprised of a single school in Camp Sherman, serving around 30 students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Despite the name, the district is not associated with Black Butte Ranch. It does accept inter-district transfers from area schools.

For many years, Black Butte School struggled "to keep enough staff consistency to stay viable," Petke told *The Nugget*. Lack of local housing was identified as a primary concern.

Unlike at most larger schools, Black Butte School

isn't run by a principal. Instead, the board shares administration duties with a head teacher, who also teaches hands-on.

"The board really wanted the head teacher to be in the community, for sure," Petke said. "It's hard to make any connections in a community if you're not living there, participating in the events, getting to know more people."

"Environmentally it's not good," he added, "when you have people living in Bend and Redmond that have to

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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 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 2nd 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) Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sisters Park & Recreation District. 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 Tues., 10:30 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 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 541-207-7266.

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, 5:30 p.m., SPRD bldg. 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 lisa@nuggetnews.com