

COMMUNITY

Beer fest hops over to new location

For nine years, Three Creeks Brewing Co. has been hosting a celebration of the Pacific Northwest’s contribution to beer culture with the Sisters Fresh Hop Festival. This year, they’re moving the location of the event to the expansive grounds of their production facility at 265 E. Barclay Dr. in the Sisters Industrial Park. The event is set for Saturday, September 29, from

noon to 8 p.m. It will feature music from Watkins Glen. Named after the biggest rock concert of the 1970s, Watkins Glen strives to create magical musical moments while paying tribute to the repertoires of four legendary American bands: The Band, The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers Band and Little Feat. See **BEER** on page 15

Sisters film premieres at Bend Film Fest

By Eileen M. Chambers
Correspondent

“The Far Green Country,” a documentary created by Sisters natives Eli and Kelly Pyke, will premiere at the upcoming Bend Film Festival on October 13 at 1 p.m. at the Regal Old Mill-1. A personal on-the-road film that follows the Pykes as they “weigh anchor” on life as normal and, with their three-year old son, Dakota, live full-time on the road traveling deep into the untamed wild of America, “The Far Green Country” is a story of their journey from hope lost to hope restored. It was a film they never intended to make, and it was

born out of a troubled time. “We had so much hope surrounding the birth of our son,” Kelly said, “but when time came, nothing about his delivery went smoothly. I was in labor for 56 hours before the doctor had to use a vacuum suction to get him out. Then surgery. All of it traumatic and hugely disappointing. For the next 12 months, besides being new parents struggling to figure out how to be parents, I continued to be emotionally and physically traumatized by what had happened during Dakota’s birth. I had a lot depression. PTSD. Night terrors. It was awful.” See **FILM** on page 14



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Teacher Susie Werts and Sisters students have made an educational project out of monarch butterfly migration.

‘Journey’ to fly for science teachers

Sisters’ record-setting monarch butterfly, Journey, will fly again, this time in front of more than 200 of Oregon’s best science teachers at their annual meeting in Newport in early October. When Jim and Sue Anderson showed their good friend Lori Lancaster a copy of the book “Journey’s Flight” and told her some of the backstory, she wanted to have that story shared with the dedicated teachers who attend Oregon Science Teachers Association annual meeting. “This project is an excellent example of Oregon’s new science curriculum, project-based learning, in action,” said Lancaster, who is Oregon Science Teachers

Association communications director. She called author Jean Nave and asked her if she would make a presentation at the October meeting. Nave agreed. Nave will be the opening keynote speaker telling Journey’s story, and teacher Susie Werts will facilitate a workshop helping teachers learn how they can develop their own project-based learning experience in their school. Project-based learning is a dynamic classroom approach in which students actively explore real-world problems and challenges and acquire a deeper knowledge skill by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to

an authentic, engaging, and complex question, problem, or challenge. “I’ll remember forever the day we received notice that Journey, one of the two monarch butterflies we raised, tagged and released at Sisters Middle School, was located and photographed in Southern California,” said Werts. “It was a one-in-a-million chance that he would succeed in migrating that long distance, but he did it. The students were thrilled, and I thought that we had to expand upon this moment to help students understand the impact of what they’d done — creating a waystation, hosting assemblies See **MONARCH** on page 29

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), Stitches 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 Aglow Lighthouse 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Ponderosa Lodge Meeting Room. 503-930-6158.

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 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Sisters Saloon. 541-480-5994.

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