

C O M M U N I T Y

Science talk asks: nature or nurture?

Your 5-year-old daughter scrambles up to the top porch rail and, without hesitation, jumps onto the grass below. You gulp; she lands safely, pumping her fist in triumph. “She’s just like her father,” you sigh.

Is she? Are genetics that predictive of risky behavior? How about her little brother, who at three insists on stacking his Legos by color in neat rows, all exactly the same height. You wonder if your propensity for alphabetizing spices could help explain his behavior.

On the other hand, the children have watched their father do some crazy stuff and they know you like the silverware drawer kept perfectly neat, knife blades aligned to the left.

So — nature or nurture? It’s a question that has burdened great thinkers for thousands of years. Genetic scientists may be closing in on some surprising answers.

Over the past 30 years, Dr. Barbara Handelin has been at

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Cousins Norah Gallagher Roberts, Dennis Gallagher, and Cliff Edgington at the log house built by Ellis Edgington.

Hayden Homes provides \$10K for food program

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The Sisters Kiwanis cofers were enriched at last week’s meeting when Hayden Homes Vice President of Community Engagement Deborah Flagan presented a check for \$10,000 to Kiwanis for their Christmas Food Program.

Kiwanis President Roger Johnson told the members, “This donation will guarantee that all our families will be taken care of.”

Food bank manager Naomi Rowe, co-manager

Shirley Miller, and volunteer coordinator Barbara Bott accepted the check on behalf of Kiwanis.

Hayden Homes began their philanthropic activities on a small scale one Christmas in Moses Lake, Washington, where they were building homes. Hayden comptroller Vickie Gibbs informed owner Hayden Watson there were 150 people in the community in need of Christmas baskets, so the company donated \$500 to that project.

That small effort got

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Whispers from the past...

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Recently, the members of the Three Sisters Historical Society board were treated to a day spent exploring the former Edgington Ranch located south of town, with descendants of Ellis and Ellen Edgington.

The ranch is a lovely parcel of land consisting of pine forests, open meadows, and spectacular mountain views. What makes it special is the abundance of vegetation

normally seen on the west side of the Cascades — towering Douglas fir trees, a large spring-fed pond surrounded by lush green plants, grasses, and dense stands of horsetail reeds.

The Edgingtons’ grandchildren — Cliff Edgington, Dennis Gallagher, and Norah Gallagher Roberts — transported the group back to the days of their childhood as they told stories of life on the ranch. Cliff’s father, Jesse, raised his four children on the ranch. Norah and Dennis

visited in the summer and for holidays after their family moved to the Willamette Valley. For Norah, the ranch horses held special interest. On her summer visits she would take the horses out riding all day through the meadows and pine forests.

Ellis originally purchased the full 1,200 acres from William Cox in 1912. Cox had homesteaded the land in 1882 and had one of the first sawmills in the Sisters area.

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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 Family 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 Mondays, 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 4 p.m. 420 N Tamarack St. 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