

C O M M U N I T Y

New burn permit system launched

Those burning their yard debris this spring will be utilizing a new online burn-permitting system.

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Chief Roger Johnson said, "We are extremely pleased to offer the community a more user-friendly, free, online permitting system enabling users to obtain important information and services online while allowing district staff to track outdoor burns more effectively and disseminate important fire safety information."

Permits must be obtained

online by visiting the district's website: <https://www.sistersfire.com>. To register for a permit, your name, street address and phone number are required. Those who do not have Internet access can go to the main fire station at 301 S. Elm St. in Sisters and use a public-access computer to apply, or have district staff sign them up.

This new online system will be very user-friendly after initial setup, the fire

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SPRD to present executive candidates

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The community is invited to a meet-and-greet on Friday, April 12, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. to meet the final candidates being considered for the new executive director at Sisters Park & Recreation District.

Those who attend will hear a three- to five-minute introduction from each candidate. Community members will receive an index card to write down questions for the candidates, which will be asked by a facilitator until

6:15 p.m., at which time the formal session will end for informal mixer time.

The SPRD Board was pleased to have 19 applicants. Following phone interviews on April 2 and independent ranking exercises by each board member, the field was reduced to four finalists. Jeff Tryens, board chairman, said all four of the candidates are highly qualified. Three come from within Oregon, and one is from out of state.

At the time of *The Nugget* deadline, one candidate had

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Artist Gary Hirsch will share "Joy Bots" with Sisters students this week.

SFF brings artist to Sisters students

Artist, illustrator, and speaker Gary Hirsch will share his talents with Sisters students this week.

Sisters Folk Festival, with a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation's Studio to School initiative, will welcome Hirsch to provide a three-day, K-12 community-wide arts residency in the Sisters schools, April 11-13.

On Saturday, April 13 from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Hirsch invites the community to join a presentation: "Joy Bots: A Conversation and Community Paint Out with

artist Gary Hirsch" as a culmination of his visit.

The presentation will consist of a TEDx talk, with a painting session immediately following in the Sisters Middle School commons. Admission is free and all community is welcome. You can see Hirsch's TEDx talk at www.botjoy.com. Hirsch is a dynamic artist, illustrator and speaker; he founded "On Your Feet," a consultancy in Portland that uses principles of improvisation to help companies around the world relate, create and collaborate.

Hirsch's most recent work

is Joy Bots — tiny (and sometimes big) robot armies that bring people joy, hope, courage and inspiration. Sisters elementary and middle school art classes are already incorporating his ideas into their own projects, and kids are familiar with the "bots." With enthusiasm and support from SSD art teachers Judy Fuentes, Karen Williams and Bethany Gunnarson, Sisters Folk Festival has the opportunity to bring Hirsch to all three schools for classroom workshops and assemblies.

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-549-8737 or 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, noon, 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 3rd 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. 541-549-6469.

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 2 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 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.

Sisters Middle School Parent Collaboration Team 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., SMS. 541-610-9513.

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 1st & 3rd 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