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Art party raises thousands for programs SPRD board seats up for election

By Jodi Schneider
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Celebrating the arts in Sisters helps make it possible for every student in the Sisters School District to experience art as a part of their lives. Each year, hundreds of people come together to help support the arts at the My Own Two Hands Art Auction & Party.

This celebration is the premier art event that benefits Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) to continue and grow the award-winning arts education programming.

Enthusiasm and high hopes enhanced the 18th annual Art Auction and Party hosted by SFF on Saturday night at Ponderosa Forge & Ironworks.

Artist and art donator Dennis McGregor told *The Nugget*, “(the) My Own Two Hands two-day event is a remarkable thing and I am so proud to be a part of (it) since its beginning. It’s continued over so many years and grown and brought in new people and new artists and has benefited so many



PHOTO BY ROB KERR

Jack McGowan spots a bidder in a lively My Own Two Hands art auction at Ponderosa Forge.

students. And I know many of them are adults now that went through the program, and they are better people for it, and we’re all enriched by that.”

SFF Board Chair Sue Boettner added, “It is the biggest party and fundraiser of

the year in town, and it’s a double-whammy because not only do we have loads of fun, but we help kids K-12 with art and music!”

The Sugar Beets from Eugene provided the eclectic soundtrack to match the variety of art up for auction, with

an array of upbeat melodies, jazzy ballads and soulful folk tunes.

For over a decade Interim Executive Director Debbie Newport has volunteered as a worker for the event along

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By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Two positions on the Sisters Park & Recreation (SPRD) Board of Directors are on the ballot in the May 21 election; one of the two is contested.

Heath Foott is standing for reelection to Position 4; incumbent Peggy Tehan and Rosemary Vasquez are contending for Position 5.

Tehan has served SPRD for 10 years and is seeking her third full term on the board. Through most of her tenure, she has held the post of treasurer. Tehan is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in her professional life.

“I think in the position it is really good to have continuity,” she said. “Right now, we have a great board. Everybody on there comes with their own knowledge base and skill base.”

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Use of tree-killing herbicide restricted

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has put strict restrictions on the use of an herbicide held responsible for killing 2,100 trees along Highway 20 west of Sisters.

ODA reports reviewing more than 5,000 written public comments and testimony at public hearings before adopting a permanent rule signed to prevent future widespread tree deaths statewide. ODA investigators concluded that applications of aminocyclopyrachlor (ACP) from 2013 to 2015 in Central Oregon left more than 2,000 ponderosa and lodgepole pines dead and dying. There are currently four known locations near Sisters exhibiting herbicide damage

attributed to the use of ACP.

A logging project is currently underway to remove the dead and dying trees along Highway 20. According to Sisters District Ranger Ian Reid, that project is moving on or ahead of schedule and he expects that crews will hit the completion target date of May 22.

ODA’s permanent rule prohibits byproducts of ACP-affected trees from being used in compost, mulch or animal bedding that will be used in compost or mulch. The permanent rule was filed with the Oregon Secretary of State on May 9, 2019 and is effective immediately.

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Reenactor reaches out to touch history

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

When the guns crack and thunder across the meadow at House On Metolius next weekend, Jim Stanovich will be in the thick of the heavy black powder smoke.

For the past 28 years, Stanovich, of Knappa, Oregon, has been reaching out to touch the history of the American Civil War — and to help others understand what life was like for the soldiers of that terrible conflict, which took some 620,000 American lives from 1861 to 1865.

Through the weekend of May 18-19, Stanovich will serve as Confederate battalion commander, in charge of the Confederate forces among the approximately



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Jim Stanovich will serve as Confederate Battalion Commander at the annual Northwest Civil War Council reenactment in Camp Sherman.

160 reenactors that will participate in the sixth annual Northwest Civil War Council event. The reenactment

immerses visitors in an open-air environment recreating

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