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A "Stuff The Purses" event helps women escaping bad circumstances

## 'Stuff The Purses' aids Saving Grace

Volunteers turned out to "Stuff The Purses" in an event for people who have fled their homes due to abuse and are staying at Saving Grace Shelter. Saving Grace serves all of Central Oregon.

"With the help of the wonderful women and community of Sisters we put together 40 purses and beach bags," said Karen Kassy. "We are grateful to our sponsors who donated necessities for the purses, beach bags, towels and more:

Cascade Trail Stop, Barefoot in Sisters, Ace Hardware, Edward Jones office of Karen Kassy, Sundance Shoes, Bonnie Jacobs-Halousek/Your Store, Melvin's by Newport Avenue Market, and Shannon Lazarini/Salon Centric through The Hair Caché.

To volunteer for next year's effort, call 541-388-3987 and leave a message with your name and number (no texts).

## ELECTION: Ballots are due May 21 for local election

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Last year, voters approved a five-year local option levy of 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The additional funds provided by the levy have allowed the District to catch up on years of deferred maintenance and equipment upgrades.

Tehan said that the District is now able to look at expanding and refining programming, asking the community, "What are we doing well? What do you think we're missing? What other offerings could we have?"

She said that she hopes to win reelection in order "to follow through with the commitment to the voters."

Vasquez, a retired mediator and social worker, is an avid participant in many SPRD programs and fitness classes.

"There's something for just about everything I need," she said.

Vasquez has served on a variety of boards, and she believes her experience as a mediator will be valuable to SPRD.

"I know the heartbeat of SPRD from the standpoint of the instructors, the staff," she told *The Nugget*. "I thought I might be a link, a liaison (between staff and the board)... One of the things I



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Peggy Tehan.



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Rebecca Vasquez.

would be interested in is having a very close connection with the community."

Ballots for the May 21

election may be turned in at the new permanent ballot deposit box at Sisters City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Ave.

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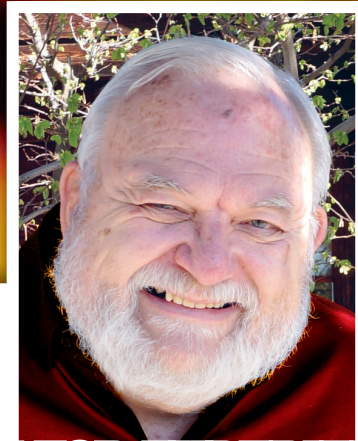
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My statewide work has resulted in two Presidential Awards from the Fire District Directors Association and a commendation from the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association. I look forward to getting your vote and working hard for Sisters!

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