

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters Trails Alliance hires program manager

Thanks to a grant from the Robert W. Chandler Discretionary Subfund of The Oregon Community Foundation, Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) now has a paid staff member to support the work of the organization: Karen Isberg.

Isberg was born and raised in Colorado and moved to Maui, Hawaii, where she and her husband, Greg, raised their family. On Maui, Karen taught school for 14 years, helped manage their woodworking business and spent 30 years serving on equestrian and educational nonprofit boards.

A little over four years ago Karen and Greg decided to relocate back to the mainland and Greg suggested the community of Sisters. As avid lovers of the outdoors this area is a perfect fit for them.

Isberg's experience in

nonprofit work has given her a solid foundation in fundraising, volunteer management and event planning and execution.

"We are thrilled to have Karen in the role of program manager for STA," said Board Chair Catherine Hayden. "Karen will be the primary connection to our members and donors and will ensure our community is informed about STA's events, accomplishments and activities."

Isberg said, "Sisters Trails Alliance provides me with a wonderful opportunity to be involved with deepening the connections between community members and the incredible outdoor experiences that are available to them. I am a strong proponent of continuing the education,

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PHOTO BY CAROL STATTON

Madi and Amy Larrabee were in the right place at the right time to come to a family's aid.

Mother and daughter come to rescue

By Carol Statton
Correspondent

Spotting smoke will trigger a gut-level reaction in many Central Oregonians. Whether from a wildfire, prescribed burn or property fire, smoke means fire and fire means potential danger. For one mother and daughter heading home to Sisters from Prineville, the sight of smoke compelled an immediate response.

Tuesday, April 9, was a day four people will never forget. Life changed dramatically for a couple who would end up losing their home to a fast-burning house fire. That same day, Amy and Madilyn

(Madi) Larrabee were experiencing several unexpected alterations in their schedule; changes that positioned them for great purpose. Timing brought these two families together; human and equine lives were kept safe that day and Amy believes it was due to "God's divine timing."

It all began when a softball game in Prineville was called early. An injured teammate then needed to be dropped off. Kids were hungry. Madi's younger sibling needed a potty stop, and an excruciating back condition caused Amy to postpone shopping for a horse trailer before heading home. Each unplanned shift led to one

life-changing appointment.

Madi had taken over driving so that her mom could recline in a more comfortable position. Shortly after passing Cline Falls, she spotted smoke coming from a rural residence. After pulling over, they both realized that this was more than just a burn pile.

Windy conditions and proximity to a barn triggered an immediate response. Madi, despite wearing Birkenstock sandals, started running and climbing fences to get to the barn. Amy dialed 9-1-1 and rushed to catch up. She needed to make sure her

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SPRD kicks off summer programs

By T. Lee Brown
Correspondent

Citizens of Sisters Country joined Sisters Parks and Recreation District (SPRD) for snacks, chats, and the debut of SPRD's bright new summer catalog on Thursday.

Johanna Talus displayed

child-sized garden tools on her table. She spoke knowledgeably about growing ornamental plants and edible vegetables in the Sisters climate.

Talus will be teaching a family vegetable gardening class beginning in mid-June,

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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.
- 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), 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** 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, 2 p.m., The Lodge. 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. The Pines Clubhouse. 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.
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- 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