

COMMUNITY

Sisters alpacas find a new home

By Kathryn Godsiff
Correspondent

When Marlene and Jerry Baldock arrived in Sisters Country 10 years ago, the pair settled on a lovely piece of property in the Cloverdale area. Marlene had a hankering to raise animals, and after researching llamas and coming up with a great big no, she turned to alpacas. The smaller, gentler cousin of llamas were well established in the area and soon Desert Song Alpacas was launched. Marlene became

acquainted with the Pieper family of Panorama Ranch, long-time Sisters-area breeders of alpacas.

“They were so generous with their years of experience and knowledge,” said Marlene.

The Piepers’ help, plus attending seminars and reading plenty of books, enabled Marlene to set up one of the most efficient and tidy alpaca units in the area. Over time, she did some breeding, sold some and increased her herd

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Sam Monte (CFI, Outlaw Aviation), Trever Schutte (new pilot) Luka Perle (new pilot), Sheryl Yeager (SHS teacher, CFI), Brian Lansburgh (CFI), Walt Lasecki (CFI).

Guitar-builders play and display their work

By Chloe Gold
Correspondent

Hand-made music rang out at Sisters High School on Monday, June 17, as participants in the Americana Luthier Program — a group of high schoolers taught by Tony Cosby — played and displayed the guitars and ukuleles they built this school year.

Cosby has been teaching the Americana Luthier Program since 2005 when Jayson Bowerman of Breedlove Guitars approached him with the

unique idea of bringing a luthier component to the Sisters High School woods program. A luthier is a person who makes and repairs stringed instruments. While at first the Americana Luthier Program was strictly guitar-building, it eventually expanded to the building of ukuleles.

Cosby recognizes the enrichment the Americana Luthier Program brings to his own life, as well as the students’, and says he “loves building relationships with

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Sisters students become pilots

Two more Sisters High School (SHS) Flight Science students have earned their wings and become certificated private pilots. Luka Perle and Trever Schutte achieved this accomplishment before they graduated from SHS last week.

Both students have participated in the Flight Science program at SHS every year since they were freshmen. They had an early interest in aviation and enrolled in the Flight Science courses offered at SHS. Perle lives in Bend and transferred to SHS specifically to participate in the specialty program.

“It was definitely worth the drive. It’s an awesome program, and a great school,” he said.

The classes at SHS in combination with the flight training and weekly evening ground school at the Outlaw Aviation hangar is the partnership that has positioned the unique program in Sisters to be the only public high school in the country to be continually graduating licensed pilots. While there are other successful aviation high schools, they are all private and costly.

Flight training is normally very expensive, sometimes costing up to \$10,000 to achieve a private pilot license. But with the financial support of various Sisters organizations, significant scholarships are available to SHS students. Perle received scholarship funds from

several sources, including the Roundhouse Foundation, Outlaw Aviation/Sisters Airport, Airplane Owners and Pilots Association, Sisters Lions Club, Col. John Miller, Sisters Kiwanis, Todd Sampson Memorial Scholarship, and the Taylor Family, all of which paid for over 80 percent of his flight training. Schutte also received substantial scholarship funds from Sisters Schools Foundation, Outlaw Aviation/Sisters Airport, Sisters GRO, High Desert Aviation, and Sisters Les Schwab.

To accommodate the growing number of students interested in aviation, the

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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., The Lodge in Sisters. 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.
- 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