

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters business marks 30 years in the saddle

Eurosports Bikes, Skis, Beer and Food Carts is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a live music event, sale, and beer tasting.

Owner Brad Boyd started Eurosports in 1989. A former member of the University of Oregon cycling team, Boyd moved to Central Oregon in 1986, worked at various jobs, including at Mt. Bachelor, and started a family.

To have a retail business in the seasonal town of Sisters for 30 years can be challenging. Weather, forest fires, and the economy can affect any business. Despite all the challenges, Boyd says, "In 30 years, I can count on one hand the times I haven't been

excited about work."

He recalled, "I really was drawn to move to the mountain town of Sisters. It's an amazing combination: really nice people, only 25 minutes from Hoodoo Ski Area, wonderful road-biking and mountain-biking, hiking and back-country trails near town."

Over the years, Boyd has been instrumental in adding to some of these natural assets, including co-founding the Peterson Ridge Trail (PRT) more than 28 years ago. "As a lifetime member of Sisters Trails Alliance, I've been pleased to see the work this organization has done to

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Volunteers gathered to celebrate – and to raise funds for several Sisters programs.

Sisters folks gather to share language learning

Food, wine, and the chatter of Italian is a weekly occurrence in downtown Sisters. Some might be surprised to hear the language from a country almost 6,000 miles away, but in Central Oregon there are weekly groups that meet to have fun and practice speaking a range of languages, including Italian, French, Spanish, German, and Russian.

The Sisters Italian group has been meeting for 12

years. Long-time organizer of the group, Bruce Williams, explained that initially the group had only four or five people who would meet, but now there are over 15 people who enjoy one another's company regularly. The group can often be found dining at Open Door on Wednesday evenings where their boisterous activity often attracts other restaurant customers who are

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Rodeo volunteers aid Sisters causes

By **Bonnie Malone**
Correspondent

An auction raised \$4,200 for a local charity and youth program at the annual Sisters Rodeo Appreciation Party on August 17. Nearly 200 guests — who were being thanked for their volunteer work — were pumped up for the prizes offered.

A striking quilt donated to the rodeo by Sandy Strader of Sisters brought in \$3,500 after a rousing bidding process. The quilt is made from over 100 Crown Royal bags. The surgical nurse was

thrilled when she learned her quilt funds were dedicated to Sisters High School' equestrian team.

The second item was a current rodeo poster signed by all the competitors at the rodeo. It raised \$700 for the 1017 Project, a cattle program developed by Shiloh Ranch Church for food-insecure people. To date, they have distributed more than 76,000 pounds of meat to hungry families and individuals.

Rochelle Villanova, the poster artist, and her husband were at the event.

"I am so happy with how much money was raised from my artwork through Sisters Rodeo," she said. "This is wonderful."

Her poster raised a total of \$13,300 for charities.

The enthusiastic crowd cheered for the three rodeo members who were selected as Volunteers of the Year.

Marilyn Barker received a silver Sisters Rodeo bracelet along with a plaque for her outstanding service in her relatively few years of membership. She, along with her

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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), 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., 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. Sisters Library. 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