

C O M M U N I T Y

Raptor survey gets underway this month

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

The photo accompanying this story on page 25 of a bald eagle leaving its juvenile life and slowly becoming an adult shows why that phase of the eagle’s life can cause a lot of trouble among birders: Some observers just don’t know what to call it.

It’s especially confusing before the yellow beak comes into the adult phase. Before that, it’s dark brown to black in color tones and, coupled with the white feathers just

starting to appear on the nape of the bird’s head, many people mistakenly call it a golden eagle.

If you want to spend some time with bird ID experts, the opportunity to do so is coming up. Local birders involved with the East Cascades Audubon Society (ECAS), are getting together to conduct the Green Ridge Fall Raptor Survey — and they would love to see members of the public join them.

East Cascades Audubon

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Seed to Table highlights summer’s bounty

Indulge in the last flavors of summer; there is nothing like the sweet burst of a sun-gold cherry tomato.

Two opportunities provide the summer flavors this week, Seed to Table’s Fall Harvest Dinner on Saturday, September 14, and the Sisters Farmers Market each Sunday, through the end of September. The early fall is perhaps the most bountiful time for Central Oregon’s local food scene, and Seed to Table has had one of their best years yet. Celebrate local foods through the end of the month by joining in their dinner

and filling your fridge at the Farmers Market.

At Seed to Table Farm, warm temperatures have brought ripe fruits and veggies galore. The Fall Harvest Dinner is the true culmination of months of work. Fall is the time to truly celebrate the bounty that Central Oregon can provide.

“The ripe tomatoes are so heavy, the plants can barely hold themselves up,” said Seed to Table’s Audrey Tehan. “It is true, we have had the tomatoes nearly pull

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Mountain-bike riders started the Peterson Ridge Trail, which has evolved into a destination for riders of all types.

PRT evolved over many years

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

When the community gathers on Saturday, September 21, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the expansion of the Peterson Ridge Trail System, they’ll be celebrating a grassroots effort that actually evolved over more than two decades.

As mountain-biking began to catch on in the early 1990s, an informal group of enthusiasts started building a place to ride at the south end of Sisters.

“Early ’90s, mountain-biking was booming and

everyone was, like, ‘where do we ride?’” cyclist and bike-shop owner Brad Boyd said. “And even though we’re blessed with a lot of double-track — Forest Service roads to ride — people want to ride single-track.”

Work parties comprised mostly of riders laid out trail starting right on the southern edge of town. In those days, irrigation canals ran through the area, which required bridges.

“We got a bunch of people together and some high school kids and had some work parties with the Forest Service and built those

bridges,” Boyd recalled.

The result was a trail configured like a “lollipop”: nine miles out-and-back with an approximately 3/4-mile loop at the top. It was a popular trail, but really only fully appreciated by mountain-bikers and some hikers. The City of Sisters nearly pushed it aside to make room for its sewer treatment facility. Boyd, who was serving on the city council at the time, advocated for retaining the trail.

Then, in the early 2000s, Sisters resident John Rahm

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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. 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