

COMMUNITY

Gregg steps down from school board

Sisters School Board has a board vacancy in Position No. 2.

Nicki Gregg has served as a Sisters School District Board Member for over two years. In her resignation letter, Gregg wrote: “After much soul searching and thought I have decided to resign from my position on the Sisters School Board, effective immediately. It is with regret that I will not be finishing out my term. I feel strongly about pursuing and continuing my lifelong passion at the classroom level. For me, this is

where I feel that I can make the most impact for students and families.”

Superintendent Curt Scholl credits Gregg with many accomplishments and contributions during her tenure.

“Nicki played a huge role in the collaborative process that created the district’s Mission and Vision,” said Scholl. “Her work will help guide us for years to come”

“We benefited greatly from Nicki’s perspective of

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PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Justin, Jesse and Jared Durham are pushing their family business into new frontiers.

Jazz Choir raising funds for performance trip

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

The Sisters High School jazz choir plans to be singing at Disneyland again this spring — and a local quilter has offered up a quilt for raffle as part of the fundraising effort.

According to choir director Rick Johnson, the jazz choir is traveling to Disneyland next March 12-16. While at Disneyland the students will get a rare backstage glimpse of the park, they will take classes from Disney cast members that deal with how

music is used in the park, and they will perform a concert in the 1,800-seat Fantasyland Theater.

“The opportunity for these kids to learn coupled with getting to perform in a venue like this can be life-changing,” said Johnson.

A few years ago Susan Cobb decided to offer one of her quilt creations to a school organization that could benefit from a fundraiser and became connected to choir director Rick Johnson. In the ensuing years, Cobb has

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Iconic family business wins honors

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Taking on a thriving family business and pushing it into new territory might sound like a dream job — but it can be extremely challenging. Justin, Jesse and Jared Durham of Sisters Coffee Co. have taken leadership in the business started by their parents Winfield and Joy Durham in 1989 — and they have won honors for it.

Sisters Coffee Company has been selected as this year’s winner of the Oregon State University College of Business’s Excellence in Family Business Awards

in the category of Business Renewal.

In that category, the family works to ensure stewardship of the business that sustains growth and shareholder assets with future generations in mind.

Started in 1988, the OSU Austin Family Business Program Excellence in Family Business Awards are the nation’s first, competitive peer-reviewed awards focused solely on the accomplishments of family-owned businesses.

“We’re delighted to celebrate the achievements of these family-owned businesses,” said James Coakley, interim dean of the College

of Business. “Part of our mission as a land grant university is to provide support for this important cornerstone of Oregon’s economy.”

Sisters Coffee Co.’s CFO, Tish Gowgiel, nominated the business.

“It seemed like kind of a long shot,” Jesse said. “We didn’t know how many people had applied and it’s a statewide award.”

The application and vetting process was extensive and challenging. Justin couldn’t attend the interview portion in Portland and had to make his presentation by phone.

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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 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 Speak Life Cancer Support Group 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1 p.m. Suttle Tea. 503-819-1723.

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 2nd & 4th 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