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Sisters celebrates newest Habitat home

Krista Palmer and her two sons, Nick and Nate, are the latest in a long line of new Sisters Habitat for Humanity homeowners. A dedication ceremony was held on Sunday, December 8, attended by approximately 75 people including friends, Habitat volunteers and supporters.

Palmer thanked supporters who volunteered many hours to help her reach her goal — including Compass Church of Bend, coworkers from Sisters Western Title & Escrow, and many friends from Sisters and Bend.

“My parents came for a

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The Sisters Dance Academy marked the season with their annual dance recital at Sisters High School Auditorium on Saturday, December 14. The Intermediate Hip Hop class (13- to 14-year-olds) performed a song called “X.” See story, page 11.

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Fire district leads on public safety in Sisters

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Residents of Sisters Country can rightfully take pride in the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District that their tax dollars support.

The numbers in the 2018 Annual Report paint the picture of a well-run, professional, financially stable community asset, meeting the various fire prevention services and protection needs of the community, as well as playing a major role as a community healthcare provider.

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Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank gets big boost

By Kema Clark
Correspondent

Friday the 13th turned out to be a day of good fortune at the Sisters Kiwanis Club Food Bank. OnPoint Community Credit Union representatives Steve Wymer and Rocky Johnson were in town to present a check for \$10,000 to support the Food Bank.

Wymer, regional director for OnPoint, said they are set up to work with communities like Sisters.

“OnPoint knows when we all work together, donations are increased. We try to bridge the gap in funding to help support communities,” he said.

Johnson, chairman of the board for OnPoint, was happy to be in Sisters to spread some holiday and New Year cheer.

“Both Steve and I saw

a need here in Sisters and immediately wanted to help,” he said.

Doug Wills, president of the Kiwanis Club of Sisters, was very thankful, since 75 percent of the donations the Food Bank receives come in October, November and December.

Tom Hespe, Food Bank coordinator for the Kiwanis Club, stated they have tried different promotions to encourage everyone in the community to give throughout the year, but nothing has really caught on to help them provide for clients who need them.

“Monthly we get about 130 families and 30 homeless citizens. Each family comes through every two weeks. That’s 260 family visits and about 10,000 pounds of food monthly. The

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Chamber celebrates 45 years

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

More than 100 members of the Sisters community gathered last Thursday evening at the FivePine Conference Center to celebrate this year’s Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce annual award-winners.

Chamber Executive Director Judy Trego announced the Chamber is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. What began as the Sisters Organization of Businesses (SOBs), with meetings held at a local bar, has grown into one of the largest institutional organizations in Sisters with 280 members representing 1,500 employees. A volunteer nine-member board of directors oversees the Chamber activities.

The Business of the Year award went to Beacham’s Clock Company, and Citizen of the Year is Toni Landis (see related stories pages 24



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Judy Trego, right, presented Toni Landis with the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award.

and 25).

Volunteer of the Year Gary Frazee is perhaps best known as the long-serving Public Works Director for the City of Sisters until 2007, when he “retired.”

From 1973, when Frazee moved to Sisters, he also owned and operated several

businesses while working at the City, raised a family, and still found time for a busy volunteer career with numerous organizations spanning over 40 years.

He served as a reserve officer for the City of Sisters

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