

**C O M M U N I T Y**

# Sisters to host holiday basketball tourney

Sister High School is holding its annual holiday basketball tournament. Sisters varsity and JV high school teams are participating.

Updated brackets will be posted outside of the main gym at SHS for all games and times. SHS varsity girls play their first game at 5 p.m. on December 27; SHS varsity boys play their first game at 7 p.m. on December 27. Tournament games will be played at both Sisters High School and Sisters Middle School. Bracket times are subject to change.

Boys teams: Sisters, Junction City, Henley, Baker, Banks, Cottage Grove, Mazama, Marist.

Girls teams: Sisters, Junction City, Henley, La Grande, Baker, Molalla, Crook County, Banks.

Varsity game times:  
December 27 games at 1 p.m.; 3 p.m.; 5 p.m.; 7 p.m.

December 28 games at 1 p.m.; 3 p.m.; 5 p.m.; 7 p.m.

December 29 games at 10 a.m.; noon; 2 p.m.; 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for child/senior; adult, \$7; family, \$20. Three-day passes available.



PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

Gabrielle Franke smooths out a cradle for the Central Oregon Woodworkers' annual toy project.

# Thorsett sworn in to school board at meeting

By Charlie Kanzig  
Correspondent

David Thorsett was officially sworn in to the Sisters School Board in the seat vacated last month by Nikki Gregg as the first order of business at the monthly board meeting held Wednesday, December 11, at the school district office.

Board chair Jay Wilkins explained that Thorsett was selected to the board from among six "incredibly qualified" applicants for the opening. Since Gregg's resignation, Amanda Clark also

stepped down and the board will review applications for her replacement in the weeks to come. The deadline for applying for the opening was December 13.

Prior to the official start of the meeting two athletes, including Thorsett's freshman daughter Ella, and junior John Peckham, were recognized for winning individual state titles in cross-country. Recognizing state champions at board meetings has become a tradition over the past few years.

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# Local woodworkers are 'Santa's elves'

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

The lobby at Touchmark at Mount Bachelor Village in Bend looked like Santa's workshop last week when the residents and members of Sisters Area Woodworkers (SAW) and the Central Oregon Woodworkers (COW) of Bend gathered to celebrate the completion of their annual toy project for children at risk.

The cooperative effort includes beautifully hand-crafted wooden toys made by the woodworkers and finished by residents of Touchmark before being wrapped in cellophane and finished off with bows. The toys are given to Deschutes Children's Foundation to distribute to

Head Start, the Deschutes County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, and Healthy Families.

About 50 residents participate as part of the Life Enrichment program at Touchmark. For the girls, there are cradles, which are sanded and stained by Jim Levin and his crew. Kay Shockley heads up a group of 10-12 women who meet an hour a week year-round to knit, crochet, and sew quilts and blankets plus pillows and mattresses for the cradles. Each cradle is fully outfitted with bedding and a brand-new baby doll to delight some little girl.

Jack Keeney marshals the sanders and painters who

finish the toy airplanes, modeled after the biplane flown by the Lafayette Escadrille in World War I. Keeney said a group of about 14 residents worked for 16 days to finish the planes. There were originally 49, but two "got shot down somewhere over France."

At last week's celebration, there were 47 planes and 26 cradles ready to make some special memories. Dana Eng of the COW group made 30 of the planes himself with production-line efficiency. The good feelings experienced by all who participated in the project were palpable in the room as a video showing all the stages of production

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## SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

**Al-Anon** Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 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.

**Citizens4Community, Let's Talk** 3rd Monday, 5:30 to 8 p.m. RSVP at citizens4community.com

**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** Monthly on a Friday. Call 541-549-4133 for date & time.

**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