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Vineyards and a healthy ecosystem

What can the study and management of Oregon's vineyards contribute to a healthy ecosystem? Quite a lot, as it turns out. Conservation, biodiversity, and habitat connectivity are the keys. With more than 35,000 acres of Oregon farmland devoted to grapes,

vineyards provide an excellent laboratory to identify on-farm biodiversity standards that can support habitat connectivity across working landscapes. "Vineyard Landscapes: Biodiversity and Conservation" See **VINEYARDS** on page 31

Trails group welcomes new board members

Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) welcomed Scott Bowen and Kevin Erickson to the board of directors at the January meeting. Scott and Kevin, both Sisters residents, bring a wealth of trails and trail-related event experience. Scott was heavily involved in cycling as a board member of Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition and as an advocate and fundraiser for a national cycling advocacy organization, "Bikes Belong," prior to moving to Sisters with his family in 2017. Scott loves to mountain bike, and is also an equestrian and hiker. Scott says, "The trails are an enormous part of why we moved to Sisters. The Peterson Ridge Trails are, to us, the happiest place on earth." Scott looks forward to being part of the leadership team that keeps the trails interwoven into

the heart and soul of Sisters. One of the main reasons Kevin and his wife moved to Sisters three years ago was the Peterson Ridge Trail network. Kevin was a volunteer on the citizen advisory board for non-motorized trail-users with the North Idaho district of the U.S. Forest Service and trails are his passion. He says, "We wanted to live in a community of involved citizens that share similar interests, with healthy outdoor recreation being a big part of the lifestyle we chose." Kevin is currently working on a project to develop a mountain bike trail network in San Carlos, Mexico, where he spends the winter. Kevin's trail-related experience is extensive and will greatly benefit STA. See **TRAILS** on page 25



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Representatives of Sisters Rodeo accepted the Columbia River Circuit's prestigious award.

Sisters Rodeo earns award

Sisters Rodeo recently received the prestigious award "Large Rodeo of the Year" chosen by the Board of Directors of the Columbia River Circuit, which includes 32 of the best PRCA rodeos throughout the Pacific Northwest. The Columbia River Circuit Finals Rodeo and Annual Meeting were held in Yakima, Washington on January 10-12, 2020. Sisters Rodeo was represented by four members of their Board

of Directors: Curt Kallberg, Chris Schaad, Rodger Dwight and Patty Cordoni, who were proud to receive the plaque in an arena presentation. When asked what makes the Sisters Rodeo stand out, President Curt Kallberg mentioned not only the outstanding volunteers, stock, competitors, and professional staff including the ever-popular J.J. Harrison, but also that "fans don't come to see our rodeo, they are a part of our rodeo."

This winning formula seems to bring back enthusiastic crowds every year and arena sell-outs have become the norm. Sisters Rodeo celebrates its 80th anniversary, June 10-14; tickets are now on sale at www.sistersrodeo.com or through the ticket office at 541-549-0121. To volunteer or become a member of the Sisters Rodeo Association, email info@sistersrodeo.com or call 541-771-0931.

SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

- Al-Anon** Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. / Thurs., 10 a.m., 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, SPRD bldg. 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.
- 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 Monday, 5 p.m. Sisters Library. Public welcome. 808-281-2681.
- 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