

MUSEUM: Volunteers will staff Sisters museum

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Volunteers from Three Sisters Historical Society will staff the museum, and when historic walking tours of Sisters resume this summer, they will start at the new museum. Most recently, the Historical Society has been renting an office at Sisters Art Works, and created a pop-up museum with displays of Sisters history in the entry gallery there.

An opening date has not yet been determined. Final arrangements are being made with the City of Sisters, and modifications including a handicap-accessible restroom are in the works.

"It will be a soft opening," Leitheiser said.

The mission of the Three Sisters Historical Society is to deepen the understanding of past choices, present circumstances, and future possibilities by preserving, sharing and bringing to life the history of the Three Sisters area, and thus strengthening the bonds of the community.

In its short, three-year history, the organization has grown to encompass 250 members, 50 volunteers, and 450 Facebook friends. This year there are four Fireside Evenings (previously three per year), and they are assuming responsibility for the annual Book Sale on Quilt Show Saturday. (See



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The new home of the Three Sisters Historical Society.

related story, page 15).

Last year the historical society took first place for their float in the Sisters Rodeo Parade; had exhibits of historical quilts in the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show and Quilts in the Garden; conducted three historical walking tours; participated in the Farmers Market; and held a local history sharing day. They contracted for videography services; and purchased museum software which will enable the organization to accurately catalog photographs and donated artifacts and books in the reference library.

As part of his discussion, guest speaker Ramsey compared local historians and academic historians, saying that there is a need for both.

"All history is local," he said. "I like to look at history through a zoom lens."

Academic historians look at the wide-angle view, while local historians zoom in to a

particular place and time. A good example of local history is the building of railroads in Central Oregon, and academic history shows how the railroads brought about westward expansion.

Pursuing local history can be a fun, social endeavor that's relatively inexpensive, except for your time, Ramsey said. A local museum can be planned and carved out as a place where things happen, and all people, including women and children, are represented, and where natural history can be displayed alongside human history. The latest trend, he said, is the History Pub, an evening celebrating local history in a convivial setting.

The next Fireside Evening will be Sunday, April 26 at FivePine Conference Center. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the program will start at 7, featuring author William Sullivan's talk on "Hiking Oregon's History."

Outlaws cheer team ends strong season

Sisters Cheer earned fourth place at the State cheerleading competition on Saturday, February 15th and placed third the following weekend at the OCCA championships. The Outlaws cheer team went up against the best teams in the state at Veterans Memorial Coliseum for the State Cheerleading Competition.

The cheerleaders performed their best routine yet, with no deductions from their score for technical violations.

This weekend, the cheer team participated in crowdleading, a sub-category of cheerleading in which the team does a cheer, stunt and tumbling sequence with no dance involved. This is the first time that the Outlaw cheerleaders participated in crowdleading as a competitive event, and they did very well.

The Outlaw Cheer team is looking forward to their upcoming season in the 2020-21 school year and for many newcomers to the team.

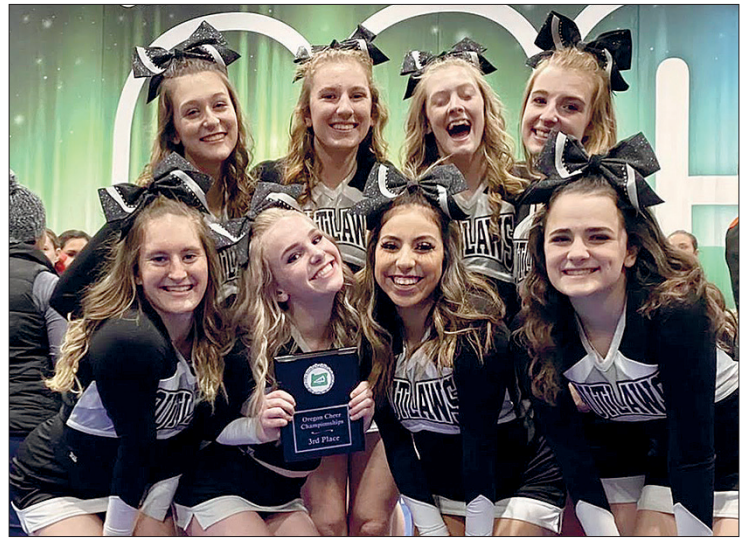


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The Outlaws cheer squad finished their season with strong performances.

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