

C O M M U N I T Y

Prepare your home for wildfire defense

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Despite beating the drum on a message of preparedness, Cloverdale Fire Chief Thad Olsen is still seeing homes in his district that can't be defended from wildfire.

He said it two years ago, in the wake of fires that took three homes in his district — and the message is the same today: "We aren't going to commit firefighters to houses that are not defensible. Basically, what we're asking is, give us a fighting chance."

Olsen told *The Nugget*

last week that the two major factors are overgrown trees and shrubs that block fire engine access and trees and shrubs growing too close to structures.

"A lot of times, it's stuff that was good 10 years ago, but it's now overgrown," he said. "A lot of it's just maintenance stuff."

A juniper tree growing right up against a structure can go up like a torch and take the house with it.

Creating defensible space around your home means creating an area of at least 30 feet around the home

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PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER

Virginia Silvey hitting the finish line in a "Social Distancing Sisters 10K And A Half" on May 3.

Tara Redfield takes to the stage

By Charlie Kanzig
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Actress, blogger, food nerd, stand-up comic, entrepreneur.

That's what the past 18 years have entailed for 2002 Sisters High graduate Tara Redfield, who is "home" in Sisters for a bit during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Redfield is a prime example of how one experience leads to another as well as proof that a person's passions

can often lead you to a pathway for expression.

Chapman University in Orange, California, where she majored in theater and also studied journalism, provided the educational background for Redfield's first post-graduate work in television.

"I was working in Los Angeles behind the scenes as a casting associate on the TLC show "Take Home Chef" which featured

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Runners create 'social distance' race

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

Eight Sisters women ages 51 to 75 and Mabel, a black labrador, didn't let a global pandemic stop them from a long-prepared-for running event.

On May 3, with the support of Sisters Trails Alliance, they participated in a "Social Distancing Sisters 10K And A Half" race through open trails in the forest.

The group had originally been training for the Avenue of the Giants Marathon, Half Marathon, & 10 K Run that was to be happening May 3, but the event was canceled due to COVID-19.

Virginia Silvey, an

experienced marathoner, told *The Nugget*, "All was as successful as we anticipated. We are all winners! I am very proud to have had an opportunity to train and complete this special half marathon with these ladies!"

Silvey noted, "Families and grandchildren came out to cheer; all observing social distancing. It was so heartwarming to see so much support for just eight runners."

The group cleaned up the trails after the run from beginning to end, including all garbage left from others.

Participant Heidi Franz-Tremblay said that it was a really good experience for her.

She said, "We felt super

supported by Catherine Hayden from Sisters Trails Alliance and also by our volunteer team of friends and family. It gave me a great baseline for our race in October. We plan on continuing our training together."

Franz-Tremblay's husband was at the halfway mark with fuel and water for the runners.

Mother/daughter team Sarah and Marna Griffin brought Mabel along, a black labrador owned by Sarah.

Sarah said, "For this race, my mom and I had signed up to do the 10K (6.21 miles) segment of the race and we were going to walk.

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As the COVID-19 crisis affects gatherings, please contact individual organizations for their current meeting status or alternate arrangements. See Announcements on page 10 for more information.

SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

AI-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), 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) 2nd & 4th 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 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Takoda's. 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 2nd Tuesday, 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, 3:30 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, 4:30 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