

COMMUNITY

Students forged ahead with Mr. SHS

Despite being pushed off track by the COVID-19 pandemic school shutdown, students found a way to present their annual Mr. SHS pageant at Sisters High School to raise money for Sisters Family Access Network (FAN).

A group of students is chosen by the Sisters High School staff for their leadership and outstanding student qualities; as contestants they commit to working hard to fundraise and represent Sisters High School in the community. There are four main events for the fundraiser including the pasta feed, a dodgeball

game against Redmond High School, pie in the face, and the main event, the pageant itself.

This year's pageant was coordinated by four juniors: Emilie Turpen, Olivia Bertagna, Shelby Larson and Tatum Sitz. They put in countless hours towards all of the events including choreographing dances, leading weekly meetings, doing the behind-the-scenes preparation work for the events, getting donations, putting together all the contestants videos and so much more in the hopes that SHS and each

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Gary Radmacher's mission trip to Ghana has grown beyond any expectation due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Middle school students promote Sisters Strong

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

The leadership class at Sisters Middle School (SMS) wanted to make a difference in the community, especially in light of the coronavirus pandemic, and came up with a way to do so while underscoring a message of strength and togetherness.

Led by teacher Jeff Schiedler, the class decided to design and market "Sisters Strong" T-shirts as a symbol

of unity in tough times.

SMS student Jack Turpen got busy working on a design. He took a hard look at the Outlaw horse logo for ideas.

"I had always tried to look for hidden symbols in the Sisters Outlaws logo, however, I had never noticed any clear ones, except for the faint shape of an arm in the middle of the horse head," he said. "After Mr. Schiedler brought this project up, I

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Ministry trip extended by COVID-19

By Lisa May
Correspondent

Sisters resident Gary Radmacher is in Ghana, West Africa — a trip that has gone beyond his expectations in more ways than one. The trip was planned for eight weeks. It has now extended to 14 weeks and Radmacher has yet to return home.

Gary and his wife, Barby, moved to Sisters six years ago, coming here to join with a local pastor in ministry to Latin American countries. His full-time ministry has spanned nearly five decades serving as a youth pastor, solo pastor, senior pastor and

Christian college professor. To equip him for a life of ministry, he earned an undergraduate degree in Bible from Biola University, multiple graduate degrees in ministry, and he is currently working toward a doctorate in biblical theology. Radmacher sees all of this training and experience as a resource to draw on for the benefit of others. As he explained, "The Bible says that 'To whom much is given, much is required.' I'm just driven to freely give away what God has freely given to me."

In this spirit of giving, Radmacher has made several trips to Ghana. The

first was a three-month stay right after graduating from college in 1972. Then, in 2018, Pastor Steve Stratos of Sisters Community Church (SCC) invited Gary to participate in a pastor's conference in Ghana. That trip was just under two weeks, during which Stratos and Radmacher trained 40 to 50 pastors in the capital city of Accra. The trip was so well-received that the pair were invited back in October 2019, when they brought along two more members of SCC.

The Sisters church has developed a vision for

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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

Al-Anon Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. / Thurs., 10 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 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