

HABITAT: Volunteers have shown great dedication

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to reconcile the organization's checking accounts each month.

A friend introduced Mike Anglea to Habitat for Humanity while living in Texas. In 2005, after moving to Sisters, he began working with Sisters Habitat's construction crew. He is a team lead and an essential part of operations. He loves to teach the college students who come to help build houses during the Spring Collegiate Challenge each year. Because of Anglea, the young people leave Sisters with solid construction skills that will serve them well throughout their lifetimes.

Steve Madsen began volunteering with Sisters Habitat in 2006 specializing in building cabinets. He credits his brother, Ron, with teaching him this valuable skill. During Sisters Habitat's Women's Build each year, Steve is the tool training instructor, introducing each person to the safe use of the tools they will be using to build the house. His volunteerism extends to



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Mike Anglea and Nora Ellison earned Lifetime Achievement Awards from Sisters Habitat for Humanity, donating over 4,000 hours of service. Steve Madsen also earned Lifetime Achievement recognition but was unable to attend an awards ceremony.

Sisters Elementary School's "SMART Readers" program, helping the young students with reading difficulties keep up with the rest of the class.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity also recognized five people who volunteered between 500 and 1,000 hours this year. Twenty-one people volunteered between 250 and 499 hours. Sixty-five people volunteered between 100 and 249 hours.

Sisters Habitat's volunteers are a critical part of providing homeownership opportunities to qualified families. In the past year, over 200 people served 22,562 hours building

homes, working in the stores and serving on various committees.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Those interested in homeownership, home repair, or volunteering with Sisters Habitat can visit www.sistershabitat.org or call the Habitat office at 541-549-1193.

BURNING: Projects enhance forest health, wildfire safety

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continue through the fall.

"Timing of ignitions and exact dates will depend on weather and site-specific fuel moisture conditions. Burning will be conducted under prescribed conditions that allow for safe operations, appropriate levels of burn intensity, and very careful smoke management," said Sisters Ranger District Fuels Specialist Andrew Myhra.

Prescribed burning operations have critical safety components in place and are designed to occur within a combination of natural and constructed control lines. All burns are done under carefully planned prescriptions and protocols to limit the risk of an escaped fire and smoke exposure to communities.

Fire management officials work with Oregon Department of Forestry smoke specialists to analyze weather conditions and anticipated smoke dispersion to determine burn dates. People with respiratory conditions can request to be placed on an advanced contact list by calling the

Sisters Ranger District office at 541-549-7700.

Prescribed fire operations in the Metolius Basin may require temporary trail closures on portions of the Metolius-Windigo Trail #99. No road closures are anticipated with any of the burns, although drivers may experience precautionary traffic control on Highway 20 during operations in the Indian Ford area. Drivers may also experience some smoke and reduced visibility along Indian Ford Road (Forest Service Road 1102).

When smoke is present, motorists should reduce speed and turn on headlights. According to the Forest Service, all efforts will be made to limit smoke impacts to area neighborhoods and communities. The possibility exists for smoke to settle in low-lying areas due to cool nighttime temperatures. Residents in areas near burn operations are encouraged to close windows at night to avoid possible smoke impacts.

For current wildfire and prescribed fire information follow on Twitter @CentralORFire or visit centraloregonfire.org. Confirmed prescribed fire dates and locations will be listed.



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Ray Young, Jerry Baldock and Dana Hampton were inducted on October 6 into the 1,000 Hour Club. Not pictured, but also achieving 1,000 hour status are Nancy Anderson, Colleen Fenn, and Rosalie Van Ness-Hanford.

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