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PHOTO BY BILL BARTLETT

‘Hesitant’ artist holds out HOPE

Terry Buchholz has contributed an art piece to the annual Sisters Folk Festival art auction fundraiser.

By Bill Bartlett
Correspondent

The theme of the upcoming My Own Two Hands community arts fundraiser to benefit Sisters Folk Festival is “Holding Hope.” Some 100 original art pieces will be sold in both a silent and live auction held online from May 10-15. Bidders will have an opportunity to view the works to be offered in advance at times to be announced.

Pieces to be included will represent a broad spectrum of art including ceramics, sculpture, carvings, paintings, lithographs, furniture and fabric art. SFF Board Chair Terry Buchholz, describing herself as a hesitant public artist, having only once before shown any of her quilted art publicly, will enter a work.

She is in awe of the many fine artists whose creations

will be on exhibit. Like other reluctant artists, she had to be coaxed into submitting an entry for the juried event.

In keeping with the “Hope” theme, Buchholz has designed a 7-by-7-inch framed quilt with three images — rainbow, sun and dancing children. The rainbow portion itself consists of 500-plus hand-dyed fabric pieces. Intricate would be an understatement. Detail and intricacy, however, match her background as a water resource engineer.

Terry has been quilting for about 15 years, starting primarily with landscapes and growing into more abstract designs in the last ten years. She has made quilts as small as five inches square to 100-by-100 inches. She began her quilting journey with her best friend, Kristin Sacks, both brand new to the world of fabric art.

Buchholz, like she does with all of her many community and professional endeavors, absorbed all she could on the subject or task before her. She took classes, studied the masters and innovators and experimented unabashedly. She credits her growth to Jean Wells, founder of the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show and owner of Stitchin’ Post.

“Jean was always so positive and reinforcing,” Buchholz says, adding that “Wells saw something in me that I didn’t see in myself.”

Terry works in a small home studio where she has a stash of every imaginable fabric, part of the joy she finds in quilting. She usually starts with a paper sketch, moving to free form cutting and then fusing. Most of her topstitching is by hand with some machine work,

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Voters asked to support new elementary school

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

If Sisters-area voters approve Measure 9-141 on the May 18 ballot, there will be a new Sisters Elementary School in a new location in 2023.

A 2001 bond that was used to build Sisters High School is “retiring,” which means that if the levy is passed the tax rate of 93 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value would simply continue, allowing the creation of a \$33.8-million fund for construction of the new school. Construction of the school is the primary focus of the endeavor, but any funds left over could be allocated to renovations and

upgrades on other district property.

Several elements have made the bond levy a priority now: The “sunset” of the high school bond allows the district to seek the funding without a felt increase in taxes; interest rates remain at historic lows — but most of all there is a pressing need, according to district officials.

“I think the biggest driving factor of ‘now’ is the current and projected elementary school enrollment ... and the timeline,” said school board chair Jay Wilkins.

The earliest a new school could be build is in two years

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Voters to decide on fire district bond

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Voters in the Cloverdale Fire District will decide in the May 18 election whether to approve a five-year local option levy to fund enhanced emergency medical and fire response. The Cloverdale District lies in the rural lands east of Sisters.

The Cloverdale Fire District voted unanimously in February to place the levy (Measure 9-142) on the

ballot. The levy carries a tax rate of \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (not market value) for a period of five years. For every \$100,000 of assessed property value, the cost would be \$135.

According to the District, funds from the levy would be used to ensure two paid firefighter-medics to staff the main station 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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As the COVID-19 crisis continues to affect gatherings, please contact individual organizations for current meeting status

SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon, by Zoom. / Thurs., 10 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-610-7383.

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. 541-668-1755.

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., meeting by Zoom. 503-930-6158.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., meeting by Zoom. 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 In-person gathering suspended until further notice. For free online bridge info, call Barbara 541-914-6322.

Sisters Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., The Lodge in Sisters. 541-771-3258.

Sisters Cribbage Club Please call for details. 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 Meeting by Zoom. 541-668-6599.

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Noon, Aspen Lakes. 541-760-5645.

Sisters Speak Life Cancer Support Group 2nd & 4th Monday. Call Suzi for location and time: 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, 3:45 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

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., 5:30 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