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Logging requires weekday closures at Scout Lake

Scout Lake group campground and day-use area will be closed during the weekdays into June while logging operations are conducted as part of the Greater Suttle Lake Vegetation Management Project.

The temporary closures, required for safety, will be in place Mondays at 6 a.m. through Fridays at 4 p.m. The area will be open to the public after 4 p.m. on Fridays through the weekend, re-closing again on Monday mornings. The area will be fully open during Memorial Day weekend.

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Tales from Sisters' past...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

"Ma Cobb," portrayed by Jan Hodgers, spun stories of Sisters' pioneer days for students from Black Butte School during a field trip to Camp Polk Cemetery last week. See story at www.NuggetNews.com.

Fire officials complete national training

Two officials from the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District (SCSFD) have completed training programs through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) National Fire Academy (NFA).

Firefighter/Paramedic Damon Frutos has completed the managing officer program, and Deputy Chief Tim Craig has completed the executive fire officer program.

"The managing officer program is designed to provide company-level fire/emergency medical service (EMS)

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Photographer celebrates milestone

By Sue Stafford
 Correspondent

Camp Sherman resident Gary Albertson is celebrating a big milestone this week. Twenty-five years ago, he received a kidney transplant from his older sister, Judy Zellers, at Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in Portland.

The average lifespan for a transplanted kidney is 10-12 years and Albertson has defied that timeline. He credits all the similarities he shares with Judy for the near-perfect match. He said in a family of dark-haired, dark-eyed siblings and parents, he and Judy shared the only blond hair and hazel eyes. Their temperament and mannerisms are similar.

"We are closely matched in our inner core," Albertson said. "We are both kind,

gentle people who act and talk similarly."

When Albertson's family learned of his kidney failure, both of his older sisters, Judy and Carol, without being asked, volunteered to donate a kidney. Judy proved to be an almost perfect match. Albertson was the youngest of four children and admits he has always been a loner, off on his own adventures, not always letting his family know where his adventures were taking him.

Judy explained, "In our family, we've always all gone our own way with different lifestyles, but we are all there for each other in an emergency or time of need. Gary was the only one that we didn't always know what he was up to."

Her response when she

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Operation Appleseed restores forest

By Ceili Cornelius
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Worthy Brewing Company in Bend seeks to maintain sustainable brewing practices — and enhance the planet.

The Worthy Garden Club, a nonprofit organization and philanthropic arm of the Worthy Brewing Company, recently extended their ongoing philanthropy project Operation Appleseed to the Whychus Creek area west of Sisters.

Kody Osborne, executive director of the Worthy Garden Club, spoke with *The Nugget* about the project and the nonprofit.

"The work has really picked up in the last two years," he said. "We originally had the greenhouse and hop education as well as working with Grant Tandy at the Hopservatory."

The club's mission is to teach the community to respect and protect the



PHOTO BY GRANT TANDY

A Forest Service planting crew at work in the Milli Fire burn area.

beauty of our planet. The largest addition to the garden club is their new operation, Operation Appleseed, which was conceived by Worthy Brewing owner and founder, Roger Worthington. He pledged \$1 million to plant one million trees across the state of Oregon. The genesis of the project for Worthington happened while he was riding

his bike up Highway 242 west of Sisters riding through the burn-scar areas along that highway. He wanted to jump in and help.

"In a meeting, he said he wanted to plant one million trees and decided to name it Operation Appleseed," said Osborne.

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