

C O M M U N I T Y



PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

A contract firefighter from Ashland came by as a thank-you sign was being posted on the fence at the rodeo grounds. He was on his way into town to get ointment for blisters on his feet.

Residents threatened by Grandview Fire grateful for response

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The residents living up Wilt Road and in Squaw Creek Canyon Estates were particularly impacted by the Grandview Fire that broke out on Sunday, July 11 — and they witnessed the extraordinary work performed to safeguard the community.

The residents of Squaw Creek Canyon Estates were so thankful for the efforts put forward by the firefighting personnel, that they ran an ad in this week's *Nugget* thanking them. There was such an outpouring of support that, after the cost of

the ad was covered, they still had over \$1,900 left to donate to the Wildland Firefighter's Foundation to support families of those who died or were injured in the line of duty while fighting wildfires. To donate, go to www.wffoundation.org. Neighborhood resident Wendy Birnbaum spearheaded the ad and donation effort, aided by Karen Thrower who designed the ad.

Rennie Merrill, who lives up above Sisters, told *The Nugget*, "I live out here in the hinterland, and I can tell you about how kind and helpful our local Sisters-Camp Sherman firefighters have

been. Our volunteers deserve particular recognition as they had to worry about their families and everyone else. Anytime night or day... I have seen someone talking to them, getting the scoop! Their presence has been comforting and each time I have encountered them, they have been caring and responsive. One told me things were looking so much better that he thought I could sleep well that night. And I did. In the earlier days information was sparse, but 'Our Guys' were here to talk even though they could not tell us much. Never underestimate

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Circle of Friends is a 'Community Champion'

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Circle of Friends (COF) is helping to create a Connected Sisters. That earned the volunteer-based nonprofit here in Sisters "Community Champion" recognition from the City's Vision Implementation Team.

Since 2011, COF has been offering critical services to at-risk children and teens in Sisters Country through long-term mentorships with committed volunteers. These mentorships are designed to help end the cycle of poverty experienced by youth and families by providing opportunities for building life

skills, positive relationships, academic support, social and emotional development, independent decision making and more.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, COF joyfully celebrated all the milestones their 47 children and teens experienced during the pandemic to help maintain a sense of normalcy and hope. Their 23 mentors have made and delivered birthday cakes, celebrated a youth becoming a newly permitted driver, cheered for a budding young artist being selected to work on a mural at Sisters Middle School, championed a mentor

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Responding effectively to bullying

by T. Lee Brown
Correspondent

School is out for the summer. But social conditions that allow for bullying happen year-round.

The longterm effects of bullying can include depression, drug and alcohol abuse, and suicide attempts — effects that can last into adulthood and affect entire communities. Yet, bullying often goes unnoticed.

Local mom Cheryl Soleim

noted, "If you have a child that's doing well in school and has friends, just has minor problems, you may never realize how much bullying and prejudice goes on among kids."

Attending school in Sisters a few years back, her daughter Natalie experienced bullying that was found to include "sufficient evidence of a discriminatory environment," as reported in

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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. / 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.

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.

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.

Prayer Shawl Group 2nd & 4th Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Call for location: 503-819-1723.

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 at Sisters Community Church. 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., Email: sistersbridge2021@gmail.com.

Sisters Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., Village Green Park. 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 Tues, 1-2:30 p.m. Call for location: 541-410-9716.

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.

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.

