

C O M M U N I T Y



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Representatives of Hayden Homes, City Parks Advisory Board (CPAB), Age Friendly Sisters Country, Sisters Park and Recreation District, and the City gathered last week at the new McKenzie Meadow Village park to celebrate completion of the park and the retirement of Dixie Eckford after six years on the CPAB.

Park opens at McKenzie Meadows

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Sisters has a new park — and some of the people behind it celebrated its opening last week.

In lieu of their meeting on December 1, members of the City Parks Advisory Board (CPAB) gathered at the new McKenzie Meadow Village (MMV) park located in the latest Hayden Homes project in Sisters. In addition to CPAB members, representatives of Hayden Homes, Age Friendly Sisters Country (AFSC), Sisters Park and Recreation District (SPRD), and the City were present to

celebrate completion of the park.

They also bade farewell to Dixie Eckford as she steps down from six years of serving on the CPAB, including two as chairperson.

Part of the master plan and subdivision applications by Hayden Homes for McKenzie Meadow Village required inclusion of three community amenities. Rather than spread them out in small pocket parks, they consolidated them into one 1.96-acre park in the center of the development.

The location of the park had originally been slated for a different site, but to

save more large trees, it was moved to the center of the property. Houses face the park on all four sides, including three of the First Story homes provided by Hayden’s charitable non-profit. The saved trees are a striking feature of the park.

As CPAB chairperson and acting secretary of AFSC, Eckford had been promoting the idea of an adult fitness park somewhere in the city. After City Manager Cory Misley put Eckford in touch with Hayden’s vice president of community engagement, Deb Flagan, plans got

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Ugly Sweater Run is a friend-raiser

By Charlie Kanzig
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The finest collection of ugly Christmas sweaters in the history of Sisters Country assembled Saturday, December 4, for the first annual Ugly Sweater Run and Walk, sponsored by RunSistersRun as a promotion for Circle of Friends.

More than 200 participants donned sweaters adorned with Grinches, reindeer, Santas, and even flamingos, and traversed the 5k course on the north side of Sisters, finishing at The Barn for post-exercise refreshments.

By all measures, the

noncompetitive event was a grand success in its inaugural year. In what was billed as a family-friendly activity, runners and walkers of all ages took part, including plenty of babies in strollers.

Enthusiasm for the event was evident throughout the crowd. Julie Ortman and seven of her friends from Portland wove the run into an annual birthday weekend trip they make to Black Butte Ranch.

“These are really good friends to agree to come and run with me,” she said as the group relaxed following the run. “The weather was great

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Sheriff to launch diversion program

The Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO) is partnering with Ideal Option, a national leader in outpatient medication-assisted treatment for addiction, to roll out their new program: Operation Guardian Angel.

The program is aimed at diverting more people who possess illicit substances for personal use into recovery.

In November 2020, Oregon voted in favor of Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment &

Recovery Act. A five-month study by the Oregon Department of Justice showed that out of 1,085 citations issued for drug possession since the measure was enacted into law last February, only three assessment/screening verifications were received and 400 people failed to appear for their court date.

According to DCSO, Operation Guardian Angel,

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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.

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., at Sisters Community Church. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-231-1897.

Sisters Astronomy Club 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

Sisters Bridge Club Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. at Sisters Community Church. 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 2nd Thurs., 1 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-668-6599

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

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

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 Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Spoons Restaurant. 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.

This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to beth@nuggetnews.com