

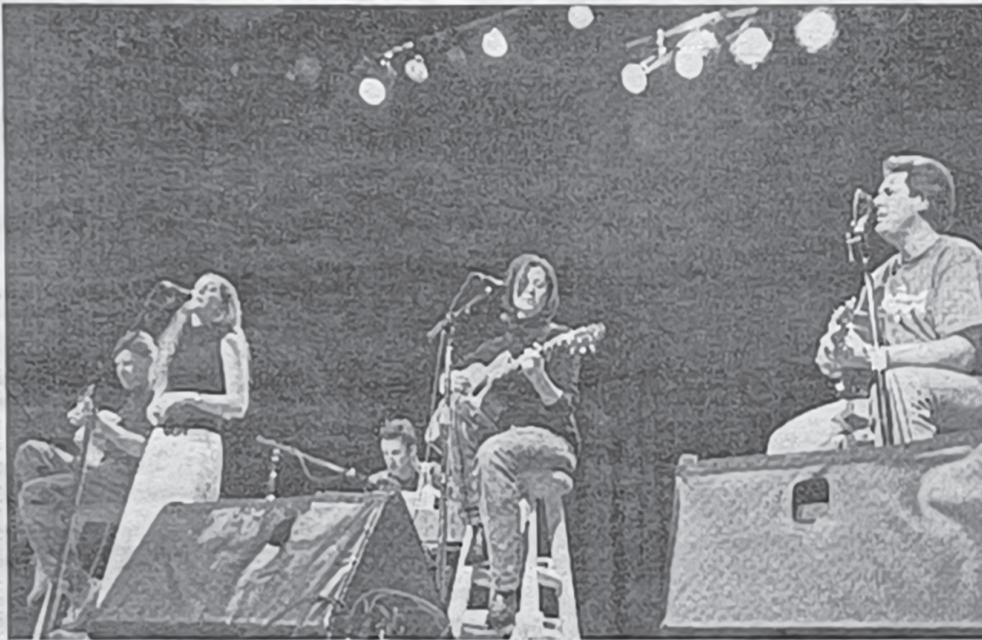
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Kristen Lamoreaux, left, sings with Amy Grant and Vince Gill at Sisters Starry Nights concert.

Photo by John Reuzler

Stars shine in Sisters concert

By Shawn Strannigan

A sold-out crowd filled Sisters High School cafeteria on Saturday, February 16, for the showpiece of this year's Sisters Starry Nights Concert Series.

Comedian Dana Daniels tickled the audience's funny bone with Luigi the Psychic Parrot's magic tricks. But the real magic started when Vince Gill, Amy Grant, and Leslie Satcher appeared on stage.

The names don't get any bigger and the music careers

any brighter than Vince and Amy's. Gill has been honored with 14 Grammy Awards, more than any other country artist. His record sales exceed 22 million.

Grant has sold over 20 million records, won five Grammys, and 22 Dove Awards for Christian music.

Satcher is a rising star in Nashville, with her debut album getting enthusiastic reviews.

They are all incredibly talented songwriters, musicians, and entertainers.

But their show last Saturday night didn't feel like a performance. It felt like a glimpse into their hearts.

Grant, dressed in cowboy boots and blue jeans, opened the musical portion of the evening. She explained how they'd become involved with Sisters Starry Nights.

"(Keyboard player) Tim Lauer came to Sisters six years ago," she said, "and we've been hearing rave reviews about it ever since.

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Boys ski team wraps up state berth

By Greg Strannigan

The Sisters Outlaws boys team landed a team berth at the state championships after a second-place finish in slalom races at Mt. Bachelor on Saturday, February 16.

Both the boys and girls teams have battled Mountain View for second place throughout the year. At stake was an automatic berth at the

state meet, where the top two teams in the league compete against Oregon's best high school skiers.

It all came down to the slalom race held at the Ed's Garden run. When the day was over, the Sisters boys took second place for the day — and for the season — behind Bend High.

The top skiers for the Lava

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Voters to decide on school annex bid

By Jim Cornelius

Sisters voters will find ballots in their mail boxes next week asking them to decide whether to annex approximately 100 acres of land into the City of Sisters for a new high school site.

The land, located just west of the current high school, would provide a site for a new

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Fire board renounces Greg Brown "contract"

By Jim Cornelius

The Sisters fire district board of directors has declared a "purported employment contract" with former board president Greg Brown to be invalid.

In a resolution adopted Thursday, February 14, the district staff was authorized to "proceed accordingly to obtain refunds of any funds paid as a result of this agreement."

The resolution noted that "no district records exist showing approval by the board of directors of an employment agreement between Greg Brown and the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Protection District."

Citing an ongoing federal investigation, board president Stephen Spear declined to comment on the nature of the "purported employment con-

tract," how much money Brown may have received under its terms, or how Brown might have received any funds.

District officials have stated that the fire district is solvent and the Brown investigation will not affect plans for the purchase of new equipment.

Brown's "purported contract" was dated April 26, 2001. Then board vice president Spear's signature appears on the April 26 document.

Spear acknowledged that he signed several documents at Brown's request around that time, including employment contracts for Fire Chief Don Rowe and District Clerk Susan Houk.

But Spear insists he "did not sign a contract for Greg Brown because there was no

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Bob Grooney accepted the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award.

Photo by Jim Cornelius

Grooney named Citizen of the Year

By Jim Cornelius

Long-time Sisters businessman Bob Grooney was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce at the organization's annual banquet on Friday, February 15.

The chamber also saluted Pine Meadow Village as Busi-

ness of the Year and awarded the Keys to the City to outgoing city administrator Barbara Warren.

The dinner, attended by approximately 160 people, was held at Eagle Crest Resort.

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