

COMMUNITY



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Matthew Martin looks forward to contributing to the collaborative team at City Hall.

City welcomes new principal planner

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Matthew Martin is the newest member to join the City of Sisters staff. He is principal planner in the Community Development Department.

Martin said that one of the biggest draws and a deciding factor for accepting his new position was the current staff at City Hall.

“The team at City Hall that serves Sisters is a good bunch. They are dedicated, passionate public servants. They have been very welcoming and supportive of me,” Martin said.

Being a contributing member of a collaborative team is an important value

for Martin.

“Throughout my career, and even while growing up, my goal was to make a positive, lasting impact on my community by being engaged in public process,” he said.

Martin likes to establish relationships that can be built on with understanding and clear communication, so everyone can move forward collaboratively with respect.

Participation in the Boy Scouts was a big part of his childhood, and Martin considers that time as part of his broader formative experience that he carries with him today. He became a senior patrol leader for his troop, and scouting provided him with outdoor and camping

skills still in use today.

Martin is the youngest of four children, and the only boy. His family lived in the mid-Willamette Valley, in Dallas, where he graduated from high school. College followed at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, where he graduated with a degree in environmental studies with an emphasis in geography and a core of classes in public policy. While in school, he had internships in Jackson County, one of which involved wildlife habitat mapping.

Following graduation, his first position was as an assistant planner for

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Sheriff's Office reveals source of explosions

On the evening of February 20, residents in a wide area east of Sisters reported two loud and intense explosions, one at about 9 p.m. and another, more intense, at about 9:45 p.m.

A woman who lives off Fryrear Road described the second explosion as “a shock wave hitting the house.” Numerous other residents reported windows rattling and feeling the shock wave.

On February 21, the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) reported that “detectives with the assistance of Oregon State Police bomb squad detectives located the site of the

explosions. The site is in the area south of Jordan Road near Fryrear Butte.”

According to DCSO, “Based on evidence located at the scene, detectives believe the explosions were possibly caused by Tannerite or similar exploding type targets.”

Some shooters familiar with Tannerite exploding targets are skeptical that Tannerite alone could produce an explosion as large and intense as the ones reported by local residents.

The incident remains under investigation and DCSO says that further information will be released at a later time.

Grant funds support Meals on Wheels

Four foundations have stepped up with \$20,500 in grants to support the tri-county Council on Aging of Central Oregon Meals on Wheels program. The grants will provide over 4,000 meals to homebound seniors across Central Oregon.

The Meals on Wheels program enhances the quality of life of home-bound individuals by providing nutritious home-delivered meals, personal contact, and related services. It provides nutrition risk screening, nutrition education, and

nutritious meals for persons 60 years of age or older who are home-bound because of illness, incapacity, disability, and/or lack of family support. Last year Council on Aging of Central Oregon delivered nearly 100,000 meals across the tri-county, thanks to many senior center partnerships and 400+ volunteers.

“We love all the wonderful work that you do,” said Sharon Smith, president of the Barbara Emily Knudson

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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 Tues., Wed., Thurs 12:30-1 p.m. 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, 3:30 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., Sisters Episcopal Church. 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