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Sorting out speed zones in Sisters

By Sue Stafford
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Beginning this spring, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be undertaking major speed zone studies on five streets in Sisters, according to Paul Bertagna, public works director for the City of Sisters.

In a meeting last week involving Bertagna, City Manager Andrew Gorayeb, and representatives of ODOT, it was agreed that the following streets will be studied: McKinney Butte from Highway 20 to Highway 242; Barclay Drive from Highway 20 to Locust Street; Locust Street from Green Ridge Avenue to the north city limits past the airport; Pine Street from West Hope to Lundgren Mill Drive; and Larch Street from Barclay Drive to Adams Avenue.

ODOT officials say the entire

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Road-running...



PHOTO BY COLE DAVIS

Runners took to the streets of Sisters Saturday in the Better Half Marathon.

Charity sees outpouring of concern over quake

Sisters has strong ties to Nepal, where a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake last weekend has claimed at least 4,000 lives.

Ten Friends, founded by Sisters teachers Mark Lamont and Rand Runco, supports a school and an orphanage in that Himalayan nation and has provided medical and rescue equipment and water filtration there for almost two decades. Over the years, dozens of Sisters students and educators have visited Nepal in support of Ten Friends' programs.

On Sunday evening, Runco, Lamont, and Sally Benton issued a statement to local supporters regarding the status of their friends and employees in Nepal and directing donations toward international relief agencies.

"Ten Friends has received many questions about how to contribute

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How Sisters became Sisters

By Bonnie Malone
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In 1970, Sisters was a quiet, hamlet — a blip in what was once a major east-west interstate highway. It was almost a company town. There were a few small groceries and restaurants, several small retail businesses and the landmark Hotel Sisters, which was becoming as tattered as an old saloon hostess and was no longer open for business.

The town was basically a pit stop.

Brooks Camp was one of the biggest neighborhoods in the small town, home to

families of loggers who cut timber in the nearby forests for Barclay Logging or smaller units. The outlying community was made up of functioning ranches and farms, but Sisters was a logging town. Barclay and U.S. Forest Service were the community's biggest employers.

Seven miles north of town, one ranch was in the beginning stages of development as a pristine resort community. Black Butte Ranch was being transformed from a working cattle ranch to a destination resort by Brooks Resources,

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Golfers shoot it out in Sisters

By Jim Cornelius
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It's a rite of spring in Sisters Country. Every April for the past 13 years, golfers brave iffy spring weather to unlimber the clubs and kick off the season at three Sisters Country golf courses.

This year, 316 golfers participated in the Central Oregon Shootout at Black Butte Ranch, Aspen Lakes, and Eagle Crest.

For the Ranch, this year was special. It was the first time golfers in the Shootout got to play the recently renovated Glaze Meadow course.

It was kind of nice for us to show off Glaze Meadow," said BBR head golf pro Tom



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

More than 300 golfers played in the three-day Central Oregon Shootout at Black Butte Ranch, Aspen Lakes and Eagle Crest.

Baker. "It came out of winter nice."

The verdict? Players "like the redesign — thought it was more playable," Baker said.

Baker noted wryly that

some players thought it was hard — "but that depends on the day, I guess, with golf."

The staff at Aspen Lakes

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