

Round-up of Gems returns to Sisters

Each year, a treasure trove of gems and interesting rocks and other geological wonders appears at the grounds of Sisters Elementary School.

The Sisters Round-up of Gems rolls into town on Thursday, July 2 and vendors will be on hand to share their passion through Sunday, July 5.

There will be 36 different booths offering a huge variety of natural and man-made treasures. There will also be a large selection of beads for folks who design and craft their own jewelry.

Among the vendors is Revelations in Stone.

Mike Burkleo explains his love for the gemstone.

“As a child, I remember watching my father turn a piece of jade over and over in his hand. He would pause and hold the stone up to the light admiring the unique colors in the stone. Today I am blessed to be able to work with this wonderful stone called jade. When I discover a great piece, I ponder what that stone could become and how to maximize what nature has given me. It often becomes jewelry, a vessel, or sculpture, for others to appreciate.”



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Mike Burkleo has a passion for working jade. He's one of many vendors on hand for the Sisters Round-up of Gems.

Mike and his wife, Joan, come to Sisters from Fairfield, California, and have been part of the

Round-up for several years.

The show runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, except closing at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Rural Ore. bikepackers leave trash, feces; ride canceled

BEND (AP) — The organizers of the bicycle event called Oregon Outback say there won't be another ride through Central Oregon because of the mess left behind this year.

The *Bend Bulletin* reports that riders left trash in a barn that a resident of the town Silver Lake opened up and human waste in the yard of a family that had given them shelter.

The bikepacking ride was begun in 2013 and held on Memorial Day weekend.

It covered a 364-mile route from Klamath Falls through small towns and ended at the confluence of the Deschutes and Columbia rivers. About three-quarters of the way is over gravel and dirt roads.

The scenic, rugged route drew increasing attention, and this year, there were more than 300 riders.

Movies, TV account for more than 18,750 Oregon jobs

PORTLAND (AP) — An industry study shows that movie and television production in Oregon accounts for more than 18,750 jobs and \$256.3 million in wages.

The *Oregonian* reports that the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.'s report says that TV series such as “Grimm,” “Portlandia,” and “The Librarians” helped keep more than 1,450 businesses going in the state.

MPAA released the data in support of trade promotion authority legislation, which Congress is still considering, along with the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a trade pact involving Pacific Rim nations. MPAA says that trade agreements will create even more jobs in Oregon and elsewhere.

The MPAA is the organization that advocates for the U.S. movie, TV, and video industries.

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The quilt is currently on display at The Nugget office, 442 E. Main Ave. Bring your pup by for a dog cookie and have a look!

Tickets may be purchased at The Nugget office or online at our website, www.furryfriendsfoundation.org.

Drawing will be held Monday, September 7, 2015.

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