

Sisters business at a glance



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Jeanne Fairman.

- **Face Oasis** has relocated to the Sisters Art Works building at 204 W. Adams Ave.

Jeanne Fairman offers microdermabrasion, facials and body waxing. At the new location she is able to work closely with naturopath Dr. Kim Hapke, and massage therapists Kim Luckini and Diane Flowers.

“We’re planning to do things together, Fairman said.

Fairman is readily available by appointment with highly flexible appointment times. Call 541-306-1883.

- Mike Ripley, a seasoned professional race promoter and organizer, will be handling the operations of the **Sisters Stampede** moving forward.

Ripley brings over 25 years of experience to the table, and has organized everything from small regional races, to national championship mountain bike events.

Race founder Joel Palanuk said, “I am quite honored to hand the torch over to Mike, and very confident that he will make the Sisters Stampede better than it has ever been. As for myself, I will be connected to Mike during this transition to assure things are smooth. Life for me has taken some positive turns in the last two years, and after starting a business in 2013, I find that my time is too limited to spend continuing the Stampede in the same capacity.”

The race is set for Memorial Day Weekend in Sisters.

- **Metamorphosis** welcomes Emily Ford, an Aveda-trained Esthetician. She is currently offering a \$35 facial special. To book an appointment call 541-549-1784.

SMITH: Cites “public service gene” in decision to return

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years was about right for a school board member,” he said.

Smith stayed deeply involved with the schools, and he found “I missed being on the board. I’ve got kind of a public-service gene. I care a lot about the schools... and want to help the schools as much as I can.”

Smith brings a wealth of experience to the position. During his previous tenure, he served on several state-wide committees, and he had a 30-year career teaching public policy and public finance at the college level. And, he notes, “I’ve coached forever.”

The coaching role is close to his heart.

“Kids can learn values, skills, through athletics, drama, anything else — co-curricular activities — that are just as important as writing a good sentence in English,” he said.

Smith re-enters the arena as the Sisters School District faces distinct challenges. Enrollment is no longer in steep decline, but it is not

in recovery, and the district failed to pass a \$1.3 million facilities bond last November.

Smith has an optimistic outlook on enrollment, which determines how much funding schools get from the state.

He sees enrollment as “a slightly lagged function of the state of Oregon economy.” Economic growth, he believes, will translate into improved enrollment numbers.

“I fully expect our enrollment will grow over the next five, 10 years,” he said.

Sisters schools have a good reputation and “families will continue to move in to take advantage of those schools.”

Smith has some thoughts on why the bond measure failed, and he believes the school district should remodel the request and try again.

“I think the bond measure was terribly complex — 75 to 80 parts to it,” he said.

It also, he believes, lacked an overarching theme that proponents could advocate for and voters could come to grips with.

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Jeff Smith is returning to the Sisters School Board, where he served for over a decade.

ought to trim the proposal and resubmit it. And I’m not sure of the timing on that.”

Smith’s background, experience and interests give him a clear picture of what he expects out of Sisters schools

and he is committed to a particular vision: “Every child who graduates from Sisters School District is prepared to be a good citizen. That commitment to skills, values and knowledge is what guides us.”

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