

## Sisters business at a glance



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New construction is underway in Sisters.

- The new construction behind Hop N Bean will be new residences, by **Legacy Builders**.

- **Rio Restaurant** is planning to “pack the house” for Geoff Pepperling, a life-long Sisters resident, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in November 2014. Geoff’s cancer is Stage 4. His dying wish is to go to Yellowstone and Salt Lake City as well as his mother’s homestead in Colorado, with his daughter and family by his side. On Tuesday May 5, Rio will be donating 15 percent of their gross income for the day to help Geoff and his family accomplish his last wish. For more information call 541-549-6118.

- Ever wanted to paint your own ceramic tile? **Studio Redfield** is offering the chance to do just that during the Fourth Friday Art Stroll in Sisters, 4 to 7

p.m. on April 24. Come by for snack, wine, music, and channel your inner artist. Studio Redfield is located at 183 E. Hood Ave., Ste. 200.

- **Blazin Saddles**, now marking their fifth anniversary, is hosting Ladies Nite Out with Blazin Saddles, **Black Butte Ranch**, **The Paper Place** and **The Porch** on Thursday, April 23, at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come check out the new women-specific items at Blazin Saddles. Black Butte Ranch will be bringing the ranch to town with active lifestyle apparel, and their massage therapists will be available to enhance your overall wellness with chair massage. The Paper Place will have a variety of their cycling-related products on display, or for purchase. Spirits and tasty samples will be provided by The Porch.

## U.S. to host track championships

By Christopher Bodeen  
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — After nearly four decades of bypassing the United States, track and field’s marquee event is finally headed to the country that has been the dominant force in the sport.

The small Oregon city of Eugene, a northwestern town steeped in American track history and the home of the University of Oregon, was awarded the 2021 world athletics championships on Thursday in a surprise move that came without a bidding process.

The IAAF, the governing body of the sport, said the decision was driven by the desire to break into the key American market.

“We have to give it to Eugene, to a city where athletics is like a religion,” IAAF president Lamine Diack said.

Eugene has become a

hotbed for track and field in recent decades, just as interest in the sport has waned. The city hosts an annual Diamond League meet, one of a series of top-tier IAAF track events, and staged the world junior championships last year. The 2016 world indoor championships will be held in nearby Portland.

And it was a former University of Oregon runner and his track coach that started Nike in the early 1970s. Nike Inc.’s headquarters, outside Portland in Beaverton, are just up the road, providing a powerful incentive to bring the championships to Eugene.

The 2021 worlds will be at Hayward Field, the historic stadium used by the University of Oregon track team and the venue that made runner Steve Prefontaine an iconic figure in American track. The stadium will be rebuilt to accommodate 32,000 spectators for the 2021

meet.

“It’s always been a problem for us to engage both commercially and sportingly in the U.S.,” IAAF vice president Sebastian Coe told The Associated Press. “The United States is the world’s largest sports market. We need to be there.”

Coe is running to succeed Diack as IAAF president in August.

The world athletics championships have been held every two years since 1991, the third edition of the competition. The first world championships were held in 1983 in Helsinki, Finland, followed by Rome in 1987.

The 2015 competition will be held in Beijing, followed by London in 2017 and Doha, Qatar, in 2019.

Although the United States has never hosted the championships, the country’s athletes have dominated the medals table.

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