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SALI brings lacrosse action to Sisters

By Rongi Yost
Correspondent

The ninth annual SALI (Sisters Annual Lacrosse Invitational) tournament drew 66 teams from all over Oregon, the majority from the Portland-Metro and Corvallis areas, but also teams from as far away as Lake Tahoe and Idaho. Close to 4,000 visitors came to Sisters for the big event.

Every available field space was in use as teams from first through 12th grade competed in the most looked-forward-to lacrosse event of the season. High school teams, JV teams, and five youth divisions were represented.

Comments from locals and out-of-towners were all positive.

Local Outlaw dad Chris Mayes said, “This is our fourth year attending the SALI tournament. I think it’s just great; it’s great for the program, the community,



PHOTO BY COLE DAVIS

The Outlaws hosted a major tournament in the ancient native sport of lacrosse last weekend.

and the economy. It’s unique because teams come from so far away, and they come back every year because it’s so

well run, and it’s fun to be in Sisters.”

Michele Ratter, from Canby, and her family were

back for their second SALI tournament. The Ratters have

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Citizen committee approves school budget

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

For the first time in several years, the Sisters School District will not be laying off teachers or cutting other personnel to make up a budget shortfall.

“This is the first year (of his tenure) that we’re not laying off anybody in our community, so I’m happy about that,” outgoing superintendent Jim Golden told the budget committee Wednesday evening, May 6.

The committee signed off on a \$17,268,824 total

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Superintendent search draws flood of applicants

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Thirty-five community members, teachers, and administrators on the Sisters schools superintendent search committee spent a very long weekend meticulously combing through 42 applications for the post that opened when current superintendent Jim Golden took the superintendent’s position in the Greater Albany School District.

“We never expected to get this many — from all over the country,” said school board chair Don Hedrick.

Each committee member reads each application then chooses their top 12 candidates. The district’s contract

search firm, Window To Leadership, a government leadership training and executive search firm out of West Linn, will compile the results of the committee’s work and on Thursday will come up with a slate of finalists.

Hedrick said the committee won’t know how many finalists they have to interview until that process is completed.

The district contracted with Window To Leadership for \$7,500 plus expenses.

The firm certainly succeeded in bringing in applications. Hedrick is pleased.

“It’s better to have more than not enough,” he said.

The district aims to have a new superintendent in the saddle by July 1.

Sisters raises its ‘Own Two Hands’

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

With bells and chimes ringing and drums thundering, the Sisters Americana Project students kicked off the 14th annual community arts fundraiser My Own Two Hands (MOTH) on Friday, making their way down Main Avenue holding up the MOTH banner, followed by young artists from the SPRD Community School. This year’s event theme was “Imagine.” Students from the Grasshoppers and Dragonfly programs celebrated using their imaginations to create art.

Directly following were students of Sisters Elementary School excitedly showing off their colorful wings and “imagination hats.” Teaching



PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

Americana Project students led the annual MOTH kickoff parade.

artist Karen Williams coordinated their projects for this year’s parade.

Next up were Sisters Middle School students depicting their creations as what they imagine the world could be with help from fifth-grade teachers Mrs. Young,

Mrs. Pledger, and Mrs. Tisdell. And bringing the parade to an exciting grand finale was the Sisters Middle School Marching Band.

The parade is produced by Sisters Folk Festival (SFF),

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