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Star-studded action marks 75 years

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“The Biggest Little Show in the World” isn’t called that for nothing.

Sisters Rodeo’s 75th anniversary was a spectacular celebration that pulled out all the stops from vintage airplanes flying over Sisters on Sunday, to past rodeo royalty in attendance. The weather smiled on the milestone anniversary: there were sunny skies and perfect temperatures for every performance.

This year’s 75th-anniversary poster by Dennis McGregor gave a true historical representation of the era of the first Sisters Rodeo, with a saddlebronc cowboy that is reminiscent of characters of the Old West. And, fittingly enough, a saddlebronc rider, Taos Muncy, highlighted an astonishing Saturday-night rodeo performance with an 88-point ride to set a new arena record.

The Sisters Rodeo has deep roots.

In 1940, Sisters’ first rodeo drew some of the best amateur cowboys and cowgirls to compete. The purses



PHOTO BY GARY MILLER

See **RODEO** on page 18 Taos Muncy turned in a record-breaking 88-point ride on Flying 5 Rodeo’s Spring Planting Saturday night.

Searchers aid ill PCT hiker

Search and rescue (SAR) personnel from Camp Sherman came to the aid of a hiker who fell ill on the Pacific Crest Trail last weekend.

On Saturday June 13, five members of the Camp Sherman Hasty Team along with Black Butte Ranch Police and Sisters-Camp Sherman fire medics responded to the Pacific Crest Trail on a medical call. Joe Chase of Austin, Texas had become sick while hiking the PCT.

Chase’s hiking partner, James Corbett, had called 911 hoping to get help getting Chase back to the trailhead on Highway 20. They began to hike out at 4 a.m. and got separated.

The Camp Sherman-based Hasty Team met up with Corbett as he made his way down the trail. Corbett was able to contact Chase on his cell phone and told him to call 911 so the Hasty Team members could get his location.

Deschutes County Dispatch relayed Chase’s

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Hearing digs up Camp Sherman murder case

By Jim Cornelius
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An echo of a strange and terrible tale reverberated from Oregon State Penitentiary this week.

Roger Dale Beck was to go before a murder review hearing on Wednesday, June 17, to determine the likelihood that he can be rehabilitated at some point, which could potentially alter the life sentence he currently serves for the murder of a woman in

Camp Sherman in 1978.

Kaye Jean Turner, 35, left her rental cabin in Camp Sherman for an hour’s run on the morning of December 24, 1978. She never returned. Her remains were found the next year, but it wasn’t until 1993 that the State of Oregon was able to obtain murder convictions against Beck and John Arthur Ackroyd in separate trials in Jefferson County.

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Quick action saves home from fire

Rapid response from firefighters kept a bad situation from getting much worse when a fire threatened a home on St. Helens Avenue in Sisters last week.

The Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD responded to a reported structure fire on Wednesday, June 10, at 128 W. St. Helens Ave. The first fire engine arrived at 1:28 p.m., less than three minutes after the fire was reported.

The home is owned by John Finley, who lives in California. The home was

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Firefighters kept a blaze confined to the porch of a home on St. Helens Ave. last Wednesday. A spark in bark was the culprit.

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