

# Exchange student enjoyed Sisters

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Correspondent

Max Kahnt came to Sisters for a whole school year at Sisters High School as part of the foreign-exchange program.

Kahnt said that he decided to come to America because he wanted to see America based on what he saw in the movies.

"I would see movies with America as the setting and would say to myself that's a place I want to see and I wanted to see it for myself," he said.

He said that he had done foreign-exchange programs in other places like Poland, and he said, "Why not come to America?"

He had never heard of Oregon until the program told him he was coming to Sisters.

Max said that the school system here is a lot more lax and free than it is in Germany. He said that Sisters schools offer more classes, and way more classes that are geared toward student interests.

"I took woods class and that was definitely my favorite class I took here," Kahnt said. Max also talked about how much he enjoyed playing football and lacrosse. Max said that in Germany sports aren't as huge as they are here. He said football was his favorite sport to play and to watch. Max played defensive tackle on the Outlaws team this past fall.

Kahnt stayed with the Hudson family of Sisters and he said he couldn't have all the experiences here without



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Max Kahnt had no expectations — and he enjoyed Sisters immensely.

them. He said that the thing that he enjoyed the most about Sisters was the view of the mountains that he got to see every morning and every night from outside his window in the Hudson home. He also enjoyed the very tight-knit community feel and the culture that exists here. He said he made a lot of lifelong friends here and plans to come visit them in the future.

*The Nugget* asked Kahnt what surprised him about Sisters. The student's approach to his adventure meant that in a sense everything and nothing was a surprise.

"One of my friends from Germany did a foreign-exchange program and he told me to not come with any expectations and just to let everything come," he said. "I really tried to not have expectations; I wasn't surprised by anything because every single thing was something new and

surprising."

When Max goes back to Germany he has two more years of high school, and he will then move on to medical school. He wants to go into the medical field and become a surgeon.

# Radio operators set to break records

Hundreds of amateur radio operators will work 'round the clock this weekend to set up field radio communication stations, get on the air, and contact thousands of other operators in the U.S. and Canada as part of participation in the American Radio Relay League's annual Field Day.

According to Don Shurtleff, Field Day is the annual "shakedown run" for the ARRL's National Field Day Organization.

"Field Day is a way for hams to get outdoors and have fun under some difficult conditions," Shurtleff said. "But it's also a chance to fine-tune emergency communication skills. We use generators and battery power, and we set up antennas in the field. The idea is to put together a self-sufficient, working station quickly

and begin making contacts."

The ARRL Field Organization has been effective in establishing emergency communications nets during floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes and other major disasters. Members of formal emergency organizations such as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Services (RACES) regularly participate. The League estimates that more than 35,000 hams participate in field day every year.

The High Desert Amateur Radio Field Day operations will be at Creekside Park in Sisters. The public is invited on Saturday, June 27, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, June 28, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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