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Sisters gets set to celebrate the arts

Sisters will launch into its annual spring celebration of the arts this weekend.

My Own Two Hands (MOTH), the annual fundraiser for Sisters Folk Festival’s educational programs, begins on May 13, with a parade, art stroll and a free community celebration at The Belfry in Sisters.

On Saturday, May 14, Ponderosa Forge and Ironworks will be transformed into an auction and party venue.

Started 15 years ago, MOTH is an event with two purposes: raise funds for arts and music programming in Sisters Country, and bring the community together to celebrate the arts.

This year’s theme, “Connection,” has produced an inspiring collection of art donations.

The community celebration begins on Friday with a lively parade of students, teachers, musicians and community members, showcasing their art as they march down Hood Avenue. The parade begins at 4 p.m. on the east



PHOTO BY JAY MATHER

Charlie Moen, 8, a second-grade student applies some finishing touches to the River Celebration installation on the Sisters Elementary School fence. My Own Two Hands supports the arts and music education outreach of the Sisters Folk Festival.

end of Hood and concludes at Pine Street.

Hood Avenue will be closed to traffic for about 45

minutes for the parade.

Following the parade, the community can view the art at the official My Own

Two Hands Art Stroll, from 4 to 7 p.m. The art will be

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Rick Allen will be interim city manager

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Rick Allen of Madras, former interim city manager in La Pine and Madras, will be Sisters’ interim city manager. Pending successful contract negotiation and completion of a background check, Allen will hopefully be available for work by mid-May.

Sisters City Council selected him from a field of three candidates.

He brings with him a wealth of experience in the public sector, which has created a broad network of relationships. Allen’s résumé describes him as “a successful business entrepreneur with a significant background in managing

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Sisters combat pilot joins return to Vietnam

By Craig Rullman
Correspondent

Richard Hartnack of Black Butte Ranch, a Marine aviator during the Vietnam War, recently returned from an historic trip to Vietnam with fellow veteran pilots from the Marines, Navy, and U.S. Air Force. They enjoyed a rare and moving opportunity to meet and reconcile with their former adversaries from the Vietnam Air Force.

Hartnack, who flew 220 combat missions with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 as a Radar Intercept Officer in an F-4B Phantom II, began

his journey back to Vietnam the same way he started it in 1969 — in San Francisco. In 1969, First Lieutenant Hartnack and his wife spent his last few days stateside touring the city.

In 2016, they were met by 42 members of his family, and took the opportunity to celebrate his father’s 100th birthday.

Hartnack told *The Nugget*, “I joined this group of veterans when a member of my squadron, Charlie Tutt, who had become the chief pilot of Delta Airlines, decided to put

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Teams swarm Sisters for SALI

By Rongi Yost
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Teams from all over Oregon and Idaho swarmed into Sisters this past weekend for the Sisters Annual Lacrosse Invitational (SALI) tournament, held on Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8.

Seventy-two teams were in attendance this year, which calculated out to approximately 1,500 athletes. Add to that parents, siblings, and grandparents, and the total number estimates to easily over 5,000 people.

This year consisted of boys’ teams from third and fourth grade through high school.

“We are looking at the



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Tyler Friend scores against the Central Oregon Stud Muffins in SALI action last weekend.

possibility of an additional girls’ tournament, and/or the possibility of adding girls teams to SALI,” said Liam Hughes, Executive Directory of SPRD. “The issue is we

are at capacity with the fields we have between the high school and middle school.”

Hughes added, “The SALI tournament is the

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