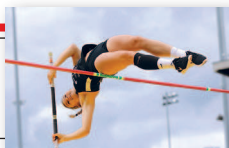


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Rodeo will feature flyover

Three vintage airplanes will fly over Sisters Rodeo at the Saturday-afternoon performance on June 11. Erickson Collection in Madras is sending the airplanes, which will zoom overhead at the conclusion of the National Anthem.

At the 75th anniversary rodeo, two vintage planes swooped over as Peggy Tehan finished the last strains of the anthem in near perfection, streaking across the arena as she struck the last note on "brave."

"We briefly lost radio communication," explained John Baldwin, member of the rodeo association and a pilot himself. "The planes were over Three Creek Lake when I re-established contact, recovering airspace in the nick of time. It was pretty exciting."

The fighter planes are a P-51 Mustang, painted in

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Civil War in Camp Sherman...



PHOTO BY LYNN WOODWARD

The Northwest Civil War Council hosted their annual reenactment encampment at House on Metolius last weekend. The event was open to the public, who learned about life in the Union and Confederate armies circa 1863. Some 1,500 school students attended the event on Thursday, and the general public attended events on Saturday and Sunday. The encampment featured men and women dressed in period clothing, musicians playing music of the period, and battle reenactments. (*See related story page 5.*)

City sacks longtime attorney

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

With Rick Allen at the helm as the newly appointed interim City Manager, the Sisters City Council has decided to also seek new legal counsel, terminating its long-term relationship with Steve Bryant.

"Steve worked to serve the City of Sisters for a long time. However, as we're making changes, we're looking at things from top to bottom and have decided to go with new legal counsel," said Mayor Chris Frye after last Thursday's Council workshop.

Allen was to contact Bryant last Thursday, but Bryant was out of town and unavailable.

"The Council didn't take a formal vote but they did discuss making a change. Bryant's contract allows for

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School district passes \$10.7 million bond

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Voters in Sisters Country said "yes" to the Sisters School District's \$10.7 million bond request in the May 17 election. By dint of several other districts in Oregon failing to pass bonds, it appears that the district is in line to receive an additional \$4 million in state matching funds.

Funds will be allocated for installation of security systems; safety and ADA improvements; facility and site improvements including HVAC renovations and parking lot repairs; athletic

facilities improvements; and refinancing of full faith and credit obligations used for earlier capital improvements.

The bond passed by a comfortable 5-percentage-point margin — 52.49 percent to 47.51 percent. However, that represents a swing of only 191 votes. Jay Wilkins, a local citizen who was a key leader in the bond campaign in Sisters, is very cognizant that a sizeable portion of the population voted "no."

"That increases the obligation on the board and the district to spend that money

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USFS dedicates Whychus Overlook

By Craig F. Eisenbeis
Correspondent

The new Whychus Creek Overlook and loop trail opened to the public last week. The dedication ceremony was "by invitation only" and not staged for the general public because of limited parking space. Still, more than 100 people were on hand for this long-anticipated addition to the outdoor recreation menu of the Sisters area. Among those in attendance were representatives of local government, business and private organizations that worked together to preserve and make accessible a special aspect of Sisters Country.

The overlook and adjacent trail are part of The Tale



PHOTO BY AMY RACKI

Officials conduct a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony at the dedication of the Whychus Creek Overlook last week.

of Two Rivers Treasured Landscapes Conservation Campaign, encompassing both Whychus Creek and the Metolius River. The overlook is just the latest of a

continuing series of projects and improvements to enhance the region's watershed restoration, recreation, and

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