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Cyclists stampede in Sisters race

By Jim Cornelius
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It's become a signature Sisters event, the unofficial kickoff to the summer season: 500 cyclists hit town to race the 25 miles on the Peterson Ridge Trail in the sold-out Sisters Stampede.

"The course is in really good shape," one rider shouted to another as they headed for the start line for the elite men's start.

And it was; firmed up by recent showers, but dried out by the sun. It was, however, dusty. Very dusty.

"We're going to have a real stampede — in a cloud of dust," said Andrew Loscutoff, who was riding with a formidable Blazin Saddles team.

Casey Meudt, owner of the Sisters bike shop, said the team is "bigger than ever," with a solid 10 riders who are "doing well in the point standings for the Oregon XC Series."

The Sisters Stampede itself is bigger than ever. A horde of spectators lined the course for a hundred yards



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

MJ Murphy launched mountain bikers onto the course at the start of the Sisters Stampede.

from the starting line. They erupted in cheers as Sisters cowgirl MJ Murphy galloped her buckskin mare Warbucks

out of the gate to launch the race.

Dozens of riders followed in a tight pack.

Meudt noted that the Stampede sold out to its 500-rider limit a week in advance this year.

Traffic stop leads to meth bust

A planned traffic stop on Highway 20 west of Sisters yielded a significant drug bust on Tuesday.

Detectives with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Street Crimes Unit developed information that Mason Suehs would be traveling from the Portland area with a commercial quantity of methamphetamine, which he planned to sell within Deschutes County.

With the assistance of the CODE team (Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team), detectives stopped Suehs on Highway 20 at the entrance to Suttle Lake, approximately 12 miles west of Sisters on Tuesday, May 24.

Suehs and his passenger, Tyler Binkley, were found to be in possession of over one pound of methamphetamine. This amount of methamphetamine has an approximate

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EDCO promotes Sisters economic development

By Sue Stafford
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Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO) is an organization that has been around for over 20 years — and yet many do not really know what they do.

EDCO, which opened their doors in 1981 in Bend, is an independent, 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. They have the same IRS designation as most Chambers of Commerce and industry associations. Support comes from private and public members and stakeholders.

"Overall, 45 percent of

EDCO funding comes from private businesses and individuals, 45 percent from the public sector (cities, counties, college, university, and the State Economic Development Department), while the balance comes from earned revenue from ticket sales and sponsorships for events," explained EDCO Executive director Roger Lee.

According to their website, their "mission is to create a diversified local economy and a strong base of middle-class jobs in Central Oregon." To do that, they

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Sisters remembers the fallen

By Jim Cornelius
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With a new designation as a Purple Heart City, the people of Sisters gathered at Village Green Park on Memorial Day to honor those who have fallen in America's wars.

The solemn yet uplifting annual event is staged each year by Sisters VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 and includes a set of familiar rituals that honor the sacrifice of military personnel who paid the ultimate price. The Redmond High School Marine Jr. ROTC posted the colors; Chelsea Anttila's voice soared in the national anthem; Earl Schroeder led



PHOTO BY GREG WADDELL

Marine Junior ROTC members bear the flag.

the Pledge of Allegiance; American Legion Chaplain Gordon Golden offered up a heartfelt invocation.

Sisters City Councilor Andrea Blum welcomed

the many attendees seated in the park and announced the new Purple Heart City designation.

The keynote speaker was

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