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Class of 2016 heads into the future

By Charlie Kanzig
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One hundred and twenty-four young men and women formally moved into the next stage of their lives at the 68th commencement of Sisters High School on Friday, June 3, in front of a capacity crowd in the SHS gym.

Tradition ruled the evening's ceremony, as high school faculty, dressed in their black gowns and university hoods, led the procession into the gym to "The Imperial March" from Star Wars. The music transitioned to "Pomp and Circumstance" as the graduates filed in to the front in pairs and threesomes.

The Sisters High School Jazz Choir, under the direction of Rick Johnson, proceeded to wow the crowd and honor the flag with a stirring rendition of the national anthem.

Principal Joe Hosang followed his formal welcome with a few words to the class of 2016, which he has seen through since they entered four years ago. He quoted



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Music was a big part of the graduation ceremony last Friday.

American author and motivational speaker Og Mandino as his parting words of wisdom: "Remind myself, in the

darkest moments, that every failure is only a step toward success; every detection of what is false directs you

toward what is true; every trial exhausts some tempting

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Sisters residents are cycling champions

By Andrew Loscutoff
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What does a 28-year-old solar light technician, a nurse and mother of two children, and a 51-year-old regional healthcare developer all have in common? Each of these individuals live a seemingly standard day-to-day life, but on Sunday, May 31, they clicked into the pedals and lined up at the Sisters Stampede — and came away as first-place finishers.

The Sisters Stampede, in its seventh year, has solidified itself in the community of recreational cyclists as the biggest weekend race in the state. Drawing from all corners of Oregon, 500 racers line up and take off in droves as

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Allen takes the reins at City Hall

By Sue Stafford
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With interim City Manager Rick Allen, what you see is what you get. A personable, energetic professional who likes people. Allen says he enjoys a challenge.

He has years of experience in the public sector, including being the youngest mayor in the state when serving in Madras at age 29.

Allen's broad background as a small-business developer and owner, as well as his collaborative efforts with a variety of entities while

serving in the public sector, have equipped him with the ability to see all sides of an issue while attempting to determine the course of action that brings the greatest benefit to the most people.

"Leadership is about listening, and hearing, what everyone has to say, and then making a decision based on the facts, information gathered, and what will be best in the long run," Allen said.

He stressed that the best decision may not be the most expedient or popular one at the time, "but at the end of

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Best of the West headed to Sisters

Xtreme Bulls storms the Sisters Rodeo arena Wednesday night with 42 riders hoping for eight seconds on some of the toughest and most athletic bulls in professional rodeo. The gates open at 5:30 for the 7 p.m. all-bulls event.

Seth Glause, a former Sisters bull ride champion, is back in action after multiple season-ending injuries in 2013. He will have tremendous competition, including current No. 7 in world standings, Cody Kiser.

The action will be fast and wild as these cowboys try to maintain balance on one-ton animals that include seven National Rodeo Finals bulls.

Then, rodeo begins Friday night, with a whopping 425 cowboys and cowgirls entered in seven PRCA events along with Wild Horse Racing



PHOTO BY GARY MILLER

Rodeo action will be hot and the weather perfect this weekend.

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