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## Sisters celebrates 4th of July at airport

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The crowd was hopping early at the Fifth Annual Sisters Eagle Airport 4th of July Fly-In and Car Show. By 8 a.m. the runway was lined with planes. Classic and unique cars dating back to 1914 and running clear up to the newest Tesla models stood proud in the Sisters sun.

Sisters Eagle Airport is celebrating 80 years this year — originally built and opened by George Wakefield in 1936.

"We are glad to use this community asset for this fun community event," said airport owner Benny Benson.

The morning kicked off with an emotional flag drop brought in by Skydive Awesome! co-owner and instructor Ryan Scothern. One onlooker said watching the flag coming in from the sky — coupled with the playing of the National Anthem — brought tears to her eyes.

Scothern has jumped over 8,000 times and is no stranger to carrying the flag. The drop at this event was from 5,000



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Ryan Scothern's drop with the American flag stirred emotions on the Fourth of July.

feet — much lower than the normal 10,000 foot drop

"I have jumped into rodeos, high school graduations, football games and

even people's backyards — if they are big enough," he said.

"My favorite was when I was dressed as a mascot — a hawk — and jumped into the

stadium carrying the flag.

"I love the freedom (of the jump)," says Scothern. "All

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## City manager search delayed

By Sue Stafford  
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Sisters City Council has decided to delay beginning the search for a permanent city manager until after the election of a new council in November.

On the advice of Interim City Manager Rick Allen, they considered several key factors that make the delay seem like a logical decision: If the current Council were to be conducting the interviews, the potential candidates would not be meeting the Council for whom they would potentially be working. Allen indicated that might cause some hesitation on the part of applicants.

Council also agreed that the passage of more time

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## Hiker dies in fall on Mt. Washington

A Big Lake Youth Camp contractor was killed last week in a fall on Mt. Washington west of Sisters.

On July 1, combined resources from the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Corvallis Mountain Rescue, and Oregon Army National Guard searched an area of Mt. Washington for Brian Robak, 28, from Hillsboro.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office had received a call from the Big Lake Youth Camp at about 3:32 a.m., reporting that Robak was overdue from hiking

up nearby Mt. Washington. Robak had left his vehicle at the camp and began his hike by himself at about noon. At about 4:30 p.m., Robak took photos from the summit of Mt. Washington, sending them to some of his family and friends.

Robak was due back at the camp at 8 p.m., but did not arrive. Staff members from the camp hiked up a portion of the trail in an attempt to locate Robak, but were unsuccessful. Numerous attempts were made to contact Robak via his cell phone without success.

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## Ski Inn hit with 'jean bomb'

The Ski Inn in Sisters hasn't been the same since a wind-blown tree fell on it several years ago. Last weekend, the building was hit again — this time with a "jean bomb."

Right on time for Quilt Show Week, the face of the old Sisters building was transformed with guerrilla fabric art made of countless pairs of jeans. Like most taggers, the artists responsible have tried to avoid the spotlight. Sisters being a small town, however, the rumor mill swiftly came up with a couple of prime suspects: Kathy Deggendorfer and Kit Stafford, with an engineering assist from Karl Goodwin.

An additional person of



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

The Ski Inn has a brand new facade, thanks to some creative Sisters artists.

interest, Mike Blesius of Sisters Bunkhouse, reportedly stopped by while walking his dog — then returned

with a weed trimmer and knocked down weeds and

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