

## SHS yearbook available for pre-order

The 2017 Sisters High School yearbook is now available for pre-order online.

Sisters High School has a committed yearbook staff including: Cierra Haken, Mia Cook, Ellie Cook, Cassidy Ling-Scott, Annika Stadeli, Will Werts, Ceili Cornelius, Amanda Smith and McKenna Marshall. Jim Cornelius and Jerry Baldock are advising. This year's staff is the largest staff SHS has ever had, and everyone is committed to making the best 2017 yearbook possible.

Each member has their own interests in what they do with the book,

including design; writing; photography; and business advertising.

"I look forward to working with this year's team to create our best yearbook yet," said staff member Cierra Haken.

The team will be working closely with Genie Westfall, of Herff Jones publishing company, to create and print this year's book. To pre-order this year's book for a discounted price of \$45 visit [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and use code number 6493 for Sisters High School.

On January 5, the price will increase to \$55.



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A strong yearbook staff aims to produce a fine book this year.

## SPRD receives grant for bike park

The Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) recently received official notification from Oregon State Parks that they are to receive a \$25,000 grant from the Local Government Grant Program for the Bike Park 242 project.

The Bike Park 242 project started two years ago after some Sisters locals noticed children building makeshift jumps on vacant lots. Joel Palanuk, Casey Meudt, Brittany Simonis and Bob Hoffman approached SPRD to see if there was a location where a bike park could be built. A committee was formed and what followed was two years of community effort to make this idea a reality.

Just a few short months after the initial idea was presented, the group had worked with staff from SPRD to put together an extensive grant application to help support the project. Although the grant application was ultimately unsuccessful, the Sisters community stepped up in a big way. Volunteers from the Sisters Trails Alliance, spearheaded by Tracy Stout, rented equipment and started hauling dirt out to the site, where Randy Gardner was able to start distributing the material. Volunteers from the Central Oregon Trails Alliance (COTA) and Dirt Mechanics then took on the job of screening and shaping this dirt into the small pump track, which is designed for beginners

and young children. The next phase of construction was championed by David Nelson for his Eagle Scout project. Supported by his father; Wayne; his family; and many members of his scout group, David worked with the SPRD bike park committee and COTA volunteers to make Phase 2 a reality.

With this much community support easy to see, SPRD staff assisted the committee in submitting another grant application. This time Oregon State Parks approved the groups' grant request of \$25,000. The project is anticipated to cost a total of \$50,000 to complete, and will rely heavily on donated materials and labor. Committee member Casey Meudt feels the community will continue to help.

"We already have a bunch of people who have pledged money, materials, and time to help this project, and I anticipate even more stepping up now that we have been awarded this grant," he said.

Phase 3 will include the addition of two jump-lines, a skills park, and a family picnic area. Blazin Saddles bike shop in partnership with the

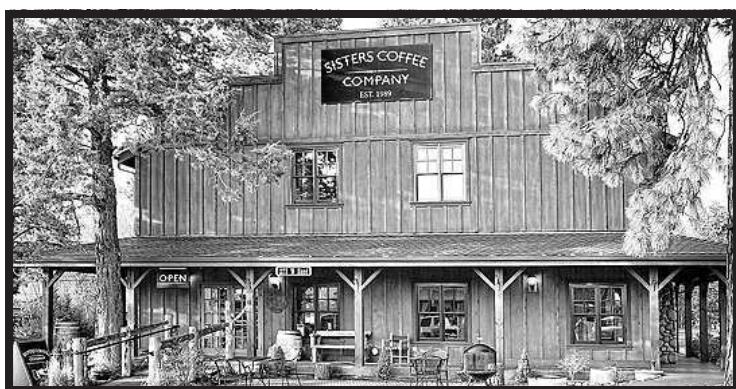
Sisters Stampede bike race have already conducted a fundraiser that will cover the cost of the picnic benches and fencing for the front of the park. The project is dependent on \$25,000 dollars in donated labor, cash, and materials to match the \$25,000 in grant funding.

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The Sisters Park and Recreation District hopes to officially open the newest addition to their parks inventory in late spring. In the meantime the two pump tracks are open for the public to enjoy. Additional information on the project and upcoming volunteer opportunities can be found on the Bike Park 242 Facebook page, or by contacting SPRD at 541-549-2091.

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