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Stroll, parade kicked off arts weekend

By Ceili Cornelius
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This past Friday Sisters turned out for the annual My Own Two Hands parade and art stroll. The event, started 17 years ago and then called "Painted Strings," has developed into a two-day event/fundraiser for the Americana Project and arts programs in the schools and other outreach programs of Sisters Folk Festival.

The parade and art stroll kick off the weekend through town. Art- and music-lovers strolled through town to the various art galleries and viewed some of the art pieces that were donated by various artists for Saturday's fundraising auction. Along the way, they got to listen to some great local music.

"One of the things I love about the community is the connection with everyone here. It's great knowing the



PHOTO BY ROB KERR, COURTESY SISTERS FOLK FESTIVAL

Artists donated to the My Own Two Hands art auction, which raises funds for the programs of Sisters Folk Festival.

artist gallery owners and coming in and saying hello to the people you know during this event," said attendee

Greg Weiland.

Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop co-owner Helen Schmidling told *The Nugget*,

"This event means so much to us because most of Sisters'

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City manager candidates bring deep experience

By Sue Stafford
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The citizens of Sisters will get a chance to get acquainted with the candidates for the city manager position at a meet-and-greet on Monday, May 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at FivePine Lodge & Conference Center. Citizens will have the opportunity to provide feedback to the selection committee. Light refreshments will be served.

The four candidates come from near and far, with a wide variety of experience.

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Seeking enhancements to Whychus Creek

By Sue Stafford
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Representatives of the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council (UDWC) met with the City Parks Advisory Board (PAB) at their May 3 meeting to discuss a project to consolidate and improve the approach to Whychus Creek where it runs through Sisters between the Creekside Campground and Creekside Park.

That stretch of the creek is bounded by the Locust Street bridge on one end and the Highway 20 bridge on the other. In between there is erosion of the creek bank and multiple unofficial points of access to the creek. In the middle is the pedestrian

bridge that carries foot traffic across the creek between the campground and the park.

Included in the grant for the new campground restroom building was \$10,000 (\$5,000 from Oregon Parks and Recreation (OPRD) matched by \$5,000 from the City) for repair and improvement of the creek bank in the campground. After careful study, it was apparent that simply planting some new trees would not solve the issues with the creek.

There are City sewer lines attached to the bridges. The one on the Locust Street bridge is on the upstream side, leaving it vulnerable to damage from ice flows and large

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Sisters hosts thousands for lacrosse

By Jim Cornelius
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They came from as far away as British Columbia, in helmets and pads and wielding netted sticks, to play a game created by the native peoples of North America. Sixty-nine teams from Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon and that squad from BC — ranging from youngsters in the third grade to high school athletes — participated last weekend in SALI, the Sisters Annual Lacrosse Invitational.

Families tagged along, filling Sisters with diners and shoppers in between games.

"We've got to be pulling about 5,000 people to town, I'd guess," said Liam Hughes, executive director of Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD), the sponsor and



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Players from third grade through high school from across the Pacific Northwest converged on Sisters for the annual SALI Tournament.

organizer of the tournament.

The tourney serves up approximately 150 games on eight fields during the weekend, with championship games played at Reed Stadium, which is currently

undergoing renovation

Hughes noted that more than 50 volunteers worked many hours to pull together the complex event

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