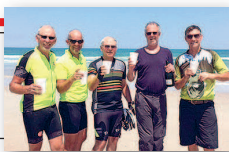


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Sisters roundabout is fully operational

The roundabout at the west end of Sisters at Highway 20 and Barclay Drive is open and operating.

Landscape work and an art installation will be forthcoming in coming months.

The Sisters community, in a detailed public process, chose back in 2011 to pursue a roundabout as the preferred traffic-control measure at the Barclay/Highway 20 intersection. Since then, ODOT has been pursuing that route. A key element of determining the viability of a roundabout at that location was buy-in from the state's freight industry. On-the-ground tests of a mock

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And they're off!



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Jade Robinson led off the Sisters Stampede Mountain Bike Race on Sunday, May 28. Some 500 riders participated in the event, which has become Sisters' signature summer kickoff event. See story, page 7.

Kucera is Sisters' new city manager

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

July 2017 is a very special month for Sisters' new city manager, Brant Kucera.

Kucera is expected to take over the reins from interim City Manager Rick Allen sometime in July. Even more memorable will be his marriage on July 1 to his fiancé, Sandy Jacobs. Kucera and Jacobs met last July when they both happened to be at the same beach, and a year later they are getting married.

Kucera and Jacobs were in town last Saturday to begin house-hunting. Everything

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Council OKs amended annexation agreement

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

After 12 years and some \$600,000 in legal bills, the owners of the McKenzie Meadow Village (MMV) property, the Willitts, Kallberg, and Reed families, won agreement from the Sisters City Council to an amendment to their original annexation agreement at the May 24 Council meeting.

One of the major prescriptive requirements of the original agreement called for construction and occupancy of an assisted-living facility in MMV before any other development could occur. The property owners completed a contract for the required facility to be built

and managed by Mark Adolf and his Pinnacle Alliance Group out of Yakima.

After multiple failed attempts by Adolf to secure financing, the MMV group did not renew his contract. They instead contracted with a Bend developer who was ready to build the assisted-living facility.

What followed was a battle by Adolf to apparently derail the development of MMV by filing land-use appeals designed to stall the senior-living facility, and thus the entire MMV development. Adolf eventually sued the Bend developer, claiming he used Pinnacle's plans for the assisted-living

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Sisters honors the fallen

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

It's a long-standing Sisters tradition: Each Memorial Day, the community gathers at the Village Green for a solemn remembrance of those who have fallen in America's wars. The observance is organized by Sisters' active veterans organizations and brings together a Redmond Junior Marine ROTC color guard, an honor guard of Sisters veterans, and distinguished guests.

Retired Air Force Brigadier General Martha Meeker was this year's keynote speaker. General Meeker recounted supervising the return of the remains of a fallen U.S. Army private who had been killed in an IED attack. She was riding with the family in a procession



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Brigadier General Martha Meeker (Retired) spoke of the meaning of Memorial Day.

that exited the gates of an Air Force base and proceeded down a boulevard lined a long mile with people who had come to pay their respects.

"The family will never forget that," Meeker said. "People coming out to show

that the sacrifice of their son really did mean something. I was so proud of the American spirit in that moment."

That, the general explained, is why Memorial Day observance are so

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