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Golfers hit the links for Outlaw Open

Dozens of golfers smeared on the sunscreen and hit the green grass of Aspen Lakes on the hottest day of the year to date last Sunday, in the 20th annual Outlaw Open.

Aspen Lakes donates the use of the course for the 18-hole team tourney, which is a key fundraiser for Sisters High School athletic programs. Principal Joe Hosang cites that kind of community support for Sisters' high statewide ranking for school athletics (*see related story, page 1*).

"It's principally, in the past, been a football fundraiser, but we've tried to open it up to other sports as well," said SHS Athletic Director Gary Thorson.

Additional funds are raised through a raffle, this year featuring a "booze bucket" and a pellet grill. Cheerleaders sold tickets for a variety of prizes donated by local businesses.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Fun is allowed at the Outlaw Open, which has for 20 years raised funds for Outlaws athletics.

Thorson told *The Nugget* that the event traditionally raises \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Additional events supported by Outlaws boosters include a Hall of Fame

banquet in September and an auction hosted by Aspen Lakes in October.

Wreck claims two lives near Sisters

A multi-vehicle crash on Highway 20 just outside of Black Butte Ranch claimed two lives and left another man critically injured on Sunday afternoon, June 25.

According to Oregon State Police, troopers and emergency workers responded to a five-vehicle crash on Highway 20 near the Black Butte Ranch entrance at about 3 p.m.

The preliminary OSP investigation revealed that a 1996 Subaru Legacy driven by Ethan G. Moreschi, age 28 from Bend, was eastbound on Highway 20 near Milepost 93 when it crossed the centerline

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Sisters ranked among the best for athletes

By **Charlie Kanzig**
Correspondent

Sisters High School is well known in the state as a school that perennially fields competitive sports teams. A story in last week's *Oregonian* newspaper reported that the Outlaws ranked highly in a study about schools that are considered best for high school athletes.

This study was not focused on winning and losing, but more on whether the school met other criteria considered to be indications of a strong athletic program.

Through surveys from parents and students and other research, the study by Niche.com looked at

participation levels for both boys and girls, expenses per student, variety of sports offered and more.

Sisters High School Athletic Director Gary Thorson was not surprised that Sisters ranked highly. Sisters High School ranked 17th overall and was one of only three 4A schools in the top-40 list.

"We offer about the same number of different sports as schools twice our size," he said, "and our participation rates are as high as any school I can think of."

6A West Linn topped the list among public schools in Oregon, while Henley was the highest-ranked 4A team,

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City barbecue brings out citizenry

By **Sue Stafford**
Correspondent

Sisters' first-ever City barbecue last Thursday evening was a rousing success, according to many attendees.

An estimated 250 residents enjoyed the food, while meeting old and making new friends and tapping their toes to the music of The Anvil Blasters.

Mayor Chuck Ryan and the originator of the idea for the barbecue, City Councilor Richard Esterman, welcomed everyone, thanked the City staff for pulling the event together, introduced the members of City Council, and welcomed new city manager, Brant Kucera.

Kucera drove over from Cannon Beach, accompanied by his 5-year-old son Rhys and his fiancé, Sandy Jacobs.



PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

City staff – Kim Keeton, Paul Bertagna and Joe O'Neill – prepared food for some 250 citizens who attended the City's barbecue last Thursday.

Kucera and Jacobs will be married on July 1 and Kucera reports for his first day of work in Sisters on July 5. They have made an offer on a house with some acreage

out on Holmes Road and are waiting to close the deal.

The City Hall parking lot was transformed into a picnic

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