

Fly-in marked Independence Day

The planes buzzed overhead and the engines of hot rods and drag racers roared on Tuesday, July 4, as the Sisters community turned out to celebrate Independence Day at Sisters Eagle Airport with a fly-in that has become a Sisters tradition.

In a variety of ways, the event lived up to the theme of "The Sound of Speed."

Several dozen runners showed up early to run a 5K before adjourning to the Sisters Rotary's pancake breakfast to refuel. A chicken drop — essentially bingo using rubber chickens dropped onto the runway from a passing aircraft — was another fundraiser. There was also a 50/50 raffle and helicopter rides were available.

All proceeds from the event directly fund flight scholarships for students enrolled in the Sisters High School Flight Science program, which has grown to two full classes for next year. The unique combination of

coursework completed at SHS, and flight training in the Outlaw Aviation Cessna 172 at the Sisters Airport, provides students with the opportunity to earn their private pilot certificate while in high school.

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Drag races featured muscle cars and trucks as well as Corvettes and other sports cars. Competition was intense, with local bragging rights at stake.

Julie Benson, who owns the airport with her husband, Benny Benson, said they were still calculating costs and did not have an exact figure for

funds raised at press time. She said that the event raised sufficient funds to support several more flight scholarships for SHS student pilots.

“We are happy to host the July 4th Fly-In at the Sisters Airport,” said Benson “It has turned into a great annual event, and grows every year. We had planes, helicopters, powered parachutes, and gyrocopters fly in from across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, and Alaska. Many Sisters businesses sponsored prizes, like a free night at FivePine, or \$200 toward a fly fishing trip. All the proceeds go toward flight scholarships for SHS student pilots. The success of this event shows how the Sisters community comes together to celebrate our country’s Independence Day, the freedom to fly, the runway 5K run, drag races and car show, pancakes, and The Great Rubber Chicken Drop — all to fund SHS students’ opportunity to learn to fly.”



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Great Rubber Chicken Drop is one of the entertaining fundraisers featured in the annual Sisters Eagle Airport Fourth of July Fly-in.

And the winner is...



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Michael Hillis and his daughter, from Portland, display the quilt they won in the fundraising raffle held by Sisters Veterans groups.

Don't Let Your Investments Take a "Vacation"

It's summer again — time for many of us to take a break and possibly hit the open road. But even if you go on vacation, you won't want your investments to do the same — in summertime or any other season. How can you help make sure your portfolio continues to work hard for you all year long?

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Avoid owning too many "low-growth" investments.** As you know, different investments have different characteristics and can help you in different ways. For example, you typically own stocks because you want them to grow in value so that you can eventually sell them for a profit. Other investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), provide you with a regular source of income and stability of principal — two valuable contributions to your portfolio. However, investments like CDs don't offer much in the way of growth. So if you own too many of them, you might be slowing your progress toward your important financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

You can maximize the productivity of your portfolio by owning a variety of investments — domestic stocks, international stocks, corporate bonds, U.S. Treasury securities, CDs and more. How much of each investment should you own? The answer depends on a variety of factors, including your age, income, risk tolerance, family situation and specific objectives. Over time, your ideal investment mix may change, but you'll likely need at least some growth potential at every stage of your life.

- **Don't let your portfolio go "unsupervised."** Your investment portfolio can be subject to "drift" if left alone for extended time periods. In fact, without your making any moves at all, your portfolio can move in directions that may not be favorable to you. Suppose you think your holdings should be made up of 70% stocks, but due to strong gains, your stocks now make up 80% of your portfolio. This development could lead to a risk level that feels uncomfortably high to you. That's why you should review your portfolio at least once a year, possibly with the help of a financial professional, to check your progress and make adjustments as needed.

- **Don't stop at the nearest "resting place."** Some people hope that if they can get that one "winner," they will triumph in the investment arena. But the ability to "get rich quick" is much more of a myth than a reality. True investment success typically requires patience, persistence and the resilience to continue investing even during market downturns.

In other words, investing is a long-term endeavor, and you need a portfolio that reflects this reality. The investment moves you make today may pay off for you decades from now. You need to establish your goals and keep them constantly in mind as you invest. And you will never really reach the end of your investment journey, because you'll need to make choices and manage your portfolio throughout your retirement years.

Hopefully, you will enjoy a pleasant vacation sometime this summer. But your investment portfolio shouldn't take time off.

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