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Sisters youths paraded on Hood Avenue in celebration of the arts last Friday.

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Agencies to hold active-threat training at schools

Police and first responders will be operating in and around two Sisters schools on Saturday in an active-threat drill.

Sisters-Camp Sherman, Black Butte Ranch and Cloverdale fire districts personnel are planning to participate with local law enforcement including Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Deschutes County 911, Oregon State Police, Black Butte Ranch Police and the Forest Service in a joint training exercise Saturday, May 19 at Sisters middle and high schools.

The active-threat exercise will allow each agency to simulate what their role would be in the event of an active shooter event at local schools.

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Arts celebration brings Sisters together

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

With shakers, tambourines and drums in hand, the Americana Project students paraded up Hood Avenue on Friday kicking off the 17th annual My Own Two Hands (MOTH) celebration of the

arts featuring student-crafted art on this year's theme, "Take Flight."

The parade is produced by Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) and supports the Americana Project and affiliated programs of SFF.

Directly following behind the banner were students of

Sisters Elementary School, excitedly showing off their colorful dragon masks. Art instructor Karen Williams coordinated their projects for this year's parade.

"Preschool through second-grade made hats with flying objects on them using symmetry and texture to

create the art. And 3rd and 4th grades created flying dragons," Williams said.

The middle school students designed cardboard airplanes connecting "Take Flight" with remembrances of old-fashioned hand-held

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Wilderness restrictions comment deadline near

By Craig F. Eisenbeis
Correspondent

Time is short for the public to weigh in on a U.S. Forest Service reservation system that could severely limit future use of wilderness areas in local National Forests.

If implemented, the system would affect all wilderness areas in Sisters Country.

Last month, citing increasing user pressure and dwindling resources, the Forest Service published notice of a 30-day comment period for the "Central Cascades Wilderness Strategies Project," which would affect wilderness areas in the Deschutes and Willamette

National Forests.

A portion of the notice reads, "The Central Cascades Wilderness Strategies Project was undertaken last year with an overarching goal (sic) of reducing recreation-related impacts and preserving the wilderness character of the following: Mount Jefferson Wilderness, Mount Washington Wilderness, Three Sisters Wilderness, Waldo Lake Wilderness, and Diamond Peak Wilderness. Sharp increases in the number of visitors to some of these areas is (sic) putting pressure on resources, and causing crowding and degradation of natural conditions.

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Swinging the hammer for Habitat



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Women's Build workers contributed to three home projects in Sisters last week.

Last week more than fifty local women, including teams from First Interstate Bank, US Bank and YouthBuild, worked on three homes in Sisters Habitat for Humanity's Village Meadows neighborhood as part of

National Women Build Week hosted by Sisters Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's.

The women, and some men, painted, landscaped, installed cabinets and caulked during the Women Build Week which started

11 years ago through Habitat International to encourage women nationwide to devote at least one day to help build decent and affordable housing in local communities.

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