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The 1920s-era bunkhouse on the Lazy Z Ranch was ransacked by vandals in early July.

Vandals ransack house in Sisters

Some time during the July 3 through July 7 period, vandals broke into and ransacked the white house on the eastern edge of Sisters, just beyond the FivePine campus. The house was the bunkhouse for the Lazy Z Ranch.

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Owners Derek and Brenda Jaros told *The Nugget* that they were refurbishing the 1920s-era house and hope to place it on the historical registry.

Derek Jaros reported, “We got broken into by, apparently what seems to be kids who just ransacked the place.”

The vandals did not steal anything of value, though there were tools on the site, Jaros reported. The perpetrators seemed intent on causing a great deal of damage. They kicked holes in walls and dented up appliances, broke windows and threw wood through them, broke knobs off a door, knocked

thermostats off walls and left the place wrecked.

“Whatever they could destroy they destroyed,” Jaros said.

Jaros also noted that the perpetrators left some evidence behind at the scene, which he hopes Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office investigators can make use of.

The Jaros’s were planning to show the property to a potential client “interested in a commercial endeavor there,” but instead are meeting with contractors to get estimates for extensive repairs.

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Anyone with information on the incident is encouraged to contact the Sisters sheriff’s substation at 541-549-1762 or Deschutes County non-Emergency Dispatch at 541-693-6911.

Gypsy Wind clothing opens in Sisters

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Since 2008, Janet Kronemeyer, a native Oregonian, has enjoyed owning a retail clothing store that originated in Cottage Grove. But when the travel bug hit her, she and her husband, Tony, moved to Kona, Hawaii, and opened a new shop there.

They had no clue at the time that they would pack up the clothing store several times — like gypsies in the wind — before settling down in Sisters.

“We live up to the name ‘Gypsy Wind Clothing,’ since we’ve had stores in Hawaii, Mexico, Arizona and Oregon,” Kronemeyer said.

Before moving into retail, Kronemeyer owned a real estate company in Brookings.

“I had a friend in Brookings that owned a women’s clothing store and I volunteered to help her out occasionally, and it was so much more fun than real estate, I opened my first clothing store when we moved to Cottage Grove,” she recalled

Wherever Kronemeyer’s retail store landed in her travels she would find clothing lines to fit the cultural aspects of the area.

“My husband and I have been blessed with having a lot of fun and some wonderful adventures with our clothing store, and we knew it was time to put down our roots, but didn’t know where to go,”



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Janet Kronemeyer and her husband, Tony, have launched a new clothing shop on Hood Avenue in Sisters.

Kronemeyer said.

That’s when Kronemeyer realized there’s no place like home, so last May they high-tailed it back to Oregon and signed up to do the Redmond Home & Garden Show.

“We met the owners of the building we are in now at the show, and they said they had a perfect place for our retail store,” she said. “The location was perfect. And of all the places we wanted to live, Sisters was at the top of our list.”

Kronemeyer carries several different kinds of clothing lines to choose from, one being a travel/comfy clothing line for the adventurer in everyone. She also carries her own line of clothing.

“I started designing ‘shawls that don’t fall off’ when my store was based in Mexico,” she told *The*

Nugget. “I am always looking for beautiful ways to provide some coverage for the sleeveless dresses and tops.”

Kronemeyer created two different styles; a two-button shawl that drops over the head and is one-size-fits-all and an innovative three-button shawl that can be worn in a couple of different ways.

Kronemeyer said, “For my customers I carry unique, fun, and affordable clothing for extraordinary everyday women. Clothing for work, play, or travel. Clothing for wherever the winds of life take you!”

Gypsy Wind Clothing is located at 351 W. Hood Ave., on the corner next to the Gary Cooley Gallery.

For more information visit www.gypsywindclothing.com.

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