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Ballot features local issues, candidates

The ballots for the November 6 mid-term election, which will soon be showing up in Sisters mailboxes, feature several local matters.

Voters inside the city limits of Sisters will decide whether they want to allow recreational marijuana-related businesses in town. Residents of the city of Sisters will have the opportunity to vote on two related questions: Whether or not marijuana-related businesses should be allowed in Sisters; and whether or not the City shall impose a three percent tax on marijuana sales, if the businesses are allowed.

Planners and Sisters City Councilors have already worked up rules to govern

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Monarchs of the forest...

Sisters Country's magnificent elk are active at this time of year. Watch for them on the highways and in the woods.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Medicare enrollment opens

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The 2019 Medicare enrollment period began on Monday, October 15, and runs through December 7. During this period, seniors 65 and older and others enrolled in Medicare can switch providers of their Medicare Advantage plans as well as Part D prescription drug plans.

It is wise every year during open enrollment to evaluate options and review policies for any changes in coverage, new plans, new rules, or new drug formularies. More than 830,000 Oregonians are enrolled in some form of Medicare insurance, but only about one in 10 recipients actually review their coverage annually, even though there are changes every year.

About 453,000 Oregonians have Basic or Original

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Students return money

Sisters High School students returned money that had been given to them by another student under suspicious circumstances on Monday.

Principal Joe Hosang reported the incident to parents and community member Monday afternoon.

"A student was distributing \$100 bills today and throughout the weekend to other students," Hosang reported. "We are still investigating the details of the situation and we are trying to collect the money. Our hope is to figure out the who, the what, and the where as well as return all the money to the owner."

The owner has not been identified.

Hosang said that he was proud of the way students responded when the situation was brought to light.

"I announced the situation around 2:45 p.m. (Monday), asking our students for their help. Within minutes, we had a large group of students coming to the office to return the money and provide information. Additionally, we had parents calling and texting us after school saying they were aware of the situation and they will be stopping by tomorrow (Tuesday) to return the money. We certainly know that kids will make mistakes, but we also need to know that we have some great kids who have some strong fundamental values."

More than \$2,000 has been returned.

Hosang said that the investigation will take a few days and requested that anyone who has relevant information contact him at 541-549-4045.

Harvest Faire draws thousands

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

For 39 years folks from all over Oregon and the Pacific Northwest meet up in Sisters to celebrate the changing season with the Sisters Harvest Faire, hosted by Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce.

The annual Sisters celebration last weekend included good old-fashioned shopping fun featuring 175 quality vendors with handcrafted items, great food, and free music.

The faire is the last hurrah of the summer season, and has continued to evolve from its modest beginnings.

Jeri Buckmann, event coordinator for the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, looked happy as she commented on another successful faire.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Vendors displayed and demonstrated their wares for huge crowds last weekend at the Sisters Harvest Faire.

"What a turnout: blue skies, warm temperatures and thousands of people attending the Sisters Harvest Faire. It means a lot to me to see

people not only enjoying the event but strolling the streets of Sisters shopping and

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