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Starry Nights welcomes back Lovett and Hiatt

Two of the music industry's premiere singer-songwriters make their return to Sisters for "Starry Nights Presents An Acoustic Evening with Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt," set for Tuesday, January 29, at the Sisters High School Auditorium. The sold-out show is a benefit for the Sisters Schools Foundation, marking the 40th production in the long history of the Starry Nights series.

Whether touring as a duo or with his acoustic group, or his "Large Band," Lyle Lovett's live performances show not only the breadth of this Texas

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Shootout!



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Sisters seventh-graders played in the Central Oregon Shootout tournament held in Sisters last weekend. The annual tournament brings youth basketball teams from across Oregon to town each winter.

Sisters man's donation speeds up trail rehab

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The Tollgate-to-Sisters High School multi-use trail is in need of serious rehabilitation efforts after 12 years of use by cyclists, walkers, and runners. A generous donation by an anonymous part-time Sisters resident will allow for all of the rehabilitation work to be completed over spring break.

The donor originally contributed \$10,000 toward the Sisters Trails Alliance project, which has a \$20,165 price tag. STA has raised some money

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More development on drawing board in Sisters

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The remaining undeveloped 7.48 acres in the Three Winds Shopping Center — behind Bi-Mart, Takoda's, and Dairy Queen — are currently in the design phase for a master plan that would include commercial and multi-family lots along with a single formula food lot.

Local architect Chris Mayes, who is designing the master plan, said all of those uses are allowed in the Highway Commercial Zone along US Highway 20, which includes Ray's Food Place, several fast-food restaurants, Bi-Mart, Takoda's, Sisters Inn and Suites, Ponderosa Best Western and a number of other commercial businesses.

Helmut Junge of Eugene, the current property owner, is applying for the master plan in order to sell the property.

Once the master plan has been submitted to and approved by the City, the property will be listed for sale, breaking it into parcels.

There will be two ingress/egress points for the property, one on West McKinney Butte Road and the other on South Hood Avenue, across from the East Portal property.

The individual buildings are not yet designed. Mayes indicated there might be a mix of one- and two-story structures in the commercial area. The multi-family buildings will most likely be two-stories. The maximum building height for that zone is 35 feet.

The exact number of multi-family units to be built will depend on the future site plan submitted by purchasers/developers of the property. Mayes estimates 40 to

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Sisters trail boosters win new grants

By Craig F. Eisenbeis
Correspondent

It's official. Two grants have been approved for key Sisters-area trailhead upgrades.

The first grant was awarded to the Deschutes National Forest, Sisters Ranger District, and is a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for a permanent vault toilet at the Whychus Overlook Trailhead. The Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) has been instrumental in developing and maintaining this trail, and has been paying for a porta-potty at the site for the last three years. The grant is from federal transportation funds which are administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).

The new grant will provide for an accessible, permanent vault toilet facility at the parking area on the Three Creek Lake Road for the relatively new Whychus Creek



PHOTO BY CRAIG F. EISENBEIS

The handicapped-accessible Whychus Overlook Trail has received a federal grant for a new permanent vault toilet at the trailhead.

Overlook Barrier Free Trail. The Whychus Creek trail overlooks scenic Whychus Creek and connects to the trail system along the creek's eastern bank. Whychus Creek is listed among the nation's Congressionally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers. The wooded and scenic accessible

overlook trail sees hundreds of local users and, perhaps, even more not-so-local visitors.

The installation is expected to be completed this summer. The RTP grant award is for \$43,000, and

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