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‘Montage’ shows at Black Butte Ranch

The High Desert Art League, in collaboration with Black Butte Ranch, will be presenting an art exhibit titled “Montage” at Black Butte Ranch Lodge Gallery during the months of February, March and April. In February, the exhibit will feature four League artists: Barbara Cella, Jean Lubin, Vivian Olsen and Joren Traveller.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Lodge and exhibit are open from 3 to 9 p.m. daily. Black Butte Ranch is located approximately nine miles west of

Sisters, on Highway 20.

The High Desert Art League was formed in 2000 as a professional artists’ group working to support the advancement of its member artists through exhibitions, education and related outreach. All league members are professional artists, most with considerable experience and awards in their field. Their work can be found in galleries throughout the West and in private collections.

For more information, visit www.highdesertartleague.com.

Jazz Band musicians headed to state

Being at school at 7 a.m. for “zero period” Jazz Band isn’t always easy — but what these teen musicians have lost in sleep has been gained by winning a chance to compete in a state competition.

Sisters Jazz Band, with both high school and middle school students, recently competed at the Oregon West Jazz Conference Jazz Festival and won first place. The district conference consisted of Cascade, Stayton, Philomath, Newport, Sweet Home, Woodburn and Sisters schools. Now Sisters Jazz Band moves on to compete in the Oregon Music Education Association (OMEA) State Jazz Championship in May at Mt. Hood Community College.

In addition to first place, the band won three other awards. They won Most Outstanding Brass Section and Most Outstanding Rhythm Section. Also, Most Outstanding Soloist went to trumpeter Dalton Gonzales for his playing of “Concerto for Cootie,” written by Duke Ellington. The band’s three-song set also included the funky tune “Big Time,” composed by Greg Yasinitsky, and Latin-inspired “Coconut Champagne,” by Denis DiBlasio.



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Sisters Jazz Band students won four district awards to move on to the OMEA State Jazz Championship.

“It is just fantastic that these students will see their hard work pay off by getting a chance to perform alongside the very best jazz bands in the state. It’s also exciting for me as their teacher because this is still such a young ensemble, with 12 of the 14 members being between eighth and 10th grade. That means they will only continue to grow and get that much better as a group,” said Sisters School District Director of Bands Tyler Cranor.

Sisters Jazz Band students are: Dalton Gonzales, Chase Frankl, Zach Guzman, Nathaniel Hicks, Nick

Manley, Josh Marion, Connor Martin, Dominic Martinez, Jack Ogan, Josie Patton, Oscar Rhett, Simon Rhett, Max Springer, and Weston Wallace.

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