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Two arrested after dispute, gunfire

A dispute that had allegedly built over several days culminated in shots fired and the arrest of two men on Thursday.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reports that on May 23, at approximately 9:17 p.m., Deschutes deputies were dispatched to a dispute near the intersection of USFS Road 1505 and USFS Road 1513, in the woods about five miles southwest of Sisters. The caller reported that he was assaulted with a firearm by his employer after a physical altercation at a campground.

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And they're off!



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The elite men's division took off onto a perfect course in the Sisters Stampede Mountain Bike Race on Sunday, May 26. See related story, page 17.

Manhunt in Sisters nabs Sweet Home murder suspect

A major manhunt in Sisters on Sunday evening, May 26, ended with the arrest of a man suspected of the murder of a Sweet Home man and the wounding of another last Friday.

Chief Jeff Lynn of the Sweet Home Police Department confirmed that the suspect taken into custody in Sisters is Page Lee Butterfield, age 25. He said that Butterfield "has local ties to our area," but as of Monday the department had not confirmed his current residence.

Sweet Home police reported that on Friday, May

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Police seek information on Sisters assault

For the past month, the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office has been trying to find out what happened to a 24-year-old Sisters man on the night of April 18 in the 100 block of North Tamarack Street.

That night, there was a gathering at a residence on the block. The next morning, deputies were dispatched to contact the Sisters man, who was found at his residence in the adjacent home. According to Sgt. William Bailey, the young man had significant, non-life-threatening "injuries consistent with being assaulted."

Investigating deputies learned about the social gathering and found that sometime after 11 p.m. participants of the gathering started to disperse from the residence where the gathering occurred. According to the sheriff's office, evidence

indicated that the young man was assaulted in the driveway where the gathering occurred.

"Deputies have been actively investigating this assault case and interviewing all known witnesses since it was reported to us," Sgt. Bailey reported.

Bailey told *The Nugget* that investigators have exhausted their current leads and need public assistance in getting to the bottom of the incident.

"We're looking at all possibilities," he said. "We want to get the whole story."

Investigators are asking any additional witnesses or anyone with information about this incident to come forward and speak to a deputy by calling non-emergency dispatch at 541-693-6911, reference case 19-123753.

Memorial honors sacrifice

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Memorial Day honors the sacrifice of those who have fallen in American wars. Each year, Sisters veterans groups gather on the designated holiday to remember and honor that sacrifice.

Due to inclement weather, last Monday's ceremonies were moved from their traditional Village Green venue to the sanctuary of Sisters Community Church. There, keynote speaker Jim Cunningham spoke to them of sacrifice.

Cunningham, who served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and as the commander of the Oregon Air National Guard, framed his remarks around the third verse of the famous World War One poem "In Flanders Fields":

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Master of Ceremonies Lance Trowbridge salutes the flag at Sisters Memorial Day observances at Sisters Community Church.

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

"I see the fallen soldiers calling upon me to do my duty," Cunningham said.

What is the nature of that duty?

"It is every citizen's civic responsibility to sacrifice," Cunningham said.

That sacrifice may not be the ultimate sacrifice of a service member, but it entails the willingness to give up time, effort and to suffer a degree of hardship to participate in the civic life of the community and the nation, Cunningham believes.

"It's not important how we take responsibility," he said. "It's only important that we do. You don't have to serve in

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