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Sisters gets ready to Rodeo

Sisters Rodeo is geared up for some great competition this week, with a huge number of competitors in every rodeo event, including world champions and barnstorming rookies.

There will be 35 bareback riders, 55 saddlebronc riders, 52 bull riders, 49 tie down ropers, 53 teams of team ropers, 46 steer wrestlers and 90 barrel racers.

There are 24 Wild Horse Race teams to kick off rodeo action in a flurry of dives, dust and bucking rides. Five teams are from Arizona, one team each from California, Wyoming and Montana, two from Washington and 13 from Oregon.

Wild horse racing is growing in rodeos in the West, with several rodeos in the Rocky Mountain states wanting to add them to their events. Butch David of Warm Springs, the district president of the Wild Horse Race Association, is excited about



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Volunteers have gotten Sisters Rodeo Arena into shape for the Biggest Little Show in the World.

the surge of the sport and the number of teams coming to Sisters.

Tie down roping adds

some royalty to the mix of 49 competitors. Cooper Martin won St. Paul Rodeo during the 2018 Cowboy

Christmas event. Timber Moore won Rodeo Rapid City

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Lightning storm does damage in Sisters

A late-afternoon lightning storm that moved through Sisters Country on Tuesday, May 28, struck and damaged three structures and surrounding trees.

The first incident was reported at 2:54 p.m. when a homeowner on Peterson Burn Road reported a smoke odor in the main house on her property. A second structure on the property, an Airbnb that was occupied by renters at the time, also reported a direct strike to their structure, that reportedly knocked everything off the walls.

Initial arriving units found two structures with obvious damage to both due to

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Ranger shares plans for USFS headquarters

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The U.S. Forest Service has a long history in the city of Sisters. And it looks like that history could be even longer due to some changes in Forest Service plans for its proposed new administrative site.

The total 67 acres owned by the Forest Service on either side of State Highway 20 at the northwest end of town has been the subject of years of speculation, dreaming, and concern about what would happen to the property when the Forest Service announced it was selling the property and moving its new Sisters Ranger District headquarters.

The first plan was to build a new building across Barclay Drive on Forest Service property and sell off the rest. The second plan was to sell all 67 acres with its current zoning as a single parcel, and build new headquarters west of Rail Way off Highway 20. After deciding to break up the property into sections to enable separate sales, the 18 acres north of Barclay sold to a local party who plans to build light industrial buildings.

When the City and ODOT sent a letter to the USFS indicating an interest in the East Portal (the triangle of land bounded by Highways 20 and 242, and Hood Avenue),

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Outlaws jazz band tops in state

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

The Sisters High School Jazz Band brought home first-place honors from the Jazz Band State Finals held at Mt. Hood Community College on May 18.

Band Director Tyler Cranor recognizes a significant accomplishment for the

young musicians.

“That is the first state title since 2003 and the first since we were a 4A school,” he said.

Bands at the festival are judged by a three-judge panel on musicality, quality of sound and stage presence. The band played three

pieces: a shuffle tune titled “Out of the Doghouse”; an original arrangement of Duke Ellington’s, “Concerto for Cootie,” and a contemporary Latin number, “Coconut Champagne.”

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The Sisters High School Jazz Band is a state champion.

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