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## Records topple in 79th Sisters Rodeo

By Jim Cornelius  
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An 18-year-old Sisters Rodeo arena record bit the dust Saturday night as barrel racer Meka Farr of Honeyville, Utah, made a 17.29-second run, supplanting a record previously set in 2001 at 17.34 by Amy Dale Coelho from Echo, Oregon.

The Rodeo also set some organizational records, selling out multiple performances.

"We have never sold out a Sunday performance, but we did yesterday," Rodeo board of directors member Bonnie Malone told *The Nugget* on Monday morning. "In fact, we sold it out mid-way through Saturday night."

Perhaps the most satisfying record of all was the more than \$15,000 raised on Sunday for Sara's Project (formerly Sara Fisher Project) for breast cancer awareness. Each year, the Sisters Rodeo raises funds for the St. Charles Foundation's project, usually pulling in some \$8,000 to \$9,000. This year, Malone described an extraordinary act of giving.

The Rodeo framed two



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The Sisters Rodeo action was outstanding, as was the weather and the stock.

editions of this year's poster, which were signed by the cowboys competing in the Rodeo. One poster was

auctioned for \$4,800, with the runner-up agreeing to match that number to attain the second poster. Then,

Malone reported, an audience member approached a

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## Josh Ritter to return to Sisters for SFF event

By Ceili Cornelius  
Correspondent

Josh Ritter and the Royal City Band will be performing their one and only Central Oregon show on Wednesday, June 27, at Sisters High School, as part of the celebration of the organization's campaign purchase of the Sisters Art Works building, where it has its headquarters.

"The capital campaign is titled Connected by Creativity and is basically a two-phase process to purchase this building that can be developed as a center for creativity in the community," said Sisters Folk Festival Creative Director Brad Tisdell.

The event on June 27 is a ticketed show to help continue to raise funds for buying the building, as well as

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## 2019 grads showered with scholarships

By Charlie Kanzig  
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Graduates from the Sisters High School class of 2019 were showered with scholarship money at the annual GRO Senior Celebration on Thursday, May 30.

Sisters GRO (Graduate Resource Organization) has continued to expand local scholarship offerings each year, resulting in over \$208,000 of locally generated awards, represented by 69 separate scholarships that included 140 individual awards.

Sisters School employee Rick Kroytz is on the GRO board and operates the high school's ASPIRE program,

which is designed to help guide students on their post-high-school plans. Kroytz loved the energy and joy the event produced.

"It was an exciting night... you could feel the electricity in the air as the students eagerly waited to hear the results," he said.

All seniors from the class of 2019 were encouraged to apply for the local scholarships and many took advantage of the digital portal established to help make the process more efficient, according to Kroytz.

"Our goal is always for every senior who has any financial need to apply,"

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## Students raise walls for Habitat

Collin Harris was just a toddler when he and his family moved into their Sisters Habitat for Humanity home nearly 15 years ago. Last week, the high school senior was raising walls alongside his construction classmates for another Sisters Habitat family's home.

Harris, who said he doesn't remember moving into his house, has enjoyed the construction class at Sisters High School. He's learned basic tool knowledge, worked with a fun team, and been able to use his skills in Sisters.

"It's cool we get to help the community out and build a home for a family. It feels good to help people," he said during the crew's lunch break.

The students from Tony



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Sisters construction program students raised the walls at the Palmer house last week. Classes build each year for Habitat for Humanity.

Cosby's construction class at Sisters High School spent the semester building the walls for future homeowner

Krista Palmer and her two boys. "One of my guys is

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