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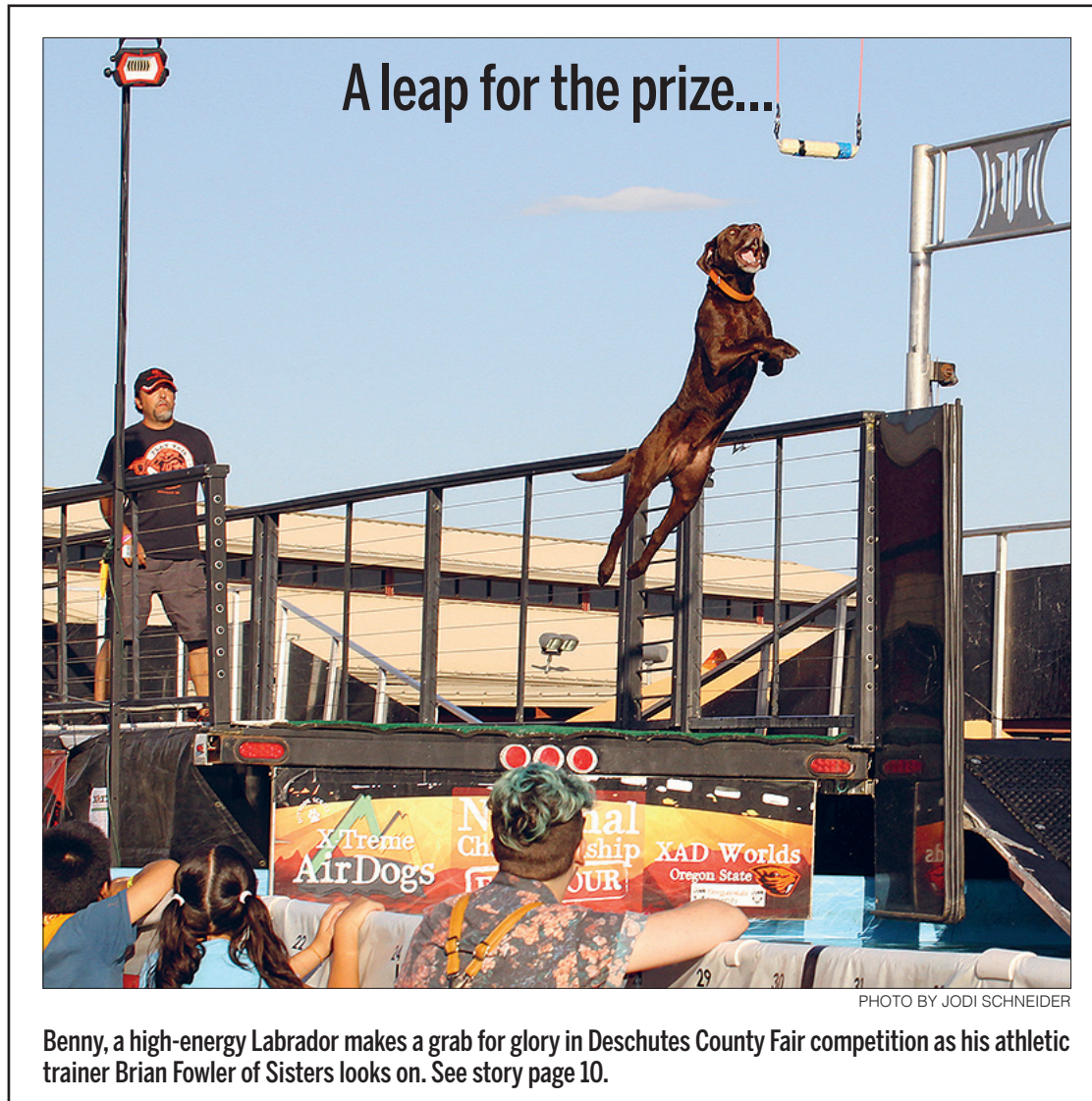
Sisters Town Hall focused on climate change

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The consensus among the approximately 80 citizens who attended last week's town hall regarding House Bill 2020 and carbon emissions was "Do something!"

State Sen. Cliff Bentz-(R) of Ontario and Rep. Daniel Bonham-(R) from The Dalles told those assembled in the FivePine Conference Center on Monday, July 29, that they wanted to hear from their constituents their thoughts and ideas about carbon emissions,

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Benny, a high-energy Labrador makes a grab for glory in Deschutes County Fair competition as his athletic trainer Brian Fowler of Sisters looks on. See story page 10.

Coach lawsuit, ethics complaint dismissed

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

A federal lawsuit filed by former Outlaws coach Nik Goertzen against a Deschutes County judge involved in a series of legal actions regarding his 2012 removal from his coaching position has been dropped and an ethics complaint against the judge has been dismissed.

Goertzen had twice been named league Coach of the Year for girls soccer before Principal Joe Hosang ended his tenure in 2012. Goertzen

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Firefighters still see accessibility problems

By Jim Cornelius
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Despite a stark lesson learned last year when three houses and several outbuildings went up in flames, not all local residents have taken on the work Cloverdale Fire Chief Thad Olsen and other emergency officials say is critical: Homeowners must do their part to make their properties defensible, and they must be prepared for a crisis to hit with little warning.

"We aren't going to commit firefighters to houses that are not defensible," Chief Olsen told *The Nugget* last. "Basically, what we're asking is, give us a fighting chance."

That still holds true — and Cloverdale is still seeing houses that can't be defended. Olsen told *The Nugget* last week that they are hearing from UPS and Fed/Ex drivers about driveways that aren't cleared. If a delivery truck can't make it up a driveway, a fire truck can't, either.

The fire district recently sent out a flyer to remind residents of requirements:

Access roads shall have an unobstructed horizontal clearance (trees, limbs, brush and large rocks) of not less than 20 feet wide, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of 13.5 feet.

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Sisters photographer honored

By Ceili Cornelius
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Sisters photographer Jay Mather is being recognized for his work in Cambodia during a time when the country was in turmoil. His work will be featured in the Visa Pour l'Image International Festival of Photojournalism near Paris in September.

Mather visited the country in 1979 when the communist Khmer Rouge regime had slaughtered 1.7 million people — 21-24 percent of Cambodia's population.

Mather and reporter Joel Brinkley went on the lines of the refugee camps reporting and photographing the crisis in the surrounding areas. The *Louisville (Kentucky) Courier* sent Mather and Brinkley alongside doctors



PHOTO BY JAY MATHER

Jay Mather's Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs from Cambodian refugee camps in 1979 will be shown at an international photojournalism festival.

to document the brutality inflicted upon the Cambodian people, as well as treat the sick and starving refugees.

Mather heard of the chaos happening after seeing a CBS special report on one Dr. Ken

Rasmussen, a Louisville physician at the time who went to Cambodia looking after the refugees. CBS had done a report on what he had been

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