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## Burning season opens in Sisters

The Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (COFCA) announced that debris burn season is open as of October 1 for many of the local Central Oregon fire districts. With the recent fall weather and precipitation received in the area, the fire chiefs, local fire departments, the U.S. Forest Service, the BLM, and Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) have agreed that many areas are now safe to enter into burn season.

However, there remains a year-round burning ban in the city of Sisters.

Even with the opening of the burn season, Central

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Under the Friday Night Lights...

PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Young flag football players played in a showcase during the Outlaws' game last week.

## Sisters Harvest Faire marks 40 years

The Sisters Harvest Faire, which marks the turn to the fall season on the second weekend in October each year, marks 40 years in 2019. That's four decades of celebrating the beauty, meaning and value of handcrafted arts, crafts and foodstuffs — in the midst of a rapidly changing world.

This year's faire is set for Saturday and Sunday, October 12-13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. The event, set on Main Avenue around the hub of Fir Street Park, features live music from Dry Canyon Stampede on Saturday and Bill Keale on Sunday.

The event is the signature

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## Festival will feature bestselling author

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Internationally acclaimed author, speaker, teacher, and healer, Central Oregon's Jane Kirkpatrick, will be one of the authors headlining Sisters Festival of Books, October 18-20.

The author of 30 fiction and five non-fiction books, Kirkpatrick's works have sold over 1 million copies, been translated into several foreign languages, and been awarded numerous literary awards and placed on a variety of best-seller lists.

Kirkpatrick's first novel, "A Sweetness to the Soul," was named to Oregon's Literary 100: 1800-2000, as one of the 100 titles published in the last 200 years best representing Oregon.

"I like helping people from the distant past step from their generation into our

own to teach us and touch us with their lives," the author explained.

For 27 years, Kirkpatrick and her husband, Jerry, ranched along the lower John Day River in an area known as Starvation Point. Her memoir, "Homestead," tells the story of their journey to "rattlesnake and rock ranch" to begin a new life.

"It was our rural 7-Eleven since our home sat seven miles from the mailbox and 11 miles from the pavement," noted the author.

Kirkpatrick grew up on a dairy farm with her brother and sister near Mondovi, WI, not far from the Mississippi River. She was surrounded by a large extended family, most of whom lived within 50 miles.

In 1974, after receiving her master's degree in

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## 'Hoppy' half-marathon launched

By Charlie Kanzig  
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Sean Meissner, the long-time race director of the Peterson Ridge Rumble trail run, was in charge of a new race on Saturday, September 28 — and afterward called the Sisters Hop Fest Half-Marathon and 5k a success.

"It turned out to be a relatively small, but fun event," he said. "People loved the course and the weather turned out to be pretty good after a bit of a scare about snow in the forecast."

Jason Gulley, 39, of Bend must have agreed as he made it through the half-marathon at just over six-minute-mile pace to win in 1 hour 23 minutes and 42 seconds for the 13.1-mile course that started in the industrial park and headed north of town out Pine Street and as far as Stevens Canyon.

Dustin Mangus of Corvallis came through in



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Runners braved chilly, damp conditions for the Sisters Hop Fest Half-Marathon and 5k.

second place (1:25:54) and Jason Severson finished third (1:35:06).

Lori Lacks of Bend finished first among women, in sixth place overall with a time of 1:49:05. Annie Winter of Sisters placed second (1:57:26) and Lisa Dewitt of Bend was third in 1:59:07.

A total of 31 runners completed the inaugural course, including Nili Magee, Lucie

Pronold and Shannon Beutler of Sisters.

An additional 17 people took part in the 5-kilometer event, won by Justin Coates in a time of 22:13.

The race took place in conjunction with the 10th annual Sisters Fresh Hop Festival held at the Three Creeks Brewing property in

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