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The joy of music...

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Sisters Elementary School students explored the history of classical music in the play "Compose Yourself" last week. See story, page 4.

Chess youth excelled at tournament

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

On Wednesday mornings at Sisters Middle School (SMS) you can find a classroom full of attentive K-12 kids transfixed by a vinyl chessboard. These students are improving their thinking and problem-solving skills while having fun playing the board game of strategy. There you can find Jennifer King, the Outlaw Chess Club's facilitator.

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Chamber, City negotiate future marketing funding

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The City of Sisters and the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce are plotting a course into the future for marketing Sisters as a tourist destination.

The contract between the City and the Chamber is expiring on June 30, 2020. Negotiations have begun to craft a new visitor information

and marketing contract with the Chamber serving as the destination marketing organization (DMO) and Sisters Country Visitors Bureau.

Pursuant to state law and the Sisters City Code, the City receives transient room tax (TRT) revenues paid by occupants of transient lodging facilities located within the city. State law requires

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Rescuing raptors poses challenges

By Carol Statton
Correspondent

Life in Central Oregon provides amazing opportunities to observe wildlife on a daily basis. There are many parts of the United States where one would never have the opportunity to see something as magnificent as an eagle, hawk, owl or other member of the raptor family. In Sisters, we share life with these creatures and moments of observation can occur while strolling through a neighborhood, hiking on trails, driving from one location to another or just being home.

Living in close proximity also creates dangers for these birds, as well as the necessity to act on their behalf where one does get injured. Civilization continues to expand into once open and undeveloped spaces, and there are times when our presence in this natural world has unintended impacts.

One morning, just a few weeks ago, an injured great horned owl was spotted along Hwy 126 just outside of Sisters. Possibly hit by a car, it appeared that this owl had sustained a disabling wing injury. Timing is every-thing when trying to save a



PHOTO BY CAROL STATTON

"Hope" is a great horned owl found injured along Hwy 126 near Cline Falls and who was successfully rescued, rehabilitated and released in 2018.

life; timing and the ability to keep an eye on where they might move to while help is on the way.

Within a short time after being spotted, a call was made to Gary and Kellie Landers of Wild Wings

Raptor Rehabilitation of Central Oregon, located in Sisters.

The Landers respond to calls like this throughout the year, and one of the most

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Principal accepts new position in district

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

After nine years as the principal of Sisters High School, Joe Hosang has accepted a newly realigned position for the Sisters School District. He will be working as the director of human resources and also director of curriculum.

In an announcement

delivered via e-mail Friday, February 14 to school district staff, Superintendent Curtiss Scholl said, "After the human resource and curriculum director position closed, we screened the candidates and there was one top candidate. This candidate was interviewed earlier this week, and Joe Hosang has accepted

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