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## Sisters enters Phase 2 of reopening plan

Deschutes County has been approved to enter Phase 2 of the State's reopening plan for Oregon on Saturday, June 6. County officials announced the approval on Friday afternoon.

By entering Phase 2, Deschutes County will be able to continue with the reopening process, following updated health and safety guidance:

- Gathering limits will be raised to 50 people indoors, and 100 people outdoors.
- Indoor and outdoor venues, including churches, faith-based organizations, and theaters, with six feet of physical distancing and other

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## Cleaning up the backyard...



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Gavin Schultz and his dad, Brian, cleaned up dispersed camping sites at Round Lake as part of a Black Butte School Parent Teacher Organization program. The program made a fun engagement project out of cleaning up after campers who hit the area when campgrounds were closed. See story, page 3.

## Schools looking toward future

By Charlie Kanzig  
Correspondent

Sisters schools are wrapping up a very challenging school year and the school board is digging into what the budget will look like for next year, given the economic disruption of COVID-19.

Steve Swisher, the chair of the school district budget committee spoke during the public comment portion of last week's Zoom school board meeting to highlight some of the "what-ifs" regarding funding from the state next year.

The committee approved a budget, but Swisher made clear that adjustments by the school board may become necessary due to the

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## Planned development will add housing

By Jim Cornelius  
Editor in Chief

Sisters could see 250 to 300 new homes in the next couple of years as plans get underway for the development of 31 acres of land along Pine Street and Highway 20.

Kevin Eckert of Build LLC is designing the project for Paul Hodge and Paul and Carla Schneider of Sisters, who purchased the property that was formerly part of the U.S. Forest Service administrative site because, as Eckert says, "they just saw an opportunity for positive growth."

Hodge, who is CEO of Laird Superfood, has long been an advocate for workforce housing that will allow people who work for a paycheck in Sisters to live in Sisters.

Eckert said that the Sisters Woodlands development, bounded by Pine Street, West

Barclay Drive and Highway 20 (see map) will feature "cottage development" of approximately 1,500-square feet each utilizing shared open space; townhomes and home-over-garage units; and apartment or condominium-style units along Highway 20 with a significant setback from the road.

"We've almost ruled out doing true single-family (housing)," Eckert told *The Nugget*. It's just not affordable. It's the most expensive housing you can build."

Eckert said that the cottage development plan will allow the preservation of somewhere around 200 trees.

Eckert said that an application is in process at City Hall and the planning commission should meet on the project in August and the developers hope to be through the planning process by October or November.

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## Residents demonstrate for justice

By Ceili Cornelius  
Correspondent

More than 50 people gathered on the corner of Locust and Highway 20 last Saturday in a demonstration advocating for racial justice.

In the aftermath of George Floyd's death at the hands of a police officer in Minnesota, hundreds of protests and demonstrations have been happening across the world.

In Sisters, a group of locals decided it was time to show their support in their town. Katie (who requested that her last name not be published due to professional security concerns) helped organize the event on Saturday. She put out on her social media that she wanted to create a gathering of demonstrators.

"I think it is important, especially here in a predominantly white town, to show our support and make everyone feel welcome here, especially kids and young people, and for them to know that they matter," she said.

Katie reached out to



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Some 50 people gathered for a rally at the corner of Locust Street and Highway 20 on Saturday.

friends and family who then reached out to others and word spread, creating a gathering of over 50 demonstrators holding signs and waving at passing cars. Passing drivers would often honk and wave back in support.

"I hope that people driving by really start to think critically about why they wouldn't be able to agree with the statement 'Black Lives Matter.' I hope that we

can be examples for others as well," Katie said.

Sisters High School art teacher Bethany Gunnarson brought sign-making materials to the event Saturday.

"I think it is awesome that the city of Sisters is getting their voices out there," said Gunnarson. "Words are usually not really my thing, I more create things

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