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2020 Sisters grads hit the trail in rodeo style

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

Donning a black cowboy hat, Sisters High School principal Joe Hosang welcomed the crowd celebrating the class of 2020 at the rodeo grounds Friday, June 12 saying, "We're doing this rodeo style!"

With the COVID-19 pandemic altering normal life throughout the world, commencement planners including Lynne Fendall, Jillian Frankl and Melanie Petterson got to work weeks ago to find a way to honor the class of 2020, culminating with a drive-in ceremony on the east side of the rodeo grounds, complete with horses, a jumbo video screen and a mountain backdrop.

The audio of the ceremony was broadcast through KNLX 104.9 FM.

Health considerations required graduates and their



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Rodeo Queens Hailey Konze and Riann Cornett bore the American flag and the Outlaws banner at the Sisters High School Graduation.

families to remain inside their vehicles for the duration of the event, so ex-Marine Hosang gave instructions to "sit at attention" just before a

pair of rodeo princesses presented the American flag, and an Outlaw flag, as a video recording featuring members of the SHS jazz choir singing

the national anthem played. Creating the music video when the jazz choir could not meet together required the singers to record themselves

on their own to the accompaniment provided by teacher Julie Cash and the

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Sisters wants more law enforcement presence

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

While the nation is roiled in a conflict over the proper role and conduct of law enforcement, Sisters is moving into an enhanced contract that is bringing a larger and more focused law enforcement presence to the community.

That, City Manager Cory

Misley notes, is what the community said it desires.

"I think that there was a general sentiment... that that was what the community wanted," he said.

Last summer, the City conducted a survey of city residents and businesses to gather data regarding their feelings on public safety

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Sisters firefighters smoke stairclimb

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Sisters firefighters don't let obstacles deter them from accomplishing their mission. So when the annual Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Stairclimb was forced to go virtual by the COVID-19 pandemic, they adapted.

Traditionally, firefighters from across the region gather in the spring to ascend the Columbia Center in Seattle, Washington, raising cancer-fighting funds through pledges. The event is also a test of firefighter fitness and grit. For the virtual event, firefighters were asked to stay in their own communities and find an appropriate spot to simulate climbing 69 flights of stairs in full turnout, with breathing apparatus.

On Saturday, David Ward and Jeremy Ast, who were signed up for the event, headed over to Reed Stadium to climb the bleachers over and over again. Though they were not officially signed up, Avery Deutz and Tyler Smith decided to join in the fun.

"Everybody was done in under 23 minutes," Ward reported. "That was a pretty



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Avery Deutz, David Ward, Jeremy Ast and Tyler Smith hit the bleachers at Reed Stadium Saturday for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Stairclimb.

respectable time."

There were nine people signed up on the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District team, though not all were able to be on hand at Reed Stadium.

More important than smoking the arduous physical challenge, Ward reported that the team raised approximately \$18,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, far exceeding last year's total of approximately \$13,000. Ward thanked the Sisters Country donors and his fellow firefighters who made a

real effort to raise funds and awareness.

"It means a lot to me, because I used to have lymphoma," Ward noted. "So I'm definitely behind the climb and what it stands for."

Sisters firefighters have been participating in the climb for five or six years, Ward said, and now it's become a big deal for members of the district.

"It really took off the last three years," he said.

For more information, visit <https://www.liswa.org>.

City, developer nail down affordable housing

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The ClearPine subdivision in the northeast corner of Sisters, site of the original Lundgren pine lumber mill, has been involved in 15 different City decisions, land-use approvals, applications and modifications over the past 13 years.

The latest modification application submitted by ClearPine developer Peter Hall and 3 Sisters Partners was approved, with conditions, by the Sisters City Council at their June 10 meeting. The application hearing had been continued from the May 27 Council

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