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## GREEN RIDGE FIRE has challenged firefighters



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The Green Ridge Fire was driven by high winds, hot temperatures and dry fuels in tough terrain. Air assets worked the fire all week.

By Jim Cornelius  
Editor in Chief

The Green Ridge Fire, sparked by lightning on Sunday, August 16, foiled firefighters' early efforts to quell it and — driven by

gusty winds and fueled by hot temperatures and dry conditions — marched eastward last week.

The fire grew to 4,169 acres as of Monday morning.

After several days of chasing the fire, firefighters got a

reprieve from high winds and hot temperatures over the weekend and were able to halt the fire's progress.

"The team is making good progress on it, getting a lot of line around it," Sisters District Ranger Ian Reid told

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The Incident Management Team conducting the fight against the blaze reported Monday that "Firefighters continue to make progress

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## Sisters has new preschool offerings

By Charlie Kanzig  
Correspondent

Preschool offerings in Sisters Country have changed and expanded for the 2020-21 school year, giving parents more options than ever at a time of heightened need.

Preschool will be offered at Sisters Elementary, Wellhouse Church, and through Sisters Parks & Recreation District (SPRD).

Thanks to the award of a state-funded Preschool Promise grant Sisters Elementary School will be operating a program independently this year. For the past number of years, SPRD operated preschool at the elementary site in cooperation with the school district for 3 and 4 year olds.

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## Sisters Folk Festival plans live music event

Sisters Folk Festival is planning three days of live music over the traditional festival weekend, September 11-13

"Close to Home 2" is designed to be a comfortable, socially-distanced outdoor concert at the Sisters Artworks venue located at 204 W. Adams Ave., in downtown Sisters.

Artists all hail from the Pacific Northwest. Performers on the bill include: Judith Hill, John Craigie, Thunderstorm Artis, AJ Lee & Blue Summit, Kristen Grainger & True North, Caleb Klauder and Reeb Willms, and Central Oregon's own The Parnells.

Each day will be a slightly different variation of these artists, with daily lineup to be announced soon. Organizers plan to announce at least one more artist in the

coming week.

"Close to Home 2 will deliver great songwriters and musical artists to Sisters for the weekend," said SFF Creative Director Brad Tisdell. "As an organization, we have needed to reimagine how to produce live shows amidst the ongoing COVID-19 challenges, and will continue to innovate and create new opportunities, while keeping patrons, artists, production staff and volunteers safe. Between Close to Home 2 and our creativity camps, we continue to serve our mission in the best way possible, with more to come."

Under the current Phase 2 reopening in Oregon, the entire gathering will be limited to a 250-person maximum, including ticket holders, musicians, staff,

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## First Story dedicates new homes

Three families in Sisters celebrated new home ownership last week in a physically-distanced key dedication ceremony in Hayden Homes McKenzie Meadows development off McKinney Butte Road.

"All three families are the first in their families to own their own home," noted Claire Duncan, Executive Director of the nonprofit First Story.

Two of the three families currently live and work in Sisters. First Story, Hayden Homes' nonprofit charitable arm, along with NeighborImpact, reached out to the Sisters community to seek applicants and to help prospective homeowners prepare for the responsibilities of homeownership. The first three families are graduates of NeighborImpact's HomeSource Program.

First Story, Hayden Homes, NeighborImpact and the City of Sisters worked



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Christensen family celebrated taking the keys to their new Sisters home on Thursday.

together in the project in order to provide affordable homeownership opportunities in Sisters.

Among the homes built in the three-phase Hayden Homes community, McKenzie Meadows Village, will be 10 homes dedicated

to affordable housing for families qualifying at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) threshold of 80 percent or below of Adjusted Median Income (AMI). The homes

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