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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF DESCHUTES**

In the matter of the estate of: **Gary Kent Rodgers**, deceased. **Case No. 20PB05520 Notice to interested persons.** Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed as the personal representative of the Estate of Gary Kent Rodgers. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers attached, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at:

Mark G. Rodgers  
20925 Hilltop Pl.  
Bend, OR 97703

or claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative at the address set forth above.

**CITY OF SISTERS NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LAZY Z RANCH MASTER PLAN**

**Proposals Due by 2 p.m. on October 7, 2020**

The City of Sisters (City) is soliciting proposals from qualified land use planning, engineering, and/or architectural landscape consulting firms to develop a long term Master Plan for the future development and preservation of the City owned portion of the Lazy Z Ranch detailed within the City's Request for Proposal (RFP).

Interested firms can obtain a copy of the RFP at

<https://www.ci.sisters.or.us/rfps>  
Sealed RFPs must be received by Kerry Prosser, City Recorder, by hand delivery at 520 E. Cascade Ave., or PO Box 39 Sisters, Oregon 97759, on or before 2 p.m. (local time) on October 7, 2020. Envelopes should be clearly marked "LAZY Z RANCH MASTER PLAN."

Please provide one (1) digital copy (no email submittals), one (1) original hard copy, and ten (10) hard copies of the Proposal. The original should be marked "Original" and must bear an original ink signature by an individual authorized to represent the Proposer. Late submissions will not be accepted.

The City of Sisters reserves the right to reject proposals not in compliance with the prescribed procedures and requirements and may reject any or all responses.

**All requests for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than Thursday, October 1, 2020, to Paul Bertagna at:** Email: [pbertagna@ci.sisters.or.us](mailto:pbertagna@ci.sisters.or.us) (preferred method). **Copy Troy Rayburn at:** Email: [trayburn@ci.sisters.or.us](mailto:trayburn@ci.sisters.or.us)

**INTERNET: Connectivity has become more critical in pandemic**

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broadbandnow.com, there are 14 possible providers with eight of them offering residential service. Approximately 90 percent of Sisters residents are served by multiple wired providers and several satellite ISPs. According to the same source, Sisters is the 86th most connected city in Oregon, ahead of Mill City but behind Redmond, Culver, and Terrebonne.

Installing cable lines in town isn't much of a challenge, where houses are on city lots and next door to each other. Running cable to individual houses on multi-acre parcels of land is something else entirely. Satellite dishes are a common sight in isolated rural areas, bringing hundreds of TV channels and providing Internet service via satellite.

Another option is the digital subscriber line (DSL) which runs through the standard phone lines that are wired into a home. There is an advanced DSL that has come online utilizing a type of fiber optic cable that is run to a "cabinet" in a neighborhood, from which copper wires run to houses in the neighborhood.

Fiber optic cables transmit data via fast-traveling pulses of light. A layer of glass called "cladding" is wrapped around the central fiber and causes light to repeatedly bounce off the walls of the cable rather than leak out at the edges,

enabling the signal to go farther with no reduction in the strength of the signal. Currently, fiber is the fastest and most reliable connection type, but cable Internet can also provide fast Internet speeds. Both are better than DSL and satellite Internet at consistently delivering promised speeds.

It used to be that fiber was much more expensive than any of the other types of Internet, but price has come down considerably. It is usually used more by large businesses and organizations. Bend Broadband offers some fiber optic cable transmission.

Fixed wireless Internet uses radio waves transmitted by a cell tower to bring Internet connection to the user. This is different from cable, DSL, and fiber, all of which use cables or wires. The beauty of fixed wireless Internet is that it doesn't require any hard wires. Instead it uses an antenna located on the exterior of the house or in the attic. The antenna picks up radio signals from the closest cell tower and your ISP is then

able to provide access to the Internet via a cable carrying the signal from the antenna to the router in your home.

Fixed wireless is more expensive and doesn't scale well, so a lot more customers can't be added on like they can with regular cable. The signal operates by line-of-sight, making hills and trees obstacles to transmission..

Elon Musk, of Tesla fame, among others, is developing low-orbit satellites that could provide Internet service. His developments are out of the theoretical stage and are currently being tested.

Each type of Internet service has its pros and cons and may not be available in all areas. That is what gives rise to the digital divide, which comes from lack of infrastructure and service, and expense of accessing service.

*In coming issues of The Nugget, the focus will be on how the digital divide impacts so many facets of life; possible solutions; and pros and cons of choices available in Sisters Country.*

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