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Businesses grapple with evolving mask rules

By Bill Bartlett
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Oregon made national news recently with its latest COVID-19 prevention rules. *The New York Times* used Oregon as its lead on its May 13 story of ways states are using incentives to increase vaccinations. Oregon has tied lifting of masking restrictions to attaining a 70 percent vaccination rate for all citizens

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Remembrance...

Bagpiper Steve Allely played "Highland Cathedral" as World War II veteran Cecil Hector offered a salute to the departed during a laying of the wreath ceremony, part of annual Memorial Day observances at Village Green Park. See story, page 9.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Missing child case remains under investigation

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Oregon State Police are still investigating a case involving a young child who went missing in Sisters and was later recovered safe.

Last Sunday morning, May 23, about 9:30 a.m., a message went out to the Sisters community from Deschutes County 9-1-1 alerts regarding a 3-year-old boy who had been located near the Sisters Creekside Campground at about midnight. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO)

was attempting to locate the child's family.

Later Sunday afternoon another alert went out saying the child's family had been located. According to Lt. Chad Davis of DCSO's Sisters substation, Sisters deputies assisted Oregon State Patrol (OSP) Trooper Malloy who was first on scene. Davis indicated an arrest has been made in the case.

OSP declined to provide any further information, noting that, "This is an open investigation and there is no information available for release."

Bikes deployed in expanded community policing effort

By Bill Bartlett
Correspondent

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office owns a small fleet of mountain bikes, two of which are new and garaged at the Sisters substation. Lt. Chad Davis who heads the station and Deputy Brian Morris (shown in photo on page 14) inaugurated routine

bike patrol in Sisters last week. On a few occasions over recent years deputies on bikes have only been seen during events like the Rodeo and Folk Festival ridden by countywide officers.

Now, Davis says, Sisters can expect to see patrolling most every day of the week

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Sisters lifter is a world champion

By Jim Cornelius
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Sisters resident Jennifer Banning scaled the heights of Olympic lifting in the IWF Masters World Championships.

Banning, competing in the Women's 50-54 age group and the 55-kilogram (121 pound) weight class, won gold across the board in the snatch and the clean and jerk to become the 2021 World Champion. The event was held virtually via Zoom under the auspices of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) last week, in order to adhere to COVID-19 restrictions.

Banning lifted 56k (123.459 pounds) in the snatch, where the lifter "snatches" the barbell off the floor, directly overhead in one continuous motion. An above-body-weight snatch is a remarkable accomplishment, and Banning said she is "super proud" to have achieved it.

In the clean and jerk, the lifter "cleans" the barbell to the shoulders, then "jerks" it overhead. Banning's gold-medal clean and jerk was 70 kilograms (154.324 pounds).

"I almost made 74 (163.142 pounds), but not



PHOTO BY LINDA HANSEN

A personal record, above-body-weight snatch helped Jennifer Banning to an IWF World Championship.

quite," she said. "I have to save something for next time, I guess."

The virtual event was a complex undertaking across multiple time zones, requiring documentation of weigh-in and observation by judges to ensure that each lift was a "good lift." Banning Zoomed in to the competition from her home gym, where she trains three to four times per week.

"You did it through Zoom," she said. "It's really

kind of amazing."

The virtual nature of the tournament had upsides and challenges, Banning acknowledged. Not having to travel to an international event was a good thing. Banning has previously traveled to Montreal, Canada, for international competition.

"It takes something out of you," she said.

On the other hand,

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