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— Rev 'em up! —

Planes, cars, and trucks tested their mettle on the runway at Sisters Eagle Airport during a Fourth of July fly-in on Sunday. Proceeds from events support Sisters High School's aviation program. See story, page 8.

PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Quilt Show marks comeback for Sisters events

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Just as Oregon emerges from COVID-19 restrictions, the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show is set to bring back Sisters' major events.

The Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS) is set for Saturday, July 10.

The show is modified somewhat, as organizers had to plan for it without knowing what Oregon's status would be. Plans currently call for

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American Legion commander visits

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

James W. "Bill" Oxford is on a mission to strengthen the American Legion.

Oxford, national commander of The American Legion, was in town last week and attended a special Post 86 dinner in his honor at Brand 33 restaurant. While in Oregon, Oxford was scheduled to visit 12 posts besides Sisters including Redmond, Bend, La Pine, Grants Pass,

Roseburg, and Cottage Grove.

The national commander generally serves for one full year, but because of COVID-19 causing the cancellation of numerous trips and conferences across the country, as well as the 2020 national convention in Louisville, Oxford is serving a second year in order to visit all 55 departments. He was elected to his national office in

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Business owner arrested on sex-abuse charge

Mike Boyle of Sisters was arrested on Wednesday, June 30, on charges of harassment, sex abuse, and performing illegal massage.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, deputies with the City of Sisters and Deschutes County Sheriff's Office detectives served a search warrant at Hop in the Spa in

the City of Sisters at about 9:48 p.m. on June 30. The search warrant was served after a long-term investigation into the business and its owner, Michael Boyle. Boyle was reported to be performing massages in the business without a license to do so. One adult female

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Escaped cooking fire blamed for blaze



PHOTO COURTESY SCSFD

Firefighters knocked down a small blaze caused by an escaped cooking fire. Conditions are very dry in forests.

A 42-year-old man was cited for reckless burning after his cooking fire escaped and spread into the forest near Sisters.

On July 1 at approximately 10:47 a.m., the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office received a call of a fire on USFS land west of the City of Sisters, along the Forest Road 100 spur.

When deputies arrived on scene, the fire was approximately 25 yards in diameter. The fire department was able to get a line around the fire and keep it from spreading further.

Investigation determined

that Bryan Baumann was camping in the area and had started a cooking fire. The fire escaped and quickly started spreading. Baumann attempted to put the fire out, but was unable to do so. Baumann ran to a nearby business to get help.

He was transported by ground ambulance to St. Charles in Redmond with non-life-threatening injuries. Baumann was issued a citation to appear in court for reckless burning.

No evacuations were necessary due to the location and size of the fire.

The Sheriff's Office was

assisted by the Black Butte Police Department.

Last week's blaze was just the latest in a series of small fires around Sisters.

In June, a fire broke out in the woods about five miles west of Sisters, about a quarter-mile northwest of Zimmerman Butte. Firefighters from the Forest Service and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District (SCSFD) responded quickly and kept it confined to 6/10 of an acre. Fire officials reported that the fire was human-caused, but could not

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