

## Hedrick takes reins as school board chair

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The Sisters School Board has installed Don Hedrick as its new chair.

Hedrick, a long-serving member of the board, takes over for Jay Wilkins, whose term ended this year and who did not seek re-election to the board. David Thorsett was chosen as vice-chair.

Hedrick, a retired school principal, is in his 11th year overall in serving on the board, including a previous stint as chair from 2012 to 2016. Over a span of 34 years, Hedrick spent 25 in suburban Chicago as a

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## Local youth exhibit at county fair...



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Colter Habein took top honors for market beef at the Deschutes County Fair. His is one of 30 members of the Cloverdale Livestock Club, which has been helping young people develop through 4-H for decades. (See related story, page 4.)

## DA dismisses charges against spa owner

The Deschutes County District Attorney's Office confirmed on Tuesday morning, July 27, that they have declined to pursue criminal charges against Sisters spa owner Mike Boyle.

Boyle, owner of Hop in the Spa in Sisters, was arrested on Wednesday, June 30, on charges of harassment, sex abuse, and performing illegal massage. Boyle told *The Nugget* that he intends to sue the State of Oregon, contending that the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office filed a false affidavit in order to

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## Sisters students will have to mask this fall

Sisters students will have to mask up when they return to class at the end of the summer, under a new directive from Governor Kate Brown.

Last Thursday, July 29, Governor Brown directed the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education to create a rule to require masks indoors for K-12 schools statewide for the 2021-22 school year. The move is, according to the governor's office, "in line

with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recently updated guidance, and based on the latest science on the spread of the Delta variant."

"The science and data are clear: the Delta variant is in our communities, and it is more contagious," said Governor Brown. "My priority is to ensure our kids are able to safely return to full-time, in-person learning this fall, five days per week and with minimal disruptions. With many children still ineligible to be vaccinated, masks are an effective way to help keep our kids safe in the classroom, the learning environment we know serves them best."

Some school districts were pushing back. Culver Schools Superintendent Stefanie Garber wrote a

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Add masks to your students' back-to-school supply lists.



## Sisters woman connects community

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As the founding president and volunteer administrator for five and a half years of Citizens4Community (C4C), Robyn Holdman has been integral to efforts to make Sisters a more connected community. Her work earned her recognition from the Sisters Vision Implementation Team as a "Connected Community Champion."

Under her leadership, C4C grew from an idea into an organization with stable funding, playing significant roles in creating a more connected and collaborative Sisters Country.

Through a combination of community tools, projects, workshops, forums, and community celebrations, Holdman paved the way for C4C's strategies to fundamentally strengthen Sisters Country and bring people together to respectfully address challenges and opportunities so more local voices could be heard and



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Robyn Holdman was named Connected Community Champion by the Sisters Vision Implementation Team.

more good things could happen through that power of connection.

"As a result of her incredible passion and heart for community,

Robyn has helped channel funds from donors and state and regional foundations directly into Sisters'

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