

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

Outdoor Quilt Show and My Own Two Hands art auction. Having always been involved with horses, joining the Sisters Rodeo Association in 2000 seemed like a good fit, and she has held many volunteer positions there. Both of her children volunteered along with Jeri and her husband, Bob, always making it a family affair.

Local woman donates historical mural

Sisters is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Sisters with a new historical mural on the South Fir Street side of the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store.

Sisters resident Melanie Nelson contacted Minnesota muralist Steve DeLaitch and his assistant Scott Duffus for the project. Nelson formerly lived in Owatonna, Minnesota, and worked with them both on previous mural projects.

When Nelson read in *The Nugget* about the 75th anniversary, she approached the City about the possibility of funding a mural depicting important moments in the history of Sisters. The City put her in touch with the Three Sisters Historical Society and Sisters History Museum. They, in turn, contacted Sisters Arts Association (SAA), because the project aligned with one of their goals — to create a stronger public art program in Sisters. The SAA negotiated with Sisters Habitat for Humanity to place the mural on the side of their thrift store, which was originally the Leithauser Grocery Store.

This collaboration of three Sisters organizations and the City “is a watershed moment,” according to SAA President Dennis Schmidling, “and hopefully the first of many collaborations related to public art.”

Voters approve school bond

There will be a new Sisters Elementary School in a new location in a couple of years — thanks to a resounding “Yes” vote from the Sisters community on Measure 9-141 in the May 18 election.

The passage of the levy with a tax rate of 93 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value will allow the creation of a \$33.8-million fund for construction of the new school.

Weber takes second at tennis districts

Nate Weber earned a second-place finish in the singles event of the OSAA Special District No. 2 Tennis Tournament held at Black Butte Ranch May 10, 13, and 14.

Drought worsens, raising fire concerns

You don’t have to be a hydrologist to know that we are in the midst of a drought, worsening by the week. A look at the snow cover on the mountains, streamflows in nearby rivers, and reservoir levels reveals tell-tale signs of what forest and fire district managers see as potential danger signs as the summer progresses.

Nearly 70 percent of Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties are in level D3 (extreme drought) as of May 13, according to the National Weather Service. Parts of southwestern Deschutes County are at the top level — D4 (exceptional drought). The problem is statewide and the governor has already declared Klamath, Jackson, and Lake counties disaster areas.

Habitat can build at higher density

Sisters Habitat for Humanity has won approval to build at greater density in a neighborhood at the west end of town.

The Sisters Planning Commission voted 4-2 to approve — with conditions — an application from Habitat for Humanity to make 10 lots from an existing six lots to accommodate attached or detached single-family houses in the Village Meadows subdivision.

C4C has new president

The local community-building nonprofit Citizens4Community (C4C) last week installed Jane Paxson as president of its board of directors. Paxson succeeds founding President Robyn Holdman, who has led C4C since its beginnings in 2015.

Voters reject Cloverdale Fire District bond

Cloverdale Fire District voters said a vehement “no” to a five-year local option levy

to fund enhanced emergency medical and fire response. The Cloverdale District lies in the rural lands east of Sisters. The levy carried a tax rate of \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Voters rejected it by a 70 percent to 30 percent margin.

JUNE

Cyclists converge on Sisters

Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start of cycling season in Sisters.

Estimates are that a thousand riders visited Sisters over the holiday weekend. Five hundred took part in the annual Sisters Stampede on Peterson Ridge. Event officials told *The Nugget* that entrants from at least nine states registered for this year’s ride. A cyclist from New Jersey traveled the farthest and a rider from Tucson made the 1,250-mile journey to compete in one of two timed events — the short course (14 miles) and the long course (25 miles).

Sisters Dance Academy hosted live performance

Sisters Dance Academy was able to hold a live performance on Thursday, May 27, at Sisters High School featuring the studio’s competitive dance teams.

“What a joy it was to be able to perform for a live audience again,” Liddell said. “We haven’t been able to do that since December of 2019 due to all of the restrictions surrounding COVID-19. To feel the energy and emotions of being on our home stage with a live audience cheering all throughout the performance felt so amazing for our dancers and has been a long time coming indeed.”



PHOTO BY LINDA HANSEN

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

Sisters lifter is a world champion

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.

Student banners fly over Sisters

Following a successful community fundraising effort, senior banners are flying high on downtown lampposts to

Bubbles With Every Bite!

THE MIMOSA THAT NEVER ENDS!

Celebrate New Year's with us!

11 a.m to 7 p.m.

Closed New Year's Day

NEW HOURS: 7 DAYS A WEEK

Sun-Tues 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wed-Sat 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

NEW DELIVERY SERVICE (\$30 min.): Wed-Sat 4:30-8:30 p.m.

250 W. Cascade Ave. • sistersdepot.com • 541-904-4660

SISTERS DEPOT

Kitchen & Cocktail Bar

HONDA

Clear the snow in LESS TIME, with MINIMIZED EFFORT

thanks to Honda power and smooth maneuvering...

- Two stage
- Wheel drive
- 198cc Honda GX OHV engine
- Clears 24" wide, 1,500 lb./min
- Throws snow up to 49 feet
- Self-propelled, electric start

HSS724AWD

\$2,649

Honda generators offer easy, convenient, reliable backup power.

For home, business, and outdoor use, Honda will have you powered up! Several models to choose from depending on your needs...

EU2200i	EU3000iS	EU7000iS
\$1,129	\$2,349	\$4,699

541-549-9631

331 W. Barclay Dr.

Mon-Fri: 7 am-5 pm

Sat: 8 am-4:30 pm

www.sistersrental.com

We are your local authorized Honda Power Equipment Dealer!

Offering sales, service & parts.

Read the owner's manual before operating Honda Power Equipment.

Bring in this coupon for

\$2 OFF

any 30-35-40 lb. bag of

DOG FOOD OR

\$1 OFF

any 16-20 lb. bag of

CAT FOOD

Offer good through 1-31-22. Coupon not valid with any other promotion. Limit one coupon per customer per month.

102 E. Main Ave. | 541-549-4151