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## Volunteers provide vital ride service

By Sue Stafford  
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Sisters Transportation and Ride Share (STARS) is an invaluable local program that offers free transportation for all Sisters Country residents, to Sisters, Bend, and Redmond for all non-emergency medical appointments: physicians, dental, vision, physical therapy, hearing, lab work, testing, and vaccinations.

STARS and COVID-19 came on the scene within months of each other, and yet STARS volunteers were able

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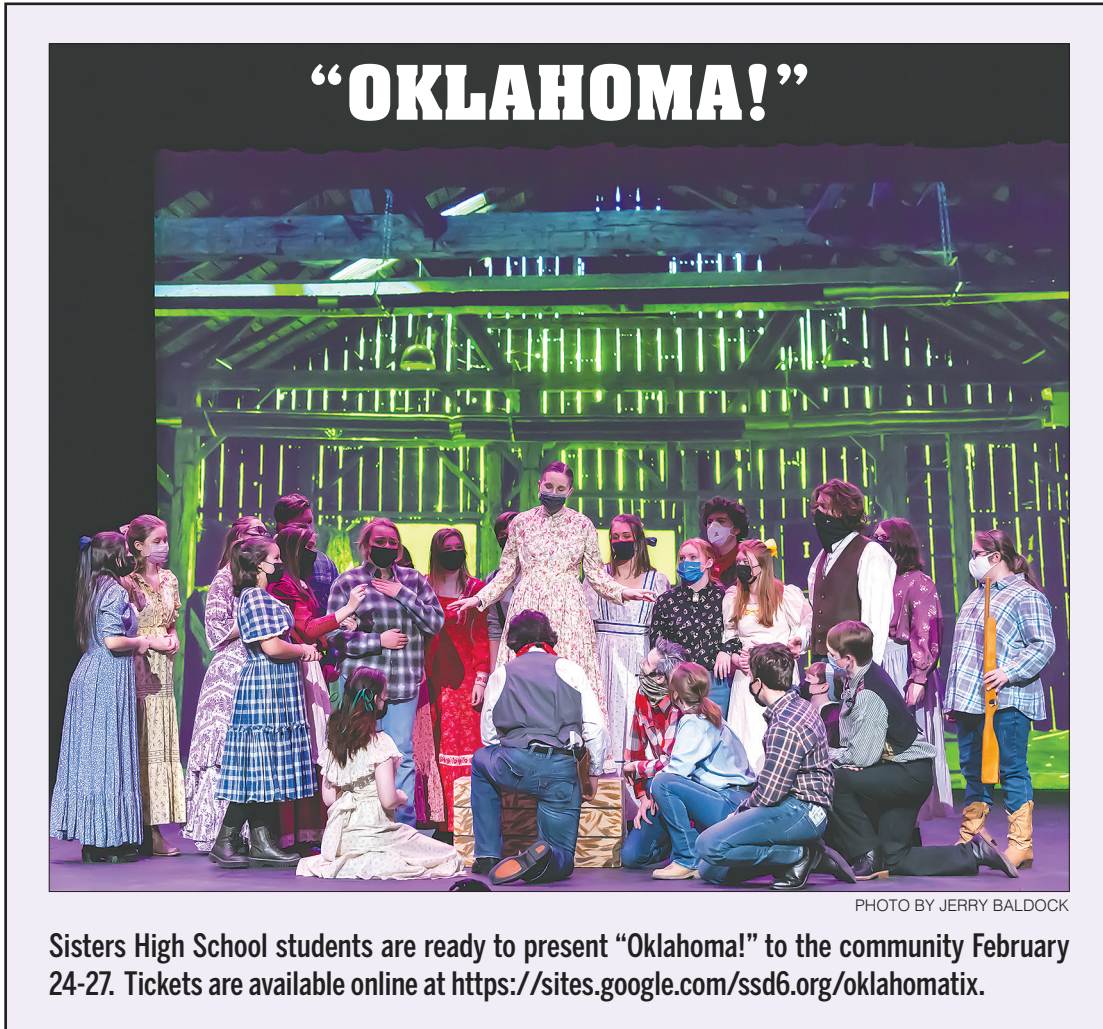


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Sisters High School students are ready to present "Oklahoma!" to the community February 24-27. Tickets are available online at <https://sites.google.com/ssd6.org/oklahomatix>.

## Fires imperil homeowner's insurance in Sisters Country

By Bill Bartlett  
Correspondent

Living amidst a forest in a multi-year drought has gotten the attention of your insurance company. After the catastrophic fires and resultant claims losses from western states wildfires, a number of insurance carriers have dropped homeowners insurance altogether. Others have raised rates or limited the areas they will insure.

Zip code 97759, Sisters Country, 97702 (south and

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## Wilderness permit program sees changes

The Central Cascades Wilderness Permit System will see some changes, designed to improve the permit system following last summer's implementation.

According to the Forest Service, the changes will increase permit opportunities for the public and simplify the permit reservation system.

The permit season will change to June 15 through October 15 every year rather than the Friday before Memorial Day through the last Friday in September. This change aligns the permit season with the actual season of use. Last year, the Forest Service reported, people had permits in early June that were unusable due to snow and road conditions while the wildernesses were accessible in early October.

Day-use permits will not be available for full season advanced reservations. All-day use permits will be released in a 10-day and two-day rolling window during the permit season. Last summer there was a significant number of "no-shows,"

primarily caused by people making advanced permit reservations and not using their reservation.

The overnight permit system has changed the most. The overnight permit quota is now based on the date of entry — meaning there is a daily entry quota for each trailhead allowing new groups to start their trip each day. This simplifies the reservation system because people will not have to block out all the days of their planned trip. The 14-day maximum stay limit will remain in place.

Reservations for the overnight permits will begin on the first Tuesday in April (April 5) and 40 percent of overnight permits will be available for advanced reservation. Once the permit season begins, the remaining 60 percent of overnight permits will be available in a seven-day rolling window

Permit quotas will slightly increase for most trailheads.

Hunters will continue to use their valid tag, issued through the Oregon

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## A life of aviation adventure

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In the mid-1990s, Shane Lundgren was flying on the knife's edge of adventure, in some of the most hostile environments known to aviators. Those adventures, along with other achievements in the field, earned him nomination among the Living Legends of Aviation.

The Camp Sherman resident grew up on the wing. His father, Kim Lundgren, was a navigator for PanAm, and the founder in 1978 of Air Berlin. Shane was born in Palo Alto, California, and went to university in San Diego, majoring in history and economics. He thought he was headed into a career in law. But the pull of aviation was strong — he had started getting his ratings and licenses at the earliest possible ages. In 1982, he checked out in the Boeing 737 operated by Air Berlin. At the age of 21, Lundgren was the youngest person to fly the 737 commercially.

He wasn't going to law school.

From 1982 to 2012, he would fly as a captain for Air Berlin. These were historic



PHOTO COURTESY SHANE LUNDGREN

Shane Lundgren is taking his place as a Living Legend of Aviation.

times. Shane was on hand when the Berlin Wall came down.

"I kind of feel like Forrest Gump," he said. "I was at the Wall, and all these historic events are going on around you."

When the Wall fell, Air Berlin "was kind of this strategically placed airline," Lundgren said. German investors bought in, and the carrier, which flew to Moscow, went from being

a U.S. airline to a German one — the only airline in history to change flags in this manner.

Flying for Air Berlin, Lundgren took routes to Moscow and beyond — and a wild notion began to grow.

"I got pretty interested in barnstorming across Siberia," he said.

"Barnstorming" was a popular phenomenon in the

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