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Through boom or bust, Oregon small town rides theme to maintain identity

By KATHERYN HOUGHTON
Chronicle Staff Writer

SISTERS, Ore. — The drive from Portland to Bend weaves through a few towns offering a chance to pause for food and gas on your way to somewhere else. Sisters is a good place to stop.

Arriving in the small town is a moment that just feels cheesy: Green Oregon forests end to reveal mountains in the distance.



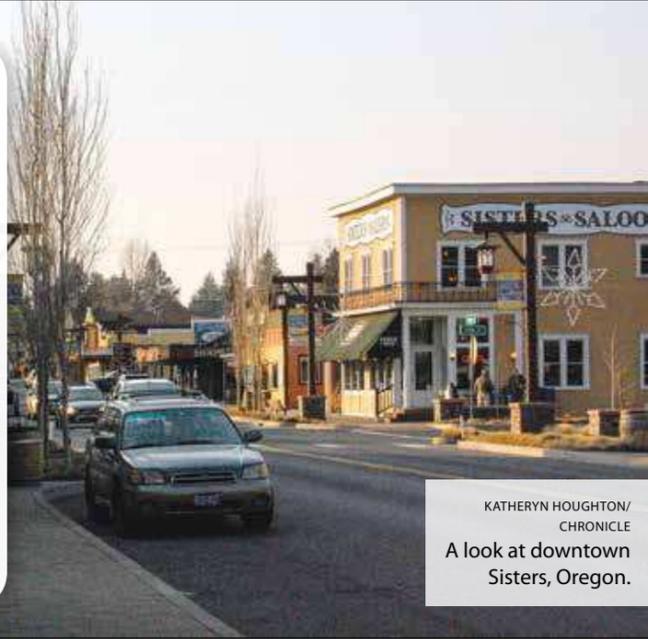
Leading to the view is Sisters' pseudo-western downtown with wood-shingle roofs and business names in a font typically seen on Hollywood's version of wanted posters.

As more people moved to Bend and Redmond in the early

2000s, roughly 22 miles away, the mayor of Sisters predicted the town's future was probably set as a bedroom community — a place people could find housing to afford lives in larger cities.

Sisters did grow, from a population of 950 in 2000 to an estimated 2,500 people today. But that "bedroom" prediction isn't the case.

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A look at downtown Sisters, Oregon.

Pride, pain and philanthropy

King and Queen of the Ridge hits record numbers

BY LEWIS KENDALL
Chronicle Staff Writer

What skis down must hike back up.

During the King and Queen of the Ridge, that's the idea at least.

This year's rendition of the popular competition and fundraiser saw a record number of participants sweat, curse and laugh their way up and down a well-trodden path on the Ridge at Bridger Bowl.

The 99 skiers and snowboarders, up significantly from last year's tally of 66, also managed to pool a record \$14,000 (at last count) for the Friends of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center.

"Our social media influence, promotion and the fact that we've had such a good snow year...it's piquing people's interest," said Eric Knoff, avalanche specialist for the GNFAC.

The group's avalanche education classes have seen twice the normal number of signups this year, Knoff added.

"The Avalanche Center wouldn't exist without com-



BY LEWIS KENDALL/CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

A record number of participants took part in this year's King and Queen of the Ridge event at Bridger Bowl on Saturday, Feb. 3. The competition helps raise money for the Friends of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center.

munity support, so this is awesome," he said.

While Saturday's competitors were perhaps less bedazzled than in years past,

there were still plenty of entertaining costumes and light-hearted humor to distract from burning thighs.

"The sooner you start, the

sooner you finish," one skier laughed as he hoisted his skis onto his shoulder.

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Chronicle to award young business professionals

The Bozeman Daily Chronicle has selected 20 people under 40 years old who will be awarded for their business achievements and community service.

The sixth annual 20 under 40 awards acknowledges the best and brightest young business professionals in the Gallatin Valley. Nominees had to be younger than 40 on Dec. 31, 2017.

"We received a tremendous number of nominations this year, close to 140," said Mark Dobie, publisher of the Chronicle. "The selection committee had a difficult task choosing among so many impressive candidates."

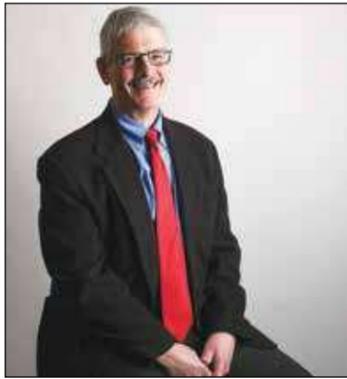
The selection committee was led by representatives from the Chronicle and four additional business leaders.

The 20 under 40 recipients will be featured in a special section inside the Chronicle on Feb. 25. The 2017 awards will be presented at the B2B networking luncheon on Feb. 26, 2018, at the Hilton Garden Inn.

To register for tickets go to www.bozemandailychronicle.com/lunch. This event regularly sells out so early registration is encouraged. Questions may be directed to twentyunderforty@dailychronicle.com or 582-2616.

This year's recipients include **Suzi Berget-White, Prospera Business Network**; Scott Christensen, Greater Yellowstone Coalition; Angela Des Jardins, MSU-Montana Space Grant Consortium; Anna Edwards, Bozeman School District; Eric Fisher, Bozeman Sports Camp; Ryan Lawrence Flynn, Community Food Co-op/Verge Theater; Charley Franklin, SMA Architects; Colleen Herrington, BD&H Law Firm; Anthony Hutchings, Bozeman Police Department; Kristin Laird, Foundant Technologies; Sarah Lukes, Agile Focus Designs; Katie Mazurek, Element Law Group; Stephanie McDowell, Bridgercare; Chris Odegard, Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply; James Rolin, Cowboy Cricket Farms; Kelli Stanley, Tree of Life Doula Service; Jessica Stillman, Befrienders Bozeman; Kevin Sylvester, Family Promise; Caleb Walker, Cold Smoke Coffeehouse; Jacob Werner, D.A. Davidson.

Gallatin County attorney running for his sixth term



RACHEL LEATHE/CHRONICLE

Republican Marty Lambert is running unopposed for what would be his sixth term as Gallatin County attorney.

By WHITNEY BERMES
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Republican Marty Lambert has filed to run for his sixth full term as the Gallatin County attorney, the first and only candidate for the job so far.

Lambert has worked in the office since 1983 when he joined as a deputy attorney.

He was promoted to chief deputy in 1988 and held that position until 1997 when he was appointed to replace former county attorney Mike Salvagni, who was elected as

a District Court judge.

Lambert filled the last two years of Salvagni's term and has since been elected to five full terms as county attorney.

There are three things that Lambert said have led him to run for re-election for another four years in office.

First is the collaborations he said his office has with other agencies and organizations in the county.

"We've got some great partnerships," he said.

Lambert cited the Child Advocacy Center, where children who have suffered

sexual or severe abuse are interviewed by law enforcement and their families are supported and given resources.

That center is run by a multidisciplinary team that includes the county attorney's office, local law enforcement agencies, Bozeman Health, the Help Center and Hearts and Homes.

"What a tremendous resource for children and their families that have to deal with the criminal justice system," Lambert said.

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