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Cooking fire destroys Sisters home

Sisters Residents Jeff and Gina Kendall narrowly escaped their burning home Sunday afternoon when a pan being used to cook French fries ignited on the stove. The residents told fire department personnel that the pan caught on fire and then the cabinets caught on fire. Jeff and Gina were able to evacuate the home and run to the house across the street and call 911. The home was located at 703 S. Ash St. in Sisters.

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District received the call for a possible structure fire at 12:30 p.m. Sunday. First arriving fire units found a 1975 double-wide manufactured home fully involved with fire. Flames were extending to large pine trees and adjacent outbuildings. Firefighters quickly deployed hose lines to prevent the spread of fire to adjacent structures and extinguished the home. Twenty-one firefighters with Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District were assisted by Black



PHOTO BY COLE DAVIS

Firefighters from three agencies responded to a major blaze in Sisters that consumed a small house.

Butte Ranch Fire District and Cloverdale Fire District. A total of 29 firefighters responded to the fire with five

fire engines, three support units and two chief officers. Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Fire Chief Roger

Johnson said, "The fire completely engulfed the home in

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City to reverse back-in parking

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Back-in parking is backing out of the Sisters downtown in approximately 90 days. Despite some avid supporters, the parking has proven unpopular with a large majority of citizens and visitors. It will be removed from Pine and Larch streets and Main Avenue.

City Council approved removal of back-in parking and a number of amendments and ordinances at their March 11 meeting, including the call-up provision for all Type II and Type III planning decisions. The Planning Commission and City Council will be emailed those decisions by the Planning Department on the

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Public records requests have increased sharply

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Public records requests have increased dramatically since 2011, placing an added burden on City staff, especially City Recorder Kathy Nelson who handles all those requests in addition to her other duties.

The Sisters City Council addressed the issue at a workshop last Thursday.

Currently, anyone can fill out a request form for any City public record, such as plot maps, recordings of public meetings, and development documents. If the staff time required to fill the request is less than 15 minutes, there is

no charge. If it will cost more than \$25 to fill the request, a written cost estimate is provided to the requester who must provide confirmation that he wants staff to proceed.

The City may require payment of estimated charges before taking further action on a request. Actual costs can end up being much more than the amount collected, staff reports. They can include the cost of the time spent by staff to locate the requested records, reviewing the records in order to delete exempt material, copying records, certifying documents as true copies, or sending records

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Sisters Rodeo names Grand Marshal

For thirty-five years, R.L. Garrigus has stood on the sidelines announcing the Sisters Rodeo Parade. This year, the celebrated radio broadcaster will ride at the head of the parade as the rodeo's Grand Marshal.

"R.L. has done so many things for us, especially as our volunteer parade announcer for so many years," said Tom Crowder, past director of the parade, who nominated Garrigus.

"I was a Radio Ranger with Ralph McNulty at KICE beginning in 1979," Garrigus said, "and Ralph, who was the Sisters Rodeo Parade announcer, invited me along. McNulty finally said 'it's all yours', and I've been there since. It's fun."

The outdoorsman with a



PHOTO BY GARY MILLER

R.L. Garrigus is a familiar face – and voice – at Sisters Rodeo.

heart as big as Central Oregon finds fun in many acts of assistance.

In 2004, Deschutes County

Commissioners and Bend City Council declared January

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