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Sisters celebrates with Christmas parade

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
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Hundreds of spectators lined both sides of Main Avenue on Saturday for the 38th Sisters Christmas Parade sponsored by the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce.

This year's theme was "Red, White & Blue Christmas," representing our national colors for a tribute to our active military men and women, and veterans, during this Christmas season.

And it was Red, White & Blue lawn chairs for Pat and Elaine Eastman from Albany as they waited for the parade to begin.

"We stop in for a visit at our vacation home in Sisters every year to celebrate the holidays, and the Christmas Parade is one of the highlights," Elaine Eastman said.

As for their chairs matching the theme for this year's celebration, Pat Eastman added this: "People want to get back to what's important."

U.S. Army medic and 2009 SHS graduate Marc Peck kicked off the celebration,



PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

The Big Guy has arrived – it must be holiday season in Sisters Country.

presenting our flag while marching down the avenue in military uniform.

Parade announcer Bob Buckmann was moved by the spirit of the celebration.

"Marc Peck has been deployed to Afghanistan three times. He's a battlefield medic and has saved many lives, and has helped many soldiers who were wounded,"

Buckmann said. "We are very proud to have Mark here presenting our colors, and we also pray for those who are

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City to hear remand of TUP issue

By Jim Cornelius
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The dustup over the application for a temporary-use permit (TUP) for proposed events on a vacant lot in Sisters will go back before the Sisters City Council at their December 10 meeting.

The Council will hold a public hearing on a partial remand of the matter as handed down by the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) last month. The hearing is set for 7 p.m. at City Hall. The hearing is limited to the issues that were the subject of the remand.

Controversy over the matter arose earlier this year when Celia Hung and/or Richard Esterman sought a temporary-use permit to host events on a vacant lot that Hung had leased on the corner of Cascade Avenue and

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Arts are alive at elementary school

By Erin Borla
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A 2013 Oregon Arts Commission report says arts education plays a vital role in developing students who become innovators and engaged citizens. Yet many Oregon communities are still struggling to integrate arts programming into the school day. In 2012, one in five elementary-aged students in Oregon attended a school with no access to arts curriculum.

Sisters Elementary School is not one of those schools.

In 2014, through a

community partnership with Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) and a grant from the Fred W. Fields Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, SFF hired a contractor to assist with arts integration at the school.

Karen Williams began her work last year, the first year in a three-year program coordinated by SFF, by helping elementary school teachers create an "art path" in their classrooms. Each day she was tasked with attending different classes, working with both the students and

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Could get sloppy in Sisters Country

By Jim Cornelius
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That winter wonderland we experienced over Thanksgiving is turning sloppy this week.

A winter storm that dropped several inches of snow across the region on Tuesday, November 23, left Sisters wrapped in a mantle of white through Thanksgiving, thanks to frigid temperatures that plunged into the single digits and below zero in some spots.

But that mantle of white will slough away under warmer temperatures and rain showers this week. Weather forecasts call for daytime temperatures in the mid-40s,



PHOTO BY GARY MILLER

Sisters got its first taste of winter last week.

with rain showers likely on Wednesday and Thursday.

Hoodoo Ski Area didn't get quite enough snow to open last week, but Mt. Bachelor opened over Thanksgiving

weekend. Winter sports enthusiasts and irrigators alike are hoping for more snowfall than the region got last winter.

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