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Aggressive dog injures Sisters woman

Jodi Schneider McNamee of Sisters was walking her two small dogs in the area of East Tye Drive and South Locust Street in Sisters last Wednesday when a loose dog — she believes it was a pit bull mix — hit her from behind and knocked her down, causing a serious leg injury that required surgery to correct.

The dog “slammed into me out of nowhere, real hard,” Schneider told *The Nugget*. “I hit the pavement with my knees and pain jolted through me and I couldn’t move my leg. Luckily there was a neighbor out nearby

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Roundabout construction rolling along...



PHOTO COURTESY ODOT

ODOT reports that during the week of April 17, the roundabout construction contractor will open the Barclay Road closure to a right in/right out. Due to the contractor working in the center median section of the highway, McKinney Butte will be a right in/right out as well. In the median area of the highway there will be excavation, grading, and concrete paving for the new roadway. There is also the potential for some nighttime work later in the week. No delays are anticipated during daytime hours; there may be up to 20-minute delays at night.

Quick action stops house fire

Quick action by homeowners and a rapid response from the Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD on April 12 kept a wall fire from extending to the entire home on Bitterbrush Lane near Sisters.

Homeowners Chris and John Zandofsky noticed smoke and flames in the wall near a pellet stove and called 911. The homeowners used a garden hose to slow the progress of the fire while the fire department responded. When firefighters arrived they found flames and sparks in the wall and used a chainsaw to gain access to the concealed fire.

Fire Chief Roger Johnson

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FS closing section of forest to camping

Faced with a large number of illegal campers, high levels of trash and significant sanitation issues, the Forest Service will close a section of forest near Sisters to camping for two years.

Beginning late this month, the Sisters Ranger District will close an area adjacent to Whychus Creek and in close proximity to the city of Sisters. The closure applies only to overnight camping. All day-use in the area will remain open. The temporary closure will begin on April 30 and end on April 29, 2019.

According to the Forest Service, impetus for the closure order is ongoing user conflicts that are leading to public health and safety issues. Long-term illegal

camping in the area has led to chronic law enforcement, trash, and sanitation problems.

There is a 14-day camping limit on the forest, but many otherwise homeless people are living in that area semi-permanently.

“This is primarily people who have been residing for long periods of time,” said Deschutes National Forest Spokesperson Jean Nelson-Dean.

The large number of long-term campers is difficult to keep track of, and consequently the rules are hard for Sisters Ranger District law enforcement officer Fred Perl to enforce.

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New SHS greenhouse is dedicated

By Jim Cornelius
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The Sisters High School greenhouse rose like a phoenix — not out of ashes but out of a pile of snow. The original greenhouse, located at Sisters Middle School, collapsed under the sodden weight of a two-foot February snowstorm in 2014.

Since then, volunteers have put in thousands of hours and climbed over a variety of administrative, regulatory and engineering hurdles to raise a new greenhouse on the grounds of Sisters High School. And the greenhouse that was dedicated in a public ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, April 14, is by every measure an incomparable improvement over the demolished structure it replaced.



PHOTO BY JEFF OMODT

Audrey Tehan cuts the ribbon on Sisters High School’s new greenhouse as volunteer Dave Hiller and Superintendent Curtis Scholl look on.

“We have potential to dream pretty big with this facility,” SHS sustainable agriculture instructor Audrey Tehan told the assemblage at the ceremony. “This is going to be kind of our living laboratory ... figuring out

different and more innovative ways to grow food.”

The greenhouse features radiant floor heating, drip irrigation, aeroponics, and hydroponics test areas.

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