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## Planners approve assisted living facility

By John Griffith  
Correspondent

On a 7-0 vote, the Sisters planning commission approved the master plan and site plan review for an 82-room assisted living facility (ALF) to be built on 7.2 acres of the "Carpenter property" just south of the post office, between Locust and Larch streets.

Community Development Director Pauline Hardie presented staff findings to the commissioners with a recommendation to approve application. The commission's recommendation to the City Council will be taken up at a future meeting, offering a second

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## Shootout in Sisters...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Sisters Park & Recreation District's Shootout drew basketball teams from across Oregon, bringing hundreds of people to town.

## Downtown food cart decision stands

By Jim Cornelius  
News Editor

It took just about one minute on Thursday for the Sisters City Council to determine that it will not intervene on a staff decision allowing food carts at a downtown business.

Brad Boyd applied and won staff approval to site food carts on his property at Eurosports. The food-cart operators will pay Boyd an annual lease. He hopes to establish whatever number is viable as permanent fixtures — though he acknowledges that there may be turnover among the individual carts.

The approval proved controversial, with critics questioning the process by which

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## Mayor raises concerns about Asson's actions

By Jim Cornelius  
News Editor

Over the past several weeks, re-elected city councilor David Asson has released to the public communications that were supposed to be internal city council communications. At a council workshop Thursday, Mayor Chris Frye expressed his concerns about Asson's actions.

"My hope is that some of these were done in the goal of being transparent," said Frye. "It's a big focus for us going forward. But I think there's a line that you can go too far ... where the respect of

your other councilors and the trust of the other councilors can be crossed. And in these instances I think you went too far."

Frye detailed three actions of concern:

In writing the city council's letter to the citizens of Sisters, published as an ad in *The Nugget*, Asson revealed information and discussions conducted in the executive session regarding City Manager Andrew Gorayeb's annual performance review. Asson's letter was ultimately not published.

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## No snow on horizon in Sisters Country

With the exception of a little rain, Sisters Country enjoyed some lovely weather last week. Sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-to-high 50s made it feel like spring and enabled hikers and cyclists to get out and enjoy sports that they might have thought retired for the season.

But all Sisters Country folks know that a warm, dry January is not really good news. The Cascades' snow pack is far lower than it should be at this time of year, and backcountry recreation and the businesses that supply it have taken a hit. Hoodoo Mountain Resort remains closed, and Outlaws ski racers endured extremely sloppy conditions at Mt. Bachelor on

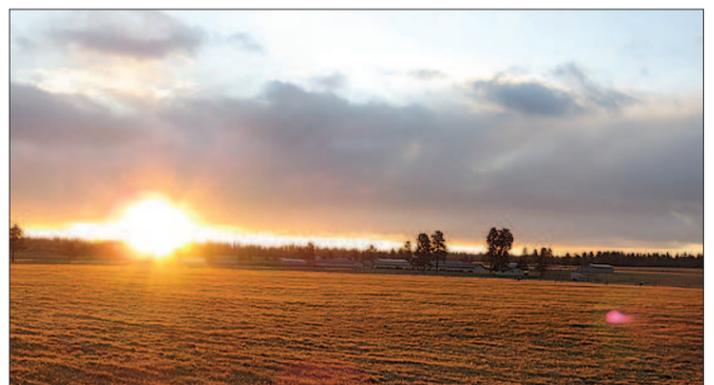


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Mighty pretty, but where's the snow?

Saturday.

The weather forecast indicates that we should not be expecting any snow in Sisters Country through the rest of the month. There is a slight chance of rain showers over the weekend, when

temperatures will climb into the 50s again — and possibly approach 60 degrees.

Folks in Sisters Country can enjoy the relatively balmy conditions and look with a wary eye toward fire season that may come early this year.

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