

# COMMUNITY

## Food cart conflict leads to code change

By Jim Cornelius  
News Editor

As part of an effort to deal with the fallout of a controversial planning staff decision allowing food carts at a downtown Sisters business, the Sisters Planning Commission on Thursday night approved changes in development code language requiring that the planning commission be

directly informed of all "Type II" administrative decisions.

As with every aspect of the recent food cart decision, the hearing on the code change carried its share of contention.

The language change explicitly requires that staff email all final Type II decisions to the planning commission on the same day the

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Ben Bruegeman was honored as Firefighter of the Year. Chief Roger Johnson looks on.

## Golden takes Albany position

Sisters schools superintendent Jim Golden has taken the superintendent's position at the Greater Albany School District, effective July 1. The decision of the Albany school board was announced Monday.

"We had an excellent field of 24 candidates and a difficult decision between our two finalists. However, Jim Golden emerged as the right choice to be our next Superintendent," Albany board chair Jerry Boehme said. "He has the qualities, experience and leadership skills identified by our community, staff and students to follow the good work of Maria Delapoer and lead Greater Albany Public Schools into the future."

Sisters School Board chair Don Hedrick told *The Nugget* that the next step for the district will be to call a special meeting to determine how to

proceed with a search for a new superintendent. The district could hire a search firm to conduct the search or handle the search themselves. The goal would be to have a new superintendent in place this summer, well before the actual start of school.

In a prepared statement, Golden said, "It has been a privilege for me to serve the Sisters Schools for the past five years as the superintendent... We truly have one of the best school districts in the State of Oregon. Sisters has done a great job of supporting our schools through the Local Option and through the countless other ways including volunteerism, fundraising, and other donations. I am proud of the work we have done together and I will always consider Sisters to be one of my homes."

## Fire department honors its own

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The patient was on the floor, discovered there by his daughter. It looked bad. He wasn't breathing and the daughter could not move him to begin CPR instructed over the phone by a 911 operator.

Paramedics from the Sisters-Camp Sherman fire district arrived on the scene just three minutes after dispatch and immediately set to work to save the man's life. The situation could not have been more dire: the man was unconscious, wasn't breathing and he had no pulse. But the paramedic team did not give up. They performed CPR, administered drugs and persisted despite 22 minutes with no change in condition.

Then, after that fraught 22 minutes of work, they saw

a change; they got a pulse and could detect his blood pressure.

Bad weather meant that they had to load the patient into an ambulance and drive to a rendezvous with AirLink. The man's condition deteriorated, but the AirLink crew got him to the hospital alive. And, Fire Chief Roger Johnson reported, "the patient ended up leaving the hospital a few days later." To the Chief's knowledge, he's still alive in Sisters.

The arduous effort of the Sisters paramedic crew — Captain Thornton Brown; fire medics Ben Bruegeman and Damon Frutos; and volunteers Bill Hayes, Graham MacDonald, Connor Briggs, Hayden Jones and Steve Huffman — to save that man's life earned them the Lifesaving

Award at the annual Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District awards banquet held on Saturday at FivePine Lodge & Conference Center.

That kind of quick, skilled, and compassionate response is the hallmark of the fire district, and the lodestar by which they orient the ethic and culture of the department. Keynote speaker Jeff Johnson, the Chief's brother and himself a lifelong member of the fire services, summed up the importance of inculcating a culture that demands that expectations be exceeded and accepts no standard short of excellence: "How dare we be anything but the best when the people we serve don't have a choice."

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### SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

#### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

**ALANON** Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Saturday, 8 a.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Monday, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Tuesday, noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Thursday, noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

**Authors Support Group** 2nd Friday, 10 a.m., Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. 541-588-0081.

**Black Butte Macintosh Users Group** 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.

**Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club** Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Black Butte Ranch community room. All welcome; partner required. 541-595-6236.

**Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch** Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.

**Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild** 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.

**Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild** 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-639-3217.

**Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild** 1st Monday. 541-610-9022.

**East of the Cascades Quilt Guild** 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

**Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. Public is welcome. 541-977-8285.

**Heartwarmers** (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Just bring scissors! 503-880-5832.

**Hero Quilters of Sisters** Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-6933.

**Military Parents of Sisters** 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-647-7483.

**Oregon Band of Brothers — Sisters Chapter** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-408-5594.

**SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment)** Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

**Sisters Area Photography Club** 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

**Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group** 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.

**Sisters Astronomy Club** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

**Sisters Bridge Club** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.

**Sisters Cribbage Club** Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. All are welcome. 541-923-1632.

**Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors** 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.

**Sisters Kiwanis** Thursdays, 7 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

**Sisters Red Hats** 1st Friday. Location information: 541-389-9554.

**Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

**Sisters Trails Alliance Board Meeting** 2nd Thursday, 8 to 9:30 a.m., The Pines Clubhouse. 541-719-8822.

**Sisters Veterans** Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

**Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

**Three Sisters Lions Club** 2nd Tuesday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-595-6967.

**VFW 8138 & American Legion** 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Service officer available. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.

#### CITY & PARKS

**Sisters City Council** 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

**Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., SPRD building. The public is welcome. 541-549-2091.

**Sisters Planning Commission** 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

#### FIRE & POLICE

**Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors** Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

**Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors** 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

**Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at [www.cloverdalefire.com](http://www.cloverdalefire.com).

**Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

**Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills** Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

#### SCHOOLS

**Black Butte School Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

**Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors** 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX Revolution office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.

**Sisters School District Board of Directors** One Wednesday per month, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at [www.sisters.k12.or.us](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

