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ODOT drives toward Sisters roundabout

By Jim Cornelius
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It may not be a “done deal,” but the Oregon Department of Transportation has a clear preference for installing a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 20 and Barclay Drive at the west end of Sisters.

ODOT is seeking “concurrency” from the City of Sisters in moving forward with a design for the roundabout, which the City indicated in 2011 was the preferred control mechanism for that intersection.

In the intervening years, ODOT worked with the freight industry to ensure that a roundabout on a state highway can accommodate large trucks. They brought truckers in Central Oregon and the Portland area out to run a mock-up of the proposed design in two separate

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Sinkhole at Lost Lake...



PHOTO BY ELI PYKE

Eli Pyke was canoeing when he discovered this sinkhole sucking the water out of Lost Lake.

Lost hiker found safe in Sisters Country

An 18-year-old hiker who got separated from his companions was found safe after wandering for several hours in the Pole Creek drainage.

Broek Dyer of Woodburn, Washington, called 911 and reported that he had been wandering for four hours after having lost the trail. Dyer had spent the night camping with two companions, then on their way back had become separated. Dyer had been making contact with his companions via text messages, but they had not been able to locate him.

Dyer's GPS coordinates were obtained from the 911 call showing that Dyer was about two miles south of the trailhead, then about 500 meters to the east on the opposite south side of Soda Creek. Phone contact was made with Dyer to advise him to remain at his location until Search and Rescue (SAR) arrived.

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Town Hall to focus on 'community assets'

By Diane Goble
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Last year Sisters Country residents made it clear that they did not want an amphitheater as a “community asset” — a project that would have encouraged more people who drive through town to stop and shop in Sisters.

At a subsequent town-hall meeting, other ideas were suggested for consideration, and a majority of the 200-plus attendees voted for the following four projects: Art/Science/History

Center; Convention Center; Field House; Winter Sports Park.

Then-mayor Brad Boyd appointed 11 volunteers to a Community Assets Committee (CAC), and for the past nine months members have been analyzing the projects systematically so the community can compare them side by side. During the process, a potential fifth project — which combines three of the ideas into one — emerged.

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Paramedics train in Sisters

Many Sisters-area residents noticed the bright blue Life Flight helicopter hovering over downtown Sisters last Wednesday morning before finally settling down in the parking lot of the Sisters-Camp Sherman fire station.

The helicopter and Life Flight paramedics were all part of the recertification training for EMTs and paramedics with the Sisters-Camp Sherman and Cloverdale Fire Districts. Fire district physician advisor Dr. Peter Vraniak also provided instruction during the three-hour training session.

Paramedics practiced low-frequency, high-risk



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Chad Stadel trains on a simulated patient at Sisters Fire Hall.

procedures including creating an emergency tracheotomy and decompressing collapsed lungs by placing long needles

through a simulated chest. Fire Chief Roger Johnson

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