

# Reed at work in city planning department

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

The new face at Sisters City Hall is that of Darcy Reed, associate planner in the Community Development Department.

The Bakersfield transplant moved north with her fiancé when he received a job offer in Central Oregon, where they also have family. They are living in Redmond with their dogs. Reed's dog, Deuce, a border collie, can occasionally be seen around City Hall when he comes to work with her.

Reed graduated from California State University – Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in sociology. After experiencing difficulty finding a full-time job, and working part-time as an afterschool activity leader, she decided to return to graduate school at California Polytechnic in San Luis Obispo, where she graduated in June 2013 with a master's in city and regional planning. She then worked for a civil engineering/land surveying firm before accepting the position here in Sisters.

Coming from a large metropolitan area of 800,000 residents, Reed loves Sisters; where she can take a nature walk along the creek right in town. She finds Sisters quaint and, although she didn't know what to expect, she is delighted to find it clean, well-kept, and friendly. Reed joked that Sisters being a Western town, she was surprised that no one had a "country accent."

Reed is pleased with the



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**Darcy Reed.**

way things are going in the planning department.

"I feel like we are making headway ... attempting to work cooperatively..." with the public, "mending discouragement" they may have previously felt.

She said the department's desire is to work cooperatively with applicants, asking them what they need, how the department can be of assistance, and then providing helpful answers and appropriate direction.

An occasional challenge that faces Reed is "connecting all the dots between old land-use approvals." She sometimes runs into a lack of clarity as to how decisions were made. The department is getting busier, with several new building permit applications a week being submitted.

Reed describes herself as a homebody who enjoys cooking and watching movies. She and her fiancé are still getting acclimated, but this summer they look forward to hikes with their dogs and attending some country music concerts.

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## LETTERS

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not, and the engines are by definition substandard because they don't meet current industry safety standards. The fire service has changed greatly, and what was acceptable 50 years ago has been left in the past. During the bond campaign, Keith refused to allow signs supporting the bond on Aspen Lakes property because he said they needed to stay "non-political," but now you can find many political signs on the same "non-political" property.

I'm also not sure how it's poor fiscal accountability to replace an engine which was damaged, with an engine which improves your capabilities, and is now planned to be sold for more money than was spent from fire district funds. The engine has become unnecessary with the passage of the bond. Although arm-chair quarterbacking is always 20/20, it rarely recognizes the factual realities at the time of the decision. The fire district simply didn't have the funds to purchase what was needed, but thanks to the voters, now it does.

Here are the transparent facts. The Cloverdale voters overwhelmingly support equipping their firefighters into the next 20 years. If you voted for the bond then please cast your ballot for John Thomas, Jerry Johnson, and Tom Barrier to make sure your firefighters have the equipment they need.

Damon Frutos

To the Editor:

Paved trails, single track, get outside into the woods, allow neighbors their privacy, provide wheelchair access, use money wisely, connect communities, divide communities . . .

A small town in Colorado has yet another interesting take on trails. Installing what they call Single Track Sidewalks, the town of Eagle is gaining recognition for its extensive trail system. Read the article in the February 25 edition of *Outside Magazine* or at [www.outsideonline.com/node/1930586](http://www.outsideonline.com/node/1930586).

Lorna Clarke

To the Editor:

Just a letter of thanks to all that attended the family memorial fundraiser for Shemiah Gillan last Saturday at Hardtails Bar & Grill. We had an awesome turnout and through donated

goods, services and help from friends and family, we were able to raise \$4,137!

Way to go, Sisters and the biker community!

Thank you,

Steve & Darcy Macey

To the Editor:

Thank you for the wonderful coverage of the Sisters Seed to Table program in (last) week's paper ("*Kids get their hands dirty on the farm,*" *The Nugget*, May 6, pg. 1). Your article vividly captures a busy day of field trips at the Tehan property, and illustrates the impact that hands-on garden education can have on kids.

That said, I feel that it is important to give a little more due credit to the founder and tireless leader of the Seed to Table Program, Audrey Tehan. Over the last two years, Audrey has humbly built this program from the ground up — writing grants, developing curriculum, teaching in the classroom, chopping and serving lettuce in the school cafeteria, and managing the substantial Seed to Table garden—all for a very "modest" salary.

Audrey's dedication — to her program and to the Sisters community — is inspiring, to say the least. In her subtle way, she is helping to shape an entire generation of Sisters students.

Benji Nagel

Mahonia Gardens

To the Editor:

I and my family, a son and daughter living in Sisters with their families, all eight of us seriously support and request a roundabout at the intersection of Barclay/McKinney Butte drives with Hwy. 20.

This community has been home since 1966 for us.

The information open house showed excellent preparation and presentation; safety and functionality were effectively presented as prime considerations!

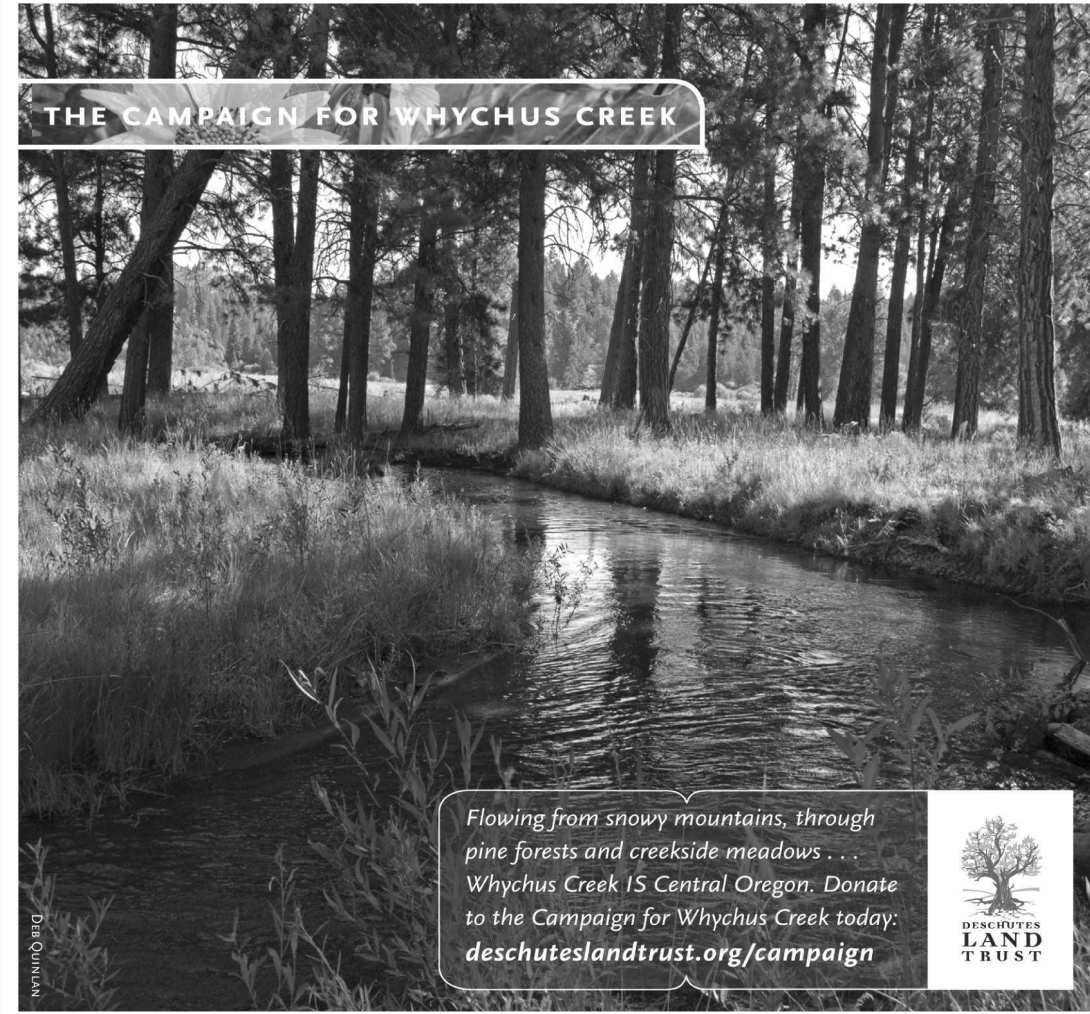
The character and qualities of our community, important for us to sustain, call for roundabouts to the exclusion of traffic lights and a traffic-light strip. Sisters is a small town, sensitive to retain that mark in a magnetic locale and environment; a haven for art, and/or/but with a need to remain local, and all the good that can come with that.

Emil Smith

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