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Holzman resigns city council seat

By Jim Cornelius
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Second-term Sisters City Councilor Wendy Holzman has resigned. Her departure means that only two remaining councilors on the five-member council — David Asson and Nancy Connolly — were elected to their positions.

In announcing her resignation last Friday, Holzman cited the need to focus on helping her daughter recover from a life-threatening bicycle accident that occurred last April. Maya Holzman was completing her PhD work on the Soviet partisan movement during World War II at the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the time of the

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Bikers honor the fallen...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

A contingent of motorcycle riders on their way to Sturgis stopped for a break in Sisters. They are honoring fallen soldiers in America's recent conflicts with a memorial torch ride. *See story, page 16.*

City affirms approval of senior facility

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

It was standing-room-only in Council chambers Thursday night, and some heated accusations were thrown out as the Sisters City Council unanimously approved the McKenzie Meadows Village (MMV) plans for a senior-living facility at the west end of town.

That approval in effect denied the appeal brought by Pinnacle Alliance Group regarding the planning commission's approval on June 18 of MMV's master plan and site plan.

The assisted-living facility

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Burgstahler seated on Sisters City Council

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Amy Burgstahler, a relatively new resident of Pine Meadow Village, was selected by members of the Sisters City Council to fill the seat left vacant by the recent resignation of Bill Hall.

Hall resigned his position in June, after less than a month on the job, citing undue levels of stress imposed by a contentious civic climate in town.

Burgstahler was sworn in and immediately took her seat at the July 23 council meeting. Her "baptism by fire"

involved hearing extended testimony on the contentious issue of approving requested modification to the master plan for McKenzie Meadows Village.

She joined her fellow councilors in a unanimous vote to approve the modification. (*See related story, page 1.*)

The council will be required to make another appointment soon, in the wake of Wendy Holzman's resignation, announced last Friday (*see story, page 1*). Holzman is the third councilor to step down in the past four months.

Flight Science student earns wings

Sisters High School Flight Science student Cammi Benson is the first in the innovative program to complete the requirements and earn her private pilot certificate. This achievement is the culmination of two years of study, practice, and preparation.

Benson began the process of becoming a pilot as a sophomore by enrolling in the Flight Science class offered at SHS. The year-long course uses a private pilot ground school as the curriculum, which prepared her to take the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) written test. The test covers all subject areas relevant to flying an airplane, including aerodynamics, aircraft systems and



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Cammi Benson, second from left, earned her pilot's certification.

maintenance, weather and meteorology, flight planning, navigation, and regulations. Benson passed it on her first try, soon after completing the Flight Science class.

The program sparked her

fascination with aviation. The class, which is unique to Sisters High School, provides an introduction to aviation through interesting field trips,

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