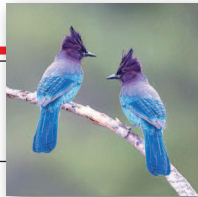


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Signing on for a tough job in Sisters

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

With three Sisters city councilors stepping down over the space of four months and high turnover on the Sisters Planning Commission, City officials are considering what it takes to attract and retain qualified people to step into these volunteer positions in a challenging environment — and stay through thick and thin.

“The biggest thing is we have to be up-front with people that apply for the position(s) — that it’s a tough job,” said Mayor Chris Frye. “It’s not a lot of pats on the back.”

Meetings can be long and contentious, and councilors and planning commissioners sometimes have to wade

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Competing for fitness championship...



PHOTO BY EMILY GREEN

Logan Schutte cleaned and jerked 275 pounds at the Level 5 Summer Games (see story, page 4).

New councilor takes seat at City Hall

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Amy Burgstahler, the newest member of the Sisters City Council, is also relatively new to Sisters. She, her husband, Darin, and their 8-year-old son, Quinn, chose to live in Sisters when they relocated from Tulsa, Oklahoma, a little over a year ago.

Burgstahler was selected by the Council to fill the seat left vacant with the resignation of Bill Hall.

Burgstahler, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma at Norman with a major in journalism and professional writing, is a native of Oklahoma, who has also lived and worked in California and Ohio as well as her home state.

She brings to her position

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Taking the community pulse on a roundabout

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Gary Farnsworth, area manager for Region 4 of the Oregon Department of Transportation, has been talking to a lot of people in Sisters Country in recent weeks. From sitting down with citizens and business owners to speaking to service clubs, Farnsworth has been talking about a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Barclay Drive and Highway 20.

But more than talking, Farnsworth has been doing a

lot of listening.

“I have to be willing to listen and absorb and learn things,” he told *The Nugget* last week.

What he’s learned is that there’s considerable support for a roundabout, some opposition — and a lot of folks who have concerns and questions. He’s done his best to address those concerns and questions in an outreach effort that is unusual for a major state agency.

“ODOT’s done, to my

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Project is transforming creek

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Sometimes it takes a lot of human intervention to make things natural.

That’s what work crews are up to over about 176 acres of woods along Forest Service Road 16 south of Sisters. Now that Whychus Creek runs unfettered by irrigation dams, work crews are spending the summer helping Mother Nature create new, more natural stream channels and creating in-stream habitat with logs and gravel to make miles of stream more hospitable to fish.

They’ll also be replacing



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

An excavator sets a log in an in-stream structure that creates natural flow and fish habitat in Whychus Creek.

the pedestrian bridge over Whychus Creek at the old Brooks-Scanlon Road.

The whole area is closed,

with access roads gated and blocked off to prevent private

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