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Back to the trailhead for paved path proposal

By Jim Cornelius

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The concept of a paved path connecting local communities is going back to the trailhead.

Sisters District Ranger Kristie Miller took the community conversation back several steps in a letter to Deschutes County Commissioner Alan Unger last week (see the full text with

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Trick or treat...



Kids, parents, and shopkeepers all got into the spirit for Sisters' Halloween Parade (see story, page 7).

New deputy on duty in Sisters schools

By Jim Cornelius

Deputy Brent Crosswhite has been in law enforcement with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office for 16 years, as a patrolman and as a detective. Now for the first time, he's serving as a school resource officer in Sisters

Deputy Crosswhite is finding the experience to be "an entirely different facet of law enforcement."

Law enforcement work

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Mini poodle rescues furry companion

By Jodi Schneider McNamee Correspondent

Sisters resident and Rotarian Gayla Nelson spends a lot of her time outdoors on her 10-acre ranch, caring for her four horses. Her two dogs — Louie, a 22-pound mini poodle, and Zoe, a tiny Yorkshire terrier — enjoy tagging along. Last month, a routine morning of tending to a horse in need turned into a terrifying ordeal for Nelson and her two furry friends.

"Suddenly I heard Louie start barking like crazy and then I heard Zoe, she was yelping loudly. Then Louie's bark turned vicious and he sounded like a Rottweiler. This all happened within a couple of seconds," Nelson said. "I ran toward them, they weren't far away, and Zoe came limping toward me yelping in pain with blood all over her."

A large coyote had wandered into the yard in broad daylight and nabbed Zoe, the smallest canine. But to the coyote's surprise, Louie became extremely aggressive in protection of Zoe. The coyote was intimidated and dropped Zoe out of the clutches of its sharp teeth.

Coyotes, an icon of the American West, are common in Oregon, where they are widely distributed across the landscape. Coyotes are commonplace in rural areas around Sisters Country, but have been spotted in urban areas as well.

According to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Coyotes are skilled hunters and will

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Barclay Barn comes down

By Jim Cornelius

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A demolition crew took down the old Barclay Barn along Locust Street/Camp Polk Road on Saturday. The site will be the new home of Cascade Street Distillery, which also has a tasting room on Cascade Avenue.

Contractor Steve Keeton said that the barn was structurally unsound and could not be retrofitted for use. However, much of the barn materials will be reused.

"We saved a bunch of stuff to make trim out of," he

There are also a couple of larger pieces that could be incorporated into the new approximately 3,800-squarefoot distillery.

"The barn has been vacated and not in use for several years," the owners of Cascade Street Distillery said in a prepared statement.



The Barclay Barn came down last week on a site that will be the home of Cascade Street Distillery.

"All of us at Cascade Street Distillery are excited to bring the barn back to life. After meeting with engineers, contractors and architects, the safest way to regenerate the barn requires disassembly.

"Great care and considerations will be given for reclaimed timber, and we will be using the timber for the distillery. The Chamber

of Commerce has requested some of the reclaimed timbers for their own project. The remaining of the reclaimed timber we would like to see be repurposed to the Sisters art community, and the unusable timber will be recycled appropriately."

Keeton told The Nugget

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