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Keeping Sisters safe from home fires

Home fires are the biggest disaster threat Americans face. On average, the American Red Cross in Oregon and south-west Washington responds to two home fires every day. After home fires, residents face tremendous challenges, such as finding a place to stay, purchasing food and clothing, replacing lost possessions, notifying loved ones and navigating insurance.

On Saturday, November 14, between the hours of 12:30 and 4 p.m., trained Red Cross volunteers will canvass neighborhoods in Sisters to make

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Welcome home...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Kristina and Josh Maxwell present an appreciation gift to volunteer carpenter Bob Harris in front of their new home. See story, page 4.

Council zeroes in on transient business decision

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

For over a year, the Sisters City Council, staff, and legal counsel have been massaging possible modifications to the ordinances governing licenses for transient merchants, businesses and public events.

The purpose of the updates to these ordinances is to accomplish the following Council goals: close loopholes in the code; simplify and clarify code language;

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Pedestrian hit crossing Highway 20

A pedestrian was injured early Friday morning when he was struck by a car on Highway 20 near Sisters.

On November 6, at about 4:42 a.m., deputies from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to milepost 6 on Highway 20 for an injury crash. Responding units were advised that the crash involved a vehicle vs. pedestrian and that the pedestrian had sustained serious injuries.

An investigation at the scene determined that Tharon Crofoot, 28, of Bend, had been hitchhiking westbound along the shoulder of Highway 20. Due to the cold weather conditions, he decided to hitchhike back to Bend. Seeing cars headed eastbound, he ran across the highway in an attempt to gain a driver's attention and possibly hitch a

ride. As he crossed the highway, the Honda, driven by Colby Wise, 25, of Sisters, struck Crofoot.

Wise turned around, located Crofoot, and assisted him out of the roadway. Sisters Fire Department personnel arrived and transported Crofoot to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend with non-life-threatening injuries. Crofoot was reportedly impaired; according to the sheriff's office his impairment is believed to be a factor in this crash. No citations were issued.

This section of Highway 20 West is a passing lane in both directions and the slow eastbound lane was closed for approximately three hours. The sheriff's office was assisted at the scene with traffic control by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Sisters grad works on glacier

By Kathryn Godsiff
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Fifteen years ago as a Sisters High School junior, Brandon Overstreet, 31, strapped on crampons and picked up an ice axe for the first time. He was a member of the inaugural class of IEE (Interdisciplinary Environmental Expedition) students. Little did he know that that first step onto Hayden Glacier on Middle Sister would lead to groundbreaking research related to climate change.

Last July, he stepped onto the great Greenland ice sheet, one of a team of scientists studying the flow of a supraglacial river flowing into a deep deadly hole called a moulin. For 72 hours, a research team led by Dr. Laurence Smith from UCLA monitored the flow of water into the moulin. Overstreet is working toward his PhD in geography from



PHOTO BY LINCOLN PITCHER, UCLA

Brandon Overstreet at work on a major scientific study.

the University of Wyoming, with an emphasis on geomorphology — the study of how the earth's surface changes over time. His special interest is fluvial geomorphology, or how rivers interact with the earth's surface.

That research or rather the implementing of it (the results

are still being studied by the team) — was the subject of a front-page article in the *New York Times* on October 28. The details of preparing for the study are covered thoroughly in that article. (Read the online version at <http://>

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