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Community turns out for 'Speak Your Peace'

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The community hall at the Sisters fire station bubbled with conversations and friendly greetings as a light snow fell outside on the evening of January 14. A steady stream of Sisters Country residents flowed through the door, out of the cold and into the warmth of camaraderie and curiosity as live music by the Back on the Street band set feet tapping.

"What is this Speak Your Peace program all about?" "I like the name." "I heard from someone who went to the noon meeting that it sounds like something we might be able to use here in Sisters."

As Robyn Holdman, head of the new

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Winter magnificence...



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Three-Fingered Jack rises through an early morning fog to touch the sunrise.

400-year-old tree in its last days

By Jim Cornelius
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A ponderosa pine tree in Creekside Park is in its final days. The towering old pine has been slowly dying, and foresters have decided it will have to come down.

The City of Sisters Forestry Board made that decision last week, on the recommendation of contract forester Dan Galecki. Galecki's report stated that "this tree is an extreme hazard. It should be eliminated immediately. Its ailments and peculiarities were observed for two years, and its condition is now deteriorating rapidly... It is very unfortunate. It is believed this tree is about 400 years old."

That would mean the tree

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City snapshot: Finance manager to depart

By Sue Stafford
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News clips of happenings around town:

- Lynne Fujita-Conrads will be leaving her position as City of Sisters Finance Officer on January 25, after eight years at City Hall. She plans to pursue other interests. Lynne has been training her replacement, Joe O'Neill, to help get him onboard.

- Sisters School Board will hold another public forum on Monday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. at Sisters Elementary School to explain the repair, maintenance, and update

needs in the schools, answer questions, and hear the public's opinions. The School Board is considering floating a bond in May for these expenses, but wants to hear from local residents first.

- A resolution was approved by a 5-0 Sisters City Council vote at the January 14 meeting to adopt changes to the City Master Fee schedule to more accurately reflect actual costs to the City of impacts on the parks from large events. Fiscal year event-fee revenue is estimated to increase by

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Sisters man killed in Hwy. 20 wreck

Rodney A. Stambaugh, 54, of Sisters, was killed in a single-vehicle wreck on an icy Highway 20 early Sunday morning.

According to Oregon State Police, troopers and emergency personnel responded at about 3:30 a.m. on January 17 to the report of a single-vehicle crash on Highway 20 near milepost 2.5, just east of town.

Emergency crews found a 1997 Subaru wagon had exited the roadway and struck a tree. The driver, Stambaugh, was dead when crews arrived.

The road conditions at the time of the accident were dangerous, with black ice on the roadway.

OSP was assisted by



PHOTO COURTESY OSP

A Sisters man died when his vehicle left the roadway and hit a tree.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Bend Police, Black Butte Police, the Oregon

Department of Transportation and Cloverdale Fire and Rescue.

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