

New business manager takes reins

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Sherry Joseph has taken the reins at the Sisters School District as the new business manager. Joseph was hired this summer after the retirement of longtime business manager Sandy Tartaglia.

Bringing with her 18 years experience in the Crook County School District as well as an additional 13 years working in the accounting department for Les Schwab, Joseph says she is ready for the Sisters job.

“It’s what I’ve always wanted to do,” she said. “I love looking at the general ledger — the big picture.”

Currently she is gearing up to have the books from last year audited. The business manager position also includes handling all of the financial reporting to the state; preparing a monthly report for the school board; as well as preparing the budget



Sisters School District Business Manager Sherry Joseph.

in the spring.

“I’m always watching spending to make sure we are not spending what we shouldn’t and that we have enough to cover what we do,” she says.

Joseph is most excited about the passing of the 2016 school bond and the challenges that come to her job with that.

“There is a lot of extra

work in tracking spending with the bond,” she said. “We (the Sisters School District) are very careful in making sure we are in compliance and tracking every expense.”

Joseph currently lives in Prineville with her husband of 27 years. In her spare time she enjoys crafting and spending time with her three grown children.

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have a completed application.”

The timeline on the request won’t be initiated until there is a completed application. When and if that happens, “affected property owners” — those whose property is within 500 feet of an airport boundary, within an approach corridor, or whose use of their property may be directly affected if the proposed airport is listed — will be given notice of a public hearing. Caines noted that others who are interested can be placed

on a notice list by contacting the Oregon Department of Aviation.

ODA will evaluate the proposal based upon applicable criteria and comments received from the airport sponsor, local governments and testimony taken at a public hearing.

None of that is yet underway. In essence, Caines told *The Nugget*, “A request has been made; formal review has not been completed, and that’s where we are now.”

A group of citizens concerned about increased airport activity has organized as a limited liability company — Greater Sisters Area Citizens Advisory, LLC. A recent meeting drew about 40 people.

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two DCSO deputies responded to investigate Shakespeare’s death, arriving at his location at 3:24 p.m. 15 DCSO Search and Rescue volunteers also responded to assist in bringing Shakespeare down off the mountain. Deputies and

volunteers arrived back at the Devil’s Lake Trailhead at about 9:30 p.m.

Numerous hikers were contacted on the trail and although Shakespeare’s death does not appear to be suspicious, this is an ongoing investigation and anyone who may have come in contact with him on the trail or witnessed his death is encouraged to contact the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office Special Services Unit at 541-388-6501.



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August was warmer than usual in Sisters

According to preliminary data received by NOAA’s National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Sisters averaged warmer than normal during August.

The average temperature was 64.8 degrees, which was 1.1 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 86.9 degrees, which was 2.4 degrees above normal. The highest was 97 degrees on August 1. Low temperatures averaged 42.7 degrees, which was 0.1 degrees below normal. The lowest was 33 degrees, on August 23.

On 11 days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

No rainfall was measured during August, which was 0.44 inches below normal.

Precipitation this year has reached 5.36 inches, which is 2.81 inches below normal. Since October, the water-year precipitation at Sisters has been 12.41 inches, which is

0.64 inches below normal.

The outlook for September from NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center calls for near- to above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Sisters fall from 80 degrees at the start of September to 70 degrees at the end of

September. Normal lows fall from 40 degrees to 33 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.48 inches.



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