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## Woman gets prison in Sisters case

Cheryl Waldron of Bend was sentenced to four years in prison for embezzling \$430,000 from her Sisters employer. Waldron pleaded guilty in August to stealing from Robinson & Owen Heavy Construction, of Sisters.

At that time, Waldron was given two months to pay \$200,000 toward restitution. The agreement between the defense and the prosecution was that if the money was paid prior to sentencing, the state would recommend a reduced sentence of two years in prison.

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May you always have cows around...



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Pasture's still green, while the mountains are turning white with fresh snow.

## Bond oversight committee members announced

By Steve Kadel  
Correspondent

Six local residents have been named to Sisters School District's Bond Facilities Oversight Committee. They were announced during the Wednesday, September 5, school board meeting.

Members of the panel are Mike Bush, Bill Duerden, Dave Moyer, Regan Roberts, Angela Sitz and Jay Wilkins.

"They will help improve the quality of decisions we make to make sure we spend

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## Ryan throws hat in the ring for council

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Chuck Ryan has only lived in Sisters for three years, but he has already firmly established himself as a willing volunteer in a number of community endeavors. He has now volunteered to run for a position on the Sisters City Council.

The New Haven, Connecticut native has used his comprehensive background in finance to provide valuable expertise as chairman of the City's budget committee for two years, as a committee member for the Economic Development of Central Oregon (EDCO) forgivable loan program in Sisters, and as a member of the board of directors for the SOAR Foundation in Sisters.

Ryan received his undergraduate degree in accounting from Quinnipiac University, his MBA in finance from the University of New Haven, and is licensed as a certified public accountant (CPA).

Before settling in their home in Coyote Springs three years ago, Ryan and his wife Lidia moved 11 times due to his lifelong career as a chief financial officer (CFO) and financial consultant specializing in manufacturing and aerospace. Ryan served as CFO of multiple private equity-owned companies as well as Fortune 50 companies. He is an expert in strategic planning and budgeting, government contracting, risk management, operations, and finance and treasury

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## Harvest Faire attracts a crowd

By Jodi Schneider McNamee  
Correspondent

Thousands of folks from all over the Pacific Northwest rolled into town for the 41st annual Sisters Harvest Faire hosted by the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce last weekend on Main Avenue.

Fairgoers browsed through 170 juried artisan vendors that showcased quality handmade items from textiles and wood-carvings to pottery and glasswork.

There were novelties for everyone's taste.

Scott Pieper from Sisters Country and owner of Panorama Ranch brought along a few alpaca, and it was a treat for the whole family.

"This is our first time at the Faire and we are selling our rugs that come from our alpaca," Pieper said. "The alpaca is primarily a fiber animal and are related to the



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Enjoying the Harvest Faire with her grandma, Hannah Winder admires some wooden animal art.

llama."

Two of the alpaca were only 15 months old and the third was eight years old. The trio attracted people of all ages to come by and pet their soft hair.

"On our ranch we run

between 25 and 30 alpacas. We are breeders and primarily sell them, but we shear every year and use the fiber to make rugs," Pieper said.

Scores of folks, notably

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