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## Fire season is officially over

The soaking rains of the past several days were probably a sufficient clue, but just to make it all official, the Central Oregon fire chiefs announced that the end of wildland fire season was declared Saturday, October 15.

Open burning within the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District is now allowed with the following requirements:

- Download (www.sistersfire.com) or pick up a copy of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Outdoor Burning Regulations at any one of the stations located in Sisters, Squaw Creek Canyon Estates, or Camp Sherman and have on site where burning is to be performed.

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## A moment of glory...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

B.J. Groat, who has Down Syndrome, lined up for a special play after the coin toss at the Outlaws' homecoming game. He ran for a 40-yard touchdown and was congratulated by his teammates in the end zone. Groat has been helping with the team for two years and this was his first chance to suit up and get on the field.

## Esterman running for council seat

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Longtime Sisters-area resident and event coordinator Richard Esterman is running for one of three seats on the Sisters City Council.

"I've lived in the community for a long time," he said. "I've watched it through good times and bad times. I think I have positive input. I know I can be fair, consistent, and without favoritism."

He sees several areas that he thinks the Council needs to work on: "Getting the trust of the community again; working together as a team

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## Three Creeks Brewing Co. wins gold

By Craig Rullman  
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Sisters' Three Creeks Brewing Co. recently captured a gold medal at a prestigious international brewing competition in Colorado, winning with their FivePine Chocolate Porter.

The Great American Beer Festival, now in its 30th year, is held in Denver and sponsored by the Brewers Association, a parent trade group for craft breweries. The competition and festival are billed as "the largest commercial beer competition in the world, and a symbol of brewing excellence."

Zack Beckwith, who has been brewing professionally for 10 years and is now head

brewer at the brewery, told *The Nugget* that the competition at the GABF is "fierce," and that the Three Creeks team was both "surprised and happy" with their gold-medal result. In the event, 21 medals were awarded to breweries from Oregon, and only five of them gold, landing Three Creeks in rarified air.

This year, the competition saw a total of 7,227 entries divided into 96 categories, with a total of 161 different styles of beer up for judging. The 264 judges, composed of industry professionals certified in beer judging, hailed from 12 countries around the world.

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## Hudson oversees school projects

By Steve Kadel  
Correspondent

The man who is overseeing Sisters School District's bond measure projects has deep roots in Sisters and Central Oregon.

Project Manager Brett Hudson and his wife, Cara, moved to Sisters in 1997, and their two children went from kindergarten through graduation in the District. The couple still lives in Sisters and remains active in school activities, including helping operate concession stands at Outlaws athletic contests.

They also were founding members of the Outlaw Booster Club, and he is president of the organization.

"We have a lot of ties to Sisters," Hudson said. "Our hearts are in this town. I have a lot of ownership with these



PHOTO BY STEVE KADEL

Brett Hudson is the project manager coordinating renovation work throughout Sisters School District under the bond voters approved.

projects."

He was born in Portland, but grew up in Bend and Redmond, graduating from Redmond High School. Cara, too, grew up in Central Oregon.

Now Hudson is bringing his background in

development to the job of making sure capital projects funded by the bond proceed in an efficient, cost-effective way. His role is to serve as the school district's liaison to the architects as well as

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