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Detectives make arrest in Sisters stabbing

A 29-year-old Sisters man was hospitalized with serious injuries and a 28-year-old Sisters man was jailed for attempted murder and assault in an alleged stabbing incident in Sisters on Thursday, December 29.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Bend Police officers responded on Thursday at about 3:51 p.m. to St. Charles Medical Center (SCMC) in Bend on the report of a victim of a stabbing in the emergency room. It was determined that the

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It shows no signs of stopping...



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Sisters' winter weather is poised to continue, with more snow and frigid temperatures forecast through the week. The question is not so much how to remove the snow from downtown parking areas, but where to put it all.

Sisters schools had a busy 2016

By Steve Kadel
Correspondent

It was a busy year for Sisters School District in 2016, highlighted by voter passage of a bond measure to upgrade every school. That work began in the fall and is continuing.

The District also got good news in the annual report card issued by the Oregon Department of Education for 2015-16. Sisters out-performed the state average in every category and every subject area that was tested.

Here's a look at those issues and several others that

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Killer of Camp Sherman jogger dies in prison

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

A man who killed a jogger in Camp Sherman nearly 40 years ago has died in prison of apparent natural causes.

John Arthur Ackroyd was convicted in 1993 of the killing of Kaye Jean Turner, who disappeared on a run in Camp Sherman in 1978. Turner, 35, left her rental cabin in Camp Sherman for an hour's run on the morning of December 24, 1978. She never returned. Her remains were found the next year, but it wasn't until 1993 that the State of Oregon was able to obtain murder convictions against Ackroyd and Roger Dale Beck in separate trials in Jefferson County.

Turner worked as a social

services manager in Eugene and was staying at Lake Creek Lodge with her husband, Noel, and a group of friends for the Christmas holidays. An avid runner, she set out for her morning run of about eight miles and was never seen alive again.

Ackroyd, who worked with Beck at Santiam Junction for the highway department, acknowledged that he had seen Turner out running that day. In a macabre twist, in August of 1979 he led searchers to an area where he claimed to have found human remains while walking his dog. Searchers brought into the area found articles of clothing, hair,

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Sisters Cold Weather Shelter opens

By Sue Stafford
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With near-zero nighttime temperatures forecast for this week, daytime mercury reaching only into the teens, and biting wind swirling the drifts of snow, the opening of the Sisters Cold Weather Shelter (SCWS) couldn't come soon enough. The opening has been highly anticipated since the concept was born several months ago.

Last Sunday evening, opening night for the shelter, there were two male guests who came to enjoy the warmth and safety of the shelter. It is expected the numbers will increase as word spreads.

The mission of the shelter, which can accommodate 34 guests, is simple: "A diverse group of individuals,



PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

Volunteers check in the first guest at Sisters' new cold weather shelter, which will serve homeless people when temperatures plummet.

organizations, and churches have come together to offer shelter in Sisters for anyone in need on cold winter nights."

The need is evident: A Sisters man died of hypothermia sleeping in his car last month as temperatures

plunged below zero. "The Sisters community has been very supportive.... people signing up to volunteer, bring meals, donate supplies, do laundry. Because so many people have given

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