

Sisters Bakery changes hands

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

After 22 years of providing Sisters with delectable baked goods, Melissa Ward is turning over Sisters Bakery to new owners. Handing off the baton for an iconic business is not something to be taken lightly.

“The right people came through the door,” Ward said.

Jeff, Stephanie, Andrew and Michaela Bourgerie, late of Wisconsin and Indiana, are those “right people,” and they took the baton and ran with it starting last week, after working with Ward on a transition.

Melissa sat in her bakery last Friday thumbing through photo albums with artist Paul Bennett, reminiscing about two decades in business in Sisters. The album revealed photographs of a remodel of the historic building — and most of all, it told a story of families growing up around the business.

Children in photographs from a 1995 Halloween parade now have kids of their own.



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Melissa Ward thumbed through memories of Sisters Bakery with patron Paul Bennett last week.

“You watched the kids grow up here. That’s one of the gifts of having a business in a small town,” Ward reflected. “You’re involved with people all the way through.”

Ward says she plans to travel and see her own kids a little bit more, and she plans

to devote time to her writing, a lifelong passion.

She is confident that she has left her beloved bakery in good hands — which will take the business on into the future.

“It takes a dauntless person to have a small business,” she said.

Black Butte School wraps up ski season

By Kelly Davis Martin
Correspondent

Black Butte School has just wrapped up another successful season on the slopes. Black Butte School students in kindergarten through eighth grade get to participate in the traditional — and unique — school ski program.

The ski program takes place each Friday at Hoodoo Ski area where students work with instructors over the course of 10 weeks to learn mountain safety, skiing etiquette, self management, ski skills and techniques, and perseverance.

The ski program works into the wider Black Butte School philosophy of learning through the outdoors and using

local resources to enhance education.

The students had an excellent season with a lot of opportunity for fresh powder.

Longtime Hoodoo instructors Gary Miller and Donna Sanders were two of the teachers leading Black Butte School students over the course of their time together this season.

Donna worked hard to impart skiing safety with her students and did quizzes with the students. Gary led the advanced group and challenged them to continue to go beyond their comfort level to try new terrain.

Black Butte School students will show off their new skills on Family Ski Day on March 24.

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