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City taking a look at vacation rentals

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The City of Sisters, like many cities across Oregon, is taking a hard look at regulation of vacation rentals.

The discussion on vacation rentals by the Planning Commission continued at their October 19 workshop, after they received a map prepared by City staff on which all 41 vacation rental properties were marked.

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Red sky at morning...



PHOTO BY JEFF OMODT

Sisters was treated to a spectacular sunrise last week as a front moved into the area, brining soaking rain over the weekend. Sisters is in for a nice week of Indian summer this week.

Saving homes from fires

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press

SISTERS (AP) — Lightning started a forest fire one August afternoon near this Oregon tourist town, and it was spreading fast. Residents in outlying areas evacuated as flames marched toward their homes.

Just a few months earlier, the U.S. Forest Service and a group of locals representing environmental, logging

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City mulls truck route, intersection options

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A public open house will be held sometime in the next month to present possible solutions to traffic issues at the Locust/Highway 20 intersection by Sisters Elementary School, the intersection of Highway 20/Highway 126, and a possible improved truck route along West Barclay Drive. The public will be invited to comment on the options.

The Technical Advisory Committee that has been reviewing possible refinements to the Sisters TSP, is made up of Sisters residents and City staff, representatives of the bicycle/pedestrian interests, Oregon Department of Transportation, and Kittleson & Associates Transportation and Engineering/Planning firm.

At last week's meeting, the technical committee reviewed and discussed a conceptual layout for a Barclay Drive alignment between North Pine Street and Camp Polk Road that would increase drivability for trucks in and through the industrial park. The four curves on Barclay, three of which have smaller turning radii than ideal for 35-mile-per-hour traffic, would be realigned to the ideal 510-foot with minimum right-of-way acquisition required. There would be two 13-foot-wide travel lanes and the addition of a 14-foot turn lane in the center.

Disagreement surfaced regarding a proposed separate 10-foot bike/pedestrian path running parallel to Barclay. Pat Thompson, owner of Sisters Rental and former

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Habitat breaks ground on new home

A few years ago during a winter blizzard, Sisters resident Becky Conner was driving to work when she spotted a man stranded on the side of the road next to his broken-down car. That man was Tony Cosby, Sisters High School construction teacher.

"You never know where that little act of kindness leads," Conner said last week.

At the time, she didn't know Cosby, but they stopped for treats at Angeline's Bakery; she dropped him off at the high school and she headed on to work at Suttle Lake.

Little did Conner know that this fall Cosby and his construction students would be building the walls of her future Sisters Habitat for Humanity home.

"I'm excited about this continued opportunity. It's the highlight of my high school year to come out and stand the walls with the students," Cosby told Conner



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Becky Conner breaks ground on her future home in Sisters.

and her friends and family during Habitat's groundbreaking celebration on October 17.

Cosby's students have built walls for Habitat homes for five years.

The building of the two-bedroom, one-bath home will

be dedicated to the memory of long-time volunteer Bob Harris. One of Harris' last projects with Sisters Habitat was preparation for the footings of the house. Harris died in September. He started

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