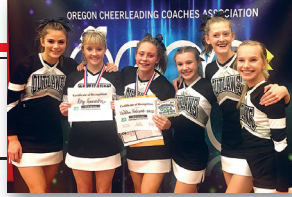


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## Fire pros gauge destructive fire potential

By Jim Cornelius  
Editor in Chief

People in Sisters watched the utter destruction of Paradise, California, by a massive wildfire with horror and heartbreak — and a certain level of fear. Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Chief Roger Johnson is no different.

“Obviously, there’s heartbreak and you really feel for those impacted people,” he told *The Nugget*. “But you intuitively look at it through the lens of our community.”

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The people’s tree in Sisters...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree was trucked through Sisters on tour before heading across the country. The tree came from the Willamette National Forest this year, the second time an Oregon tree has been chosen for the nation’s Christmas celebration.

## Sisters guest ranch wins county approval

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Deschutes County has approved a conditional-use permit and site plan review submitted by Glenn and Jen Cole, who now own the former Patterson Ranch property on Highway 242.

The land-use application allows for the establishment of a guest ranch on a portion of the land that is now zoned as exclusive farm use (EFU). The approval is conditioned, among other things, upon continuing livestock operations, using accepted

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## Sisters rejects pot establishments

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Sisters will not have marijuana distribution establishments in town.

The defeat of local ballot measure 9-122, which would have allowed marijuana-based businesses to operate in Sisters, in the November 6 midterm election settled the question for now.

Sisters stands with Redmond as another Central Oregon city not welcoming marijuana businesses in the community. There were 807 (56.16 percent) votes against and 630 (43.84 percent) in favor of marijuana businesses.

Despite the defeat of

9-122, it appears voters hedged their votes in case the measure passed, and voted to approve a 3 percent tax on the sale of marijuana-related products. The yes votes far surpassed the no votes, 1,164 (81.63 percent) to 262 (18.37 percent) for a total of 1,426 votes.

As with the question regarding marijuana in town, the reaction to the vote outcome was mixed. Sisters resident Dixie Eckford voiced surprise at the split vote, with people voting against allowing marijuana sales but in favor of the tax.

Chris Rerat, also of Sisters, said she had voted

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## Mural installed at Old Mill District

By Jim Cornelius  
Editor in Chief

Dennis McGregor’s concept for his latest book, “You Stole My Name,” has caught on in a big way. The depiction of very different animals that share the same name now greets visitors to the Old Mill

District in Bend.

The Sisters artist supervised the installation of 15-foot-wide-by-5-foot high panels on utility facilities in the Old Mill last weekend.

This is McGregor’s second mural on a commercial structure in recent months. He created a mural of a buck

jumping over the moon for The Gallimaufrey in Sisters. The timing of that work helped secure the project with the Old Mill District.

“I got a message from Marney Smith (manager) at the Old Mill who said,

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Sisters artist Dennis McGregor was commissioned to create murals based on his hit book “You Stole My Name” at the Old Mill District in Bend.

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