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Sisters man in early morning crash

A 21-year-old Sisters man was taken to the hospital after crashing into a tree on Highway 126 near Willow Lane in the early hours of November 30.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reports that deputies and Sisters fire personnel were dispatched at 3:45 a.m., on Friday, November 30, to Highway 126 near Willow Lane just

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Time for the winter coat...

Six-month-old dog
Chloe enjoyed Sisters' first
snowfall last Friday.

PHOTO BY BRENDA JAROS

Council adopts short-term rental ordinances

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

No City Council minds were changed over the two weeks since the first reading of the proposed ordinances dealing with short-term rentals in Sisters.

With a split vote of three in favor (Chuck Ryan, Andrea Blum and Nancy Connolly) and two against (Richard

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Vision team produces draft of plan

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Sisters City Council reviewed the draft of the Sisters Vision Action Plan as presented at their November 28 workshop by NXT Consultants Steven Ames and Ruth Williamson, with assistance from the four Vision Action Team (VAT) leaders.

Many hours of work by 32 VAT community members have produced a document rich with possibilities for the future of Sisters. The Council will provide feedback on what they saw and heard in the workshop. The draft plan is available on the Vision website at <https://sistershorizons.org>, for the next two weeks, allowing for feedback from Sisters Country residents.

The Vision Statement is supported by the Vision Plan, which consists of four focus areas, each with five strategies identified by the community and refined by the VAT. For each strategy there are a number of action plans to support implementation. The

teams also identified milestones to measure the progress of the actions, as well as suggested partners to carry out the actions. Each milestone is tied to an implementation timeline that ranges from less than a year to five-plus years.

An example of how the plan is structured can be illustrated by looking at one of the strategies for the focus area "Resilient Sisters." One of the five strategies is to pursue establishment of a comprehensive urgent care facility in Sisters, providing walk-in and related ambulatory care and medical services for a rapidly growing population and increasing number of tourists.

The three actions to support the urgent care strategy include a needs analysis to analyze the need for an urgent care facility, identifying and analyzing gaps and barriers such as availability and cost of real estate, and finally, completing steps necessary to close identified gaps

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Lost greyhound saved by community

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

An epic effort ended happily last month with the rescue of a greyhound dog that was lost in Sisters for days.

On Wednesday, November 14, Steve Baughman and his three-year-old greyhound Warley were traveling from Salem to Sunriver when they stopped at Village Green Park in Sisters around noon for a potty break.

"Warley took care of business and then I went into the restroom after securing the leash to a storage locker handle," Baughman said. "While in the restroom I heard a rattling noise and I immediately went out."

Warley had wiggled out from his harness and bolted.

"After coming around the side of the building I spotted Warley two blocks away," Baughman recalled. "I called his name multiple times running after him, but lost sight of him."

After returning to Village Green Park to retrieve his Jeep, Baughman searched the streets in the area until dark without a sighting.

Greyhound Pet Adoption



PHOTO BY JEFF OMODT

Steve and Kris Baughman are happy to have Warley back after a long ordeal.

Northwest member Jeff Omodt and his wife, Winnie, have had considerable experience with greyhounds, after having adopted 20 retired racing greyhounds over the last 30 years.

"Something may have startled Warley, a car horn or a noise, so much that he tugged out of his harness and started to run," said Omodt.

Omodt noted that greyhounds spend their first 18 months learning to run on a track and living in a crate with almost no human contact and no socialization.

Warley, an ex-racer that

Baughman and his family adopted from Oregon Greyhound Adoption in Portland two months earlier, was still in the process of adapting to his new world of sights and sounds.

The next morning Baughman returned to Sisters with flyers that he posted and handed out.

"I alerted the sheriff's department in Sisters that Warley was missing," Baughman said. "I stopped at *The Nugget Newspaper* and reached out to them. I then placed Warley as a lost dog

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