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## Council will hear plans for wildfire protection

The impact of wildfire on forest communities has been on grim display in recent years. Last month, a fire almost entirely destroyed the city of Paradise, California.

For the past year, a team of wildfire experts and planners has been working to develop strategies for Sisters to address the challenges of a community surrounded by forest and vulnerable to fire. On Wednesday, December 12, the Sisters City Council will hear the final recommendations from the Community

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*Here we go a-caroling!*

PHOTO BY SUE ANDERSON

Chorale Director Connie Gunterman, and Elementary School music teacher Sara Miller's 3rd-graders join in singing a rendition of "Jingle Bells" at Sunday's Chorale performance, "Christmas Joy" at the Sisters Community Church. See story, page 4.

## Comment invited on vision action plan

Sisters Country Horizons has published the draft of its Vision Action Plan on the community initiative's website and is accepting public comments on the document through the end of December.

The draft Vision Action Plan can be found at [www.sistershorizons.org](http://www.sistershorizons.org).

The Horizons project's Vision Action Team — 32 citizens representing a broad cross section of Sisters Country — developed the community-based plan. It includes 20 strategies, along

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## New apartment project underway in Sisters

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Twenty-two new two-bedroom, two-bath, market-rate apartments called Cowboy Court are under construction at 154 W. Adams Ave. in Sisters, in between the existing Mountain High Apartments and the Sisters Art Works building.

Designed by Mayes Architecture and Planning, they are being built by Empire Construction and Development, a Bend company headed by Kevin Spencer. When completed, the one-acre parcel of land will hold two two-story buildings, one with 12 apartments and the other with 10. Two of the ground-floor apartments are fully compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines and all the other ground-floor apartments are adaptable, meaning they have things like extra blocking

for the installation of grab bars.

There are four different unit layouts, including the ADA apartments. They each have carpet and vinyl floor coverings, washers and dryers, dishwashers, and patios or decks with outside storage closets. Some units will have a kitchen pantry and built-in desk. In most units, one bathroom will have a shower and the other a tub/shower combination.

On site will be 29 parking spaces, 11 of which will be in two carports. There will be 11 on-street pull-in parking spaces in front of the apartment complex.

The projected completion date for the apartments is summer 2019. The rents do not qualify as officially "affordable," but they will also not be high-end, according to the developer. The owner of the project is Cowboy Court LLC of Corvallis.

## Car accelerates into Sisters store

A 91-year-old driver mistook his accelerator for his brake while pulling into a parking space at Town Square in Sisters on Saturday. His car leaped into the entrance of Common Threads, doing extensive damage. There were, however, no injuries.

Responding sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene to find a silver 2012 Subaru Outback driven by a 91-year-old Sisters man had driven over the parking lot curb and through the entrance of the store adjacent to Rainwater Café. The store was open and an employee was present.

An investigation determined that the driver was attempting to park in front of the clothing store when he mistook the accelerator for the brake pedal. The Subaru drove over the curb and into the store, causing substantial damage to the building and the store's inventory.

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District personnel arrived to assess the driver and the building. No citations have been issued.



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