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## Chamber honors community leaders

By Jim Cornelius  
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Members of the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce gathered last Thursday night at FivePine Lodge & Conference Center to salute individuals and organizations that enhance the quality of life in Sisters.

Outgoing Chamber President Victoria Graves kicked off the proceedings with her presentation of the President's Award to Sisters photographer Jerry Baldock, praising him for his constant presence at Sisters events, capturing "amazing flashes of everyday life."

Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) received the Pioneering Spirit Award for its efforts in creating and enhancing trails across Sisters Country — work that touches locals and visitors alike, from hikers to equestrians and cyclists.

Sisters Rotary was



Sisters businesses and individuals earned honors last week for their contributions to the Sisters community.

awarded Non-Profit of the Year honors for its multifaceted work in enhancing Sisters' livability — from sponsoring swim lessons and a book program for elementary school children

to sponsoring the Rotary Invitational Track Meet at Sisters High School. The award was acknowledgement that the Rotary Club lives up to its motto of "Service Before Self."

Jeri Buckmann served up the Volunteer of the Year Award to a man who has served the community for four decades.

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## School district completes bond work

By Jim Cornelius  
Editor in Chief

Brett Hudson had three principles in mind in planning the Sisters School District refurbishment projects funded by a \$10.7 million bond approved by Sisters voters in 2014:

- Building longevity.
- Operational savings.
- Improved educational outcomes.

Thanks to some financial good fortune, detailed planning and strong management and oversight, Hudson and the District were able to deliver more than they

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## Community meeting focuses on shelter

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

In response to concerns voiced by neighbors regarding the Sisters Cold Weather Shelter (SCWS) and an incident in January involving a shelter guest, the SCWS steering committee hosted a public meeting on Monday, February 4.

There were close to 100 attendees at the meeting who were asked to fill out comment cards if they wished to speak or to have their comments read by the facilitator. All comments, written and oral, were tracked by two recorders and will be utilized by the shelter steering committee as they address

concerns and questions raised.

Gary Eidsmoe, co-chair of the SCWS steering committee, said the turnout was much more than he had anticipated.

The other co-chair, Betty Shuler, said, "I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who made the time to come to the community meeting... The SCWS steering committee wants very much for the shelter to be a good neighbor to all of our beautiful community. With some of our neighbors who live close to the shelter locations expressing concern about their safety, we needed to hear their specific concerns

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## Navigating coaching challenges

By Jim Cornelius  
Editor in Chief

*Editor's note: This is the second part of a two-part exploration of the challenges facing Outlaws coaches in Sisters.*

The men and women who coach sports in Sisters love the work they do and the relationships they establish with their athletes. On the other hand, there are some aspects of the work that can make them question whether what they're doing is worth the time and work invested.

One of the key challenges is managing expectations and communications with parents.

"If you ask coaches, parents can either be a joy to work with (or they) can also be a nightmare," Sisters High School Athletic Director Gary Thorson told *The Nugget*.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Head Football Coach Neil Fendall in his element.

"We have a lot of parents in our community who are fantastic and supportive, donating all sorts of time, money, resources, and other ways of help to the programs... A coach might get a 90-95

percent buy-in from the majority of players and parents, but the unhappy 5-10 percent can make it miserable and frustrating at times."

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