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Linemen battle storm-created outages

By Sue Stafford
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“We don’t go home until everyone has power,” is the mantra of the Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) line crews.

While the average CEC member (customer) may have experienced a few hours or even a few days of being without power during the recent snow event, at least they were inside, dry, and

safe.

The CEC crews responsible for restoring the power were working around the clock from Sunday, February 24 through Thursday, February 28, when they finally were able to reach the last Camp Sherman outages and remain true to their motto.

For areas in which the crews were unable to utilize their trucks with high buckets to reach outages, they had to

walk in and climb the power poles to make repairs in the cold and snow and darkness. Some of the Camp Sherman work had to be accessed by snow cat to get their equipment in due to snow-blocked roads.

According to Courtney Cobb, CEC communications coordinator, the rolling total of accounts experiencing some type of outage reached

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Snowstorm meant all hands on deck for City

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With a crew of only six employees, Sisters Public Works Director Paul Bertagna and his team put in over 500 person-hours between Sunday, February 24 and Thursday night, February 28, working around the clock clearing Sisters’ streets of the

heavy snowfall that reached over 30 inches.

“We actually enjoy moving the snow,” Bertagna admitted. “It’s all hands on deck and we just do it.”

What isn’t fun is when residents leave cars parked along the streets, making it difficult to do adequate

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Construction crew stops theft in Sisters

A Sisters construction crew returning from an overnight snow removal project interrupted a vehicle theft early Saturday morning, March 2.

The Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office reports that on March 2, at approximately 5:48 a.m., deputies were dispatched to a vehicle theft in progress. The 911 caller, an employee of Robinson-Owen Heavy Construction Company, reported that he interrupted the theft of a company construction trailer as he and his crew returned from an overnight project.

Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office deputies

and a Black Butte Ranch police officer arrived to find Robert Stanley Hornby II of Portland, Oregon detained by the construction crew. Hornby was attempting to drive away with a flatbed car hauler trailer when stopped by the crew who blocked him in with a construction grader.

The truck driven by Hornby while attempting to steal a trailer was also reported stolen by Fox Roofing in Vancouver, Washington.

During the investigation, it was discovered that Robinson-Owen Construction

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Firefighters honored for service

By Jim Cornelius
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Last Sunday, Sisters resident Leith Easterling called paramedics to check on her elderly mother, who was experiencing shoulder and back pain and feared she might be having a heart attack.

The driveway at her home was in bad shape due to snow, and the paramedics’ rig got stuck. When help responded to get them access, an off-duty employee came out with a snowblower and cleared driveway access and a path to the door.

“They go above and beyond to help,” Easterling said. “We’ve had to call them many times over the years,



PHOTO COURTESY SISTERS FIRE

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District recognized members for their service at an awards banquet at FivePine Lodge on Friday night.

and their service has always been amazing. They always assure us that we did the right thing (by calling). They make my mom feel better — and safe. They make me feel better. They just go above and

beyond.”

That ethic of extraordinary service to community was celebrated Friday night in the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire

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