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Neighbors concerned about traffic

By Sue Stafford
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There was a steady drum-beat at City Hall at last week's Planning Commission hearing regarding the Hayden Homes McKenzie Meadow Village (MMV). That drum-beat was traffic and safety concerns from adjoining Village at Cold Springs neighbors, another Hayden development.

Hayden is seeking approval of their Master Plan Development (Type III), Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map Amendment (Type III/IV), Tentative Subdivision (Type III), and

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Battle of the Books...



PHOTO BY BECKY AYLOR

The Sisters Middle School 6th-grade regional team of Layla Hicks, Zoey Haney, Violette Kennedy, Kiara Martin and Madison Haney made the semifinals in Battle of the Books held last weekend. See story, page 4.

Former Outlaws coach files federal lawsuit

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Former Sisters Outlaws girls soccer coach Nik Goertzen has filed a federal lawsuit against a judge involved in a series of legal actions against several parents whom Goertzen believes improperly influenced Sisters High School Principal Joe Hosang's decision to end Goertzen's tenure as a soccer coach in 2012.

Goertzen was not actually terminated from his position; his contract was not renewed. Coaches are "at-will"

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Skier dies after backcountry ordeal

A Nordic skier who was rescued by searchers aided by the work of the Sisters Sno Gophers Snowmobile Club, has died, succumbing to the effects of enduring severe cold conditions sheltering in a tree well in the backcountry southeast of Sisters last week.

On Wednesday, March 6, at about 5:24 p.m., Deschutes County Dispatch received a broken 911 call from a man who advised he was cross-country skiing on the Metolius-Windigo Trail after beginning at Mt. Bachelor. DCSO reports that the call was dropped when the man said something about broken equipment.

Dispatch was able to provide coordinates for the phone location with an accuracy of 121 meters.

The call was made from a cell phone that did not have cellular service, and

was able to call 911, but not able to receive calls or texts. Dispatch was not able to obtain the name of the caller and other pertinent information. The coordinates placed the location of the call in the Happy Valley area about 3.75 miles northwest of Tumalo Falls.

Two DCSO deputies and three DCSO Search and Rescue volunteers immediately began planning best access routes to the skier's location. Additional DCSO SAR volunteers were called out to begin their response for the rescue mission. At about 8:09 p.m., six DCSO SAR volunteers deployed from Dutchman Snow Park on six snowmobiles to the area of the coordinates, which were about 300 yards south of Happy Hut shelter managed by Three Sisters

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Outlaws kicker overcomes adversity

By Ceili Cornelius
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Wyatt Hernandez, a senior at Sisters High School, has signed with Willamette University in Salem to be the placekicker for their football team.

Hernandez overcame significant adversity to stay in a game he loves. He was injured during a football practice his freshman year of high school. He suffered a severe concussion, which resulted in loss of memory, a severe speech impediment, and inability to read. Hernandez worked with speech therapists and with his teachers and family to return to normalcy and succeed in high school. He was told he was unable to play for the football team the rest of the seasons because of the severity of his injuries.

However, he worked toward being able to play his senior year.

"I love the game and my



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Wyatt Hernandez signed with Willamette University as a prospective kicker. He came a long way to overcome a concussion that affected his memory, speech and ability to read.

coach, and I wanted to play this season for my coaches and for my friends, so I worked at it to be able to do so," said Hernandez.

Hernandez looked for any small way he could play the

game and continue with the team.

"I researched the kicking position and the ins and outs of it. I read articles

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