

### A long-awaited amenity...



PHOTO BY GARY GUTTORMSEN

Sisters Trails Alliance was happy to see the culmination of a long-term effort last week as a work crew installed a new permanent bathroom facility at the trailhead for the Whychus Overlook. The amenity replaces porta-potties at the popular destination on Forest Road 16 south of Sisters.

## Women's health services available

Starting August 1, St. Charles Center for Women's Health will see patients at the St. Charles Family Care clinic in Sisters.

Every Wednesday, a provider from the Center for Women's Health office will be at the clinic to provide obstetric care, well-women exams, contraceptive management, menopause treatment and other services. The Center for Women's Health has board-certified physicians, women's health nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives who collaboratively work together to meet patients' needs.

Offering the Wednesday appointments at the clinic is part of St. Charles' effort to make obstetric and gynecologic services more accessible to women of all ages in Sisters, Black Butte, Camp

Sherman and throughout the region.

"Women may suffer from problems such as pelvic pain, irregular bleeding and bladder incontinence, but delay seeing a provider because they either feel this is 'normal' or they encounter barriers to accessing care," said Tricia Clay, manager of clinic operations at St. Charles Center for Women's Health. "As women age, it's important they see a provider yearly for preventive exams and screenings, and to address concerns they have as they get older and approach menopause."

Women seen in Sisters who need care beyond what can be provided at the clinic will be referred to the Center for Women's Health in Redmond to see a board-certified OB-GYN. Any surgical procedures needed can

be performed at St. Charles Redmond.

"We are so excited to expand our services to another location, making it more convenient for women to get access to the care they need," said Dr. Beth Murrill, a board-certified OB-GYN. "We're very much looking forward to connecting with and supporting the Sisters community."

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### CRIME: Citizens have been keeping an eye out for activity

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simply observe and when they see something, immediately contact the sheriff's office and let the deputies do their work. Don't attempt to interfere.

There is a curfew for minors in Sisters, which is stricter than the state curfew of midnight to 4 a.m. City ordinance says minors should be off the streets from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Parents need to be aware of the curfew, which is easily enforceable by sheriff's deputies.

During visitor communication at the Council meeting, new resident John Markley expressed concern about the possibility of a vigilante mentality with the

current effort by a group of citizens who are out driving around in the middle of the night looking for taggers.

On a related topic, City Manager Cory Misley reported that City staff has undertaken an extensive evaluation of public safety in Sisters. They are currently gathering data, will conduct a survey of the public around safety issues, and are evaluating all options regarding community public safety. The current contract with the DCSO expires June 30, 2020.

To report a crime or incident, call 541-693-6911. There is also a sheriff's reporting page for graffiti at <https://sheriff.deschutes.org/community/crime-prevention/reporting-graffiti/>. For an emergency dial 911. The Sisters substation is 541-549-2302.

### Smoke drift...



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Smoke from southern Oregon crept over the Sisters. Escaped campfires are a big threat at this time of year and Sisters has had several that were put out quickly. Extreme care is needed in Sisters backcountry.



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