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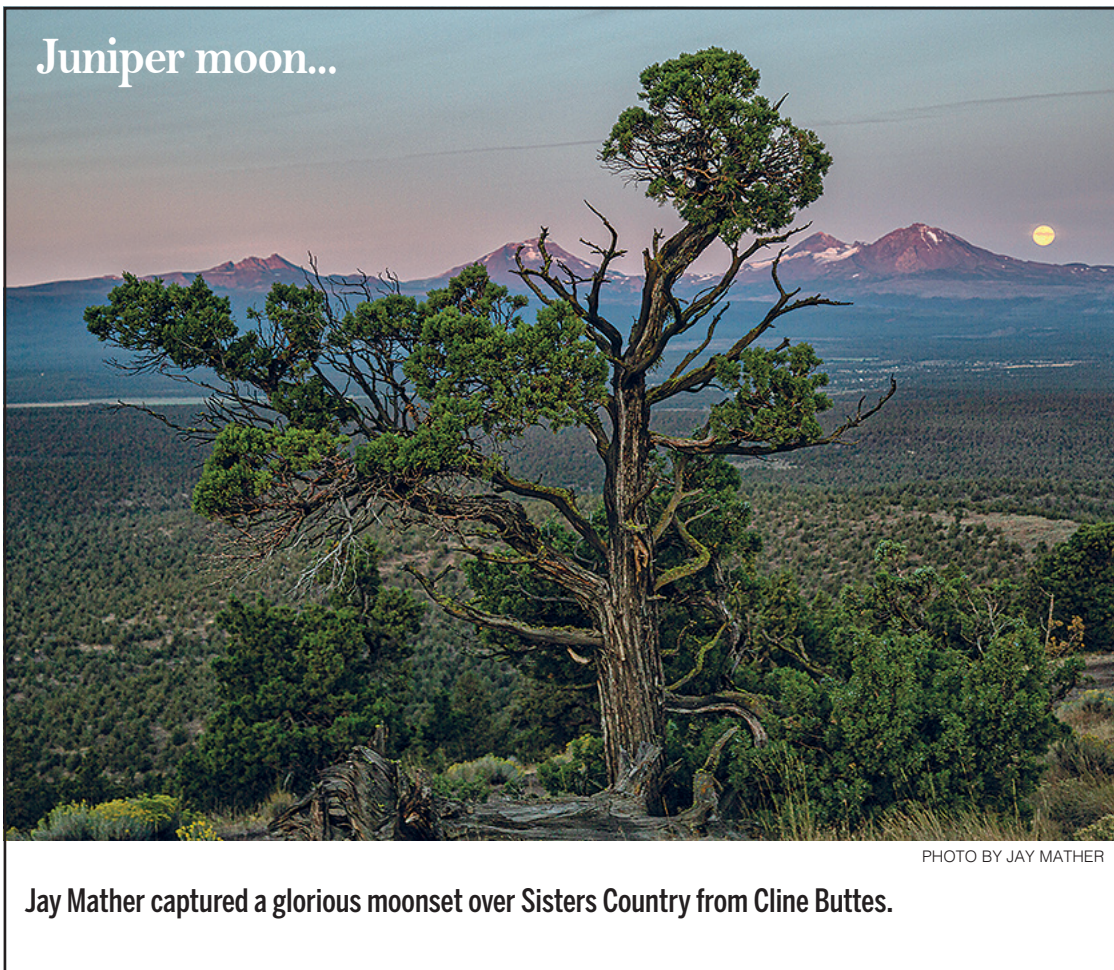
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Housing options as we age

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

As the pages of the calendar keep turning, and months become years, and years become decades, planning for the future takes on a different look. Instead of saving for retirement — you are in it, carefully spending the money you hopefully put aside earlier, or depending on your Social Security to live. Medicare has kicked in and annually you are trying to find the best deal for supplemental gap insurance and drug coverage, or perhaps switching to a Medicare Advantage plan.

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Juniper moon...

PHOTO BY JAY MATHER

Jay Mather captured a glorious moonset over Sisters Country from Cline Buttes.

Charges reduced in home intrusion incident

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

The Deschutes County District Attorney's Office removed the charge of burglary in connection with a break-in that occurred in Sisters in the early hours of Monday, September 9.

Deputies arrested Ryan Paul Huber, 43, of Sisters, after he allegedly kicked in the back door of a home on West Carson Avenue in the

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Holland takes the helm at SPRD

By Sue Stafford
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The new executive director of Sisters Park & Recreation District, Jennifer Holland, has set an impressive goal: to work at continuing to improve SPRD until it "becomes exceptional."

Holland brings 17 years of parks and rec experience from her former work at Willamalane Park and Recreation in Springfield where her last job was as the program manager of the Bob Keefer Center for Sports and Recreation. Her experience includes work with both youth and adult programming as well as the operations of the center.

After less than a month on the job, Holland has identified several initial broad areas on which she wants to focus.

"I want to build the

stability of the organization as well as grow our relationships with our partners. While doing that, we can take a look at how best to leverage our resources," Holland indicated.

She went on to say that for a small district, "The breadth of programming is impressive."

Her "to-do list" is long and varied, including looking at the district's cost recovery methodology in order to set fees in preparation for the new budget process. She looks forward to meeting with community groups, service organizations, and community members to better understand the needs of the community while sharing how the district has been fulfilling the needs identified in last May's local option levy approved by the voters.

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Volunteers restore century-old lookout

By Cody Rheault
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A group of volunteers has spent the recent weeks restoring the near-century-old fire lookout atop Black Butte. The old D-6 cupola, originally built in 1922, has gained new life through the hands and efforts of local volunteers determined to restore the old lookout to its near-original state.

Initial efforts to restore the lookout began under the supervision of the former Sisters Ranger District archeologist Matt Mawhirter. Over the years supplies such as cedar shingles, window panes, and other construction elements were transported to the summit for repairs. And through those

years the cupola has been patched up — but nature's elements have been getting the final say.

Mike Boero, the current Sisters Ranger District archeologist, says he's impressed the structure has lasted.

"These weren't meant to last this long," he said.

Only three years away from its centennial, the cupola resembles the design

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PHOTO BY CODY RHEAULT

Volunteers have been restoring the nearly 100-year-old cupola fire lookout on the top of Black Butte.

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