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## Major project planned in Sisters

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

A complete application for a Master Planned Development (MP#19-01) has been received by the City from Threewind Partners regarding property located behind and beside Bi-Mart, between McKinney Butte Road and West Hood Avenue.

The development, on 7.48 acres, will include approximately 50 multi-family units, 28,000 square feet of commercial area, and supporting site infrastructure. The application has been forwarded to

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## “Freaky Friday”...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Sisters High School choir and band programs staged the musical “Freaky Friday” last weekend, to an enthusiastic response from good houses. (See story, page 11.)

## Sisters continues growth spurt

The city of Sisters continues to grow at a very rapid pace, according to statistics released last week by Portland State University. Sisters’ population as of July 1 stood at 2,985 — up from a revised 2018 number of 2,725, a 9.5 percent increase.

Brendon Buckley of Johnson Economics told the Sisters Planning Commission last February, “You are growing very fast and changing fast, and I know I don’t need to tell you that.”

Buckley reported in that February meeting on the draft results of his firm’s Housing

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## Sisters man found after missing alert

Jim Fisher of Sisters was located safe at approximately 6 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, in the Sisters area after authorities put out a bulletin that he had gone missing.

Fisher, age 89, was believed to have left his residence on North Songbird Street on foot, sometime after 10 p.m. on November 15. Local people and authorities raised concerns due to his age and the fact that Fisher is known to have hearing loss and memory issues.

Fisher contacted a resident in the 16000 block of Perit Huntington Road in

Sisters and sought shelter from the temperatures. The resident immediately contacted Deschutes County 911. Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office deputies responded and verified that the subject was Fisher and he was transported by EMS to the hospital for evaluation.

Fisher is well-known in Sisters. His career was with the Oregon Department of Forestry, and he served for several years in the 1990s as manager of the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. He also served as a freelance writer for *The Nugget*.

## Honoring stalwarts of the trails

By Jim Cornelius  
Editor in Chief

Sisters Trails Alliance Board Chair Catherine Hayden told two of STA’s most valued board members to “Take A Hike” last week. In STA’s world, that phrase carries a very different meaning than it does in everyday slang: It’s an invocation to go forth and enjoy the fruits of many years of labor.

Gary Guttormsen, Chuck Humphreys and Greg Vandehey were feted during STA’s Toast the Trails event at Cork Cellars on Tuesday, November 12, as the organization celebrated their extraordinary efforts to build, maintain and enhance a network of trails across Sisters



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

STA board chair Catherine Hayden honored Gary Guttormsen and Chuck Humphreys for stellar service as they step off the board of directors.

Country. The trio is stepping down from the STA Board of Directors.

Hayden praised

Vandehey’s work as secretary of the organization, noting

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