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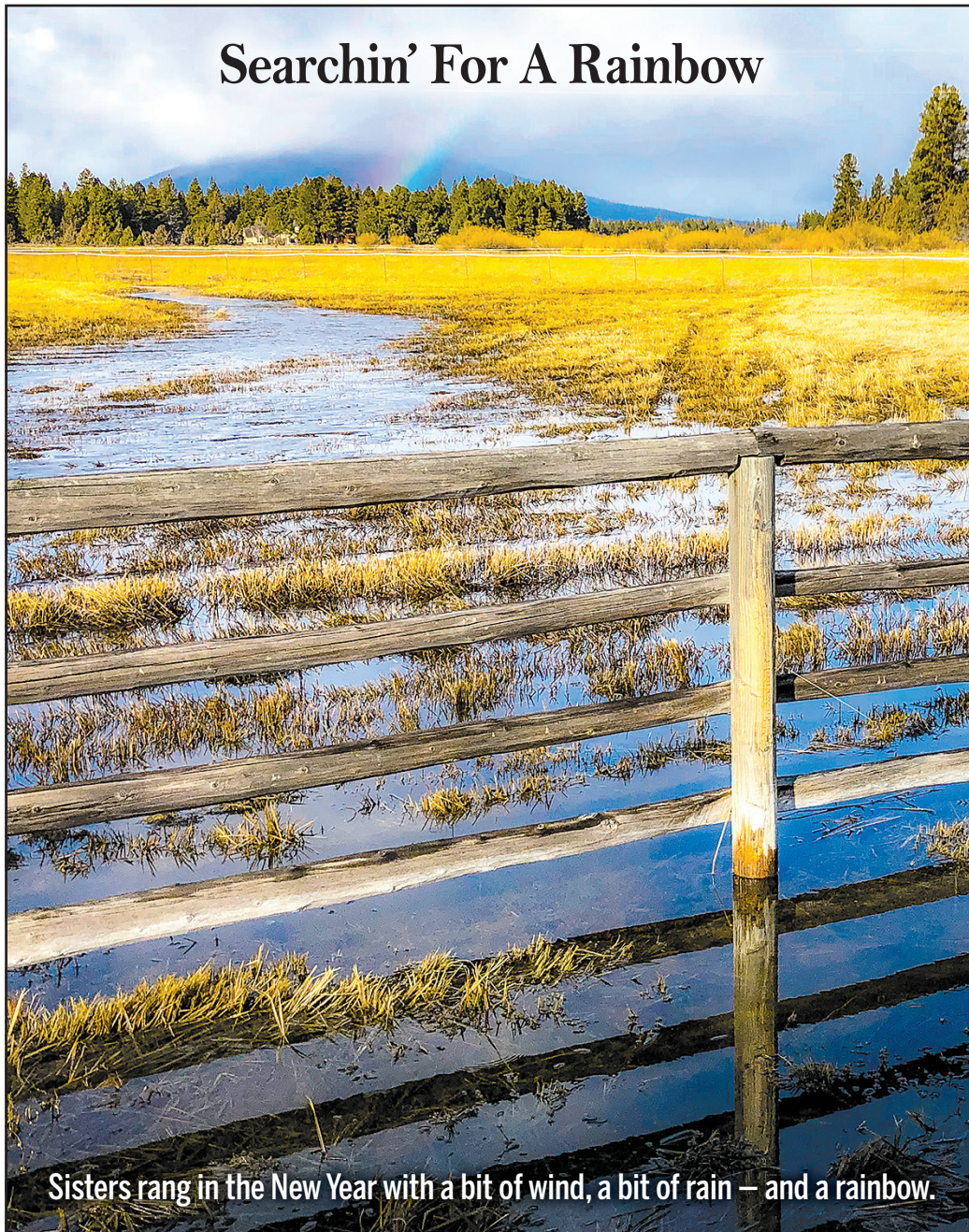
Sisters woman's killer to be sentenced

The man who shot and killed Jenny Cashwell of Sisters a year ago will be sentenced on January 14, after pleading guilty to second-degree manslaughter last month.

Alan Peter Porciello was indicted in January 2019 on charges of first-degree manslaughter and unlawful use of a weapon after he shot Cashwell in the chest with a 9mm pistol at the Cedar West Apartments in Bend on January 12. The two had met on an online dating site and were on a first date.

Court documents filed by prosecutors report that Porciello called 911 on his phone and admitted shooting Cashwell in the chest, stating that he was "being facetious, acting like I was going to shoot her, and accidentally did." According to prosecutors, Porciello "was arrested at the scene, and told law enforcement, 'I can't believe

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Sisters rang in the New Year with a bit of wind, a bit of rain – and a rainbow.

PHOTO BY CAT CONNOR

Oregon introduces six new permits, fee increases to hike, fish

SALEM (AP) — Oregon public land officials have announced visiting and recreational activity costs are expected to increase while new permit systems limit access to large regions of backcountry.

The new fees and permits to hike, boat, fish and visit lands target low-paying groups to combat overcrowding amid a statewide population increase, *The Statesman Journal* reported Tuesday.

Anyone operating a non-motorized boat over 10 feet long in any boatable waterway must purchase a waterway access permit or be fined about \$115 after a short grace period, officials said. The permit is available for \$5 weekly, \$17 annually or \$30

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Sisters negotiating law-enforcement contract

By Sue Stafford
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The City of Sisters and the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office are in the midst of negotiating a new contract for law enforcement.

With the steady growth of Sisters' population over the last decade, combined with ever-increasing tourism, crime can be expected to increase proportionately. According to DCSO, total cases handled each year fluctuate. That number can be easily impacted depending on several factors.

As an example, if there are 10 car break-ins in one or two evenings, probably done by the same perpetrator,

each one of those break-ins is written up as a separate case, so it can look like there is a spike in crime when in fact, one individual in a few days can skew the total, particularly given the small number of overall cases in a town the size of Sisters.

Beginning in August 2018, City Manager Cory Miskey and his staff undertook studying the contract arrangement between the DCSO and the City for law-enforcement services. Miskey said they have done a lot of research and methodically studied different options. Sisters contacted similar small cities throughout Oregon for information

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Sisters hit by heavy winds

The year 2020 blew into Sisters like a freight train. A heavy windstorm broke trees, tore up roofs, knocked over signs and buffeted houses throughout the afternoon on January 1.

Sisters Eagle Airport recorded sustained winds at 31 mph at 1:55 p.m. with gusts hitting 59 mph. Winds were sustained at 35 mph with a gust at 60 mph at 3:55 p.m.

Winds were sustained in the high 20 mph range with gusts to just under 40 mph for about three-and-a-half hours from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

The windstorm followed moderate rain on New Year's Eve.

According to preliminary data from NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at



PHOTO BY MARVIN INMAN

A stiff windstorm hit Sisters on January 1, with gusts hitting 60 miles per hour. The wind caused a bit of a ruckus.

Sisters averaged near normal during the month of December.

The average temperature was 29.7 degrees, which was 0.4 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 39.4 degrees, which was 0.5 degrees above normal. The

highest was 56 degrees on December 23. Low temperatures averaged 19.9 degrees, which was 1.3 degrees below normal. The lowest was -7 degrees, on December 2.

There were 29 days with
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