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## Cub Scouts revel in Pinewood Derby

By Chloe Gold  
Correspondent

The racing action was hot Friday night at Sisters Community Church, as Cub Scout Den 139 and friends and family gathered in the fireside room for their annual Pinewood Derby and potluck.

A few weeks prior, each scout had been tasked with designing and building their own derby car—with a few requirements. Each derby car had to weigh less than five ounces and be built mainly by the scout it belonged to. In reward for all their hard work, each scout received a medal, and could also win a trophy for best design or fastest car.

The excitement from the scouts was evident as they played with their derby cars and their friends while watching the official timer, Steve Hunt, finish setting up his track system and timer in the church's Fireside Room.

Hunt said the four-lane ramp the scouts would use was about "33 feet, give or take a foot or two."

It wasn't just the scouts who were

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The robust Cub Scout Pack 139 staged a lively Pinewood Derby in the Sisters Community Church Fireside Room.

PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

## Project to require cutting trees

By Jim Cornelius  
Editor in Chief

Some 500 trees will need to come down to clear an existing power-line corridor in Camp Sherman.

A proposed project in the recreational area west of Sisters will establish a 20-foot-wide corridor and upgrade 131 poles along 13 miles of Central Electric Cooperative power line right-of-way across National Forest land.

The project will, in part, mitigate against the danger of the kind of fire that occurred in November 2018 in Paradise, California, when high winds caused PG&E power lines to malfunction,

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## Public hearing set on major project

Sisters citizens can weigh in on a major development project slated for the west side of town on Thursday, February 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Sisters City Hall.

The Sisters planning commission will hold a hearing on the master plan for up to 50 multi-family units covering approximately 26,800 square feet of building area and approximately 26,800 square feet of commercial space and supporting infrastructure behind the current Three Winds Shopping Center.

The proposed Dollar General store between McKinney Butte Road and Bi-Mart is not part of

this MPD. The site plan for that building and parking lot is part of a separate application.

Public oral or written testimony is invited at the hearing at 520 E. Cascade Ave. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted by or for the applicant, and the applicable criteria and standards can be reviewed at Sisters City Hall at no cost. Copies are available. Files associated with the project can be viewed by visiting the Community Development Department's project web page at [www.ci.sisters.or.us/community-development/page/threewind-master-plan-mp-19-01](http://www.ci.sisters.or.us/community-development/page/threewind-master-plan-mp-19-01).

## New planner in place at City Hall

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Nicole Mardell, the City's new principal planner who joined the staff in December, became familiar with Sisters as a facilitator for the Sisters Country Horizons Vision Project while she was a member of the Deschutes County Project Management Team.

"Through that process I found a deep appreciation for the community here, the history that led to the Sisters we see today, and the shared goals for the future," Mardell said. "When the opportunity arose (to apply for the planner position), it provided a great alignment of my goals: to work for a smaller city where a planner's duties have a great deal of variety, while also working for a city that I

care for deeply."

A graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies, Mardell previously worked for Deschutes County in long-range planning (policy) and current planning (development review). Prior to that, she worked for St. Louis Park, Minnesota, a suburb in the Twin Cities area, where she focused on safe routes to school, active transportation planning, and infill development projects.

Mardell has always been interested in interdisciplinary fields — areas where she could understand a bit about a variety of other things with a bigger picture in mind.

"I was initially interested in working in the renewable energy field until a



PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

Nicole Mardell is the most recent addition to the City of Sisters planning staff.

family friend told me about the Urban Studies program at the U of M, which was very small but had a dedicated

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