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'Creative optimist' joins City of Sisters staff

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With the closure of City Hall to the public due to COVID-19, the residents of Sisters have yet to meet a new addition to the staff in the person of Emelia "Emme" Shoup.

Shoup is part of an AmeriCorps program administered through the University of Oregon, Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE). The City has a contract with the U of O for 1,700 hours of Shoup's services over 11 months, for which she will receive a monthly stipend and nine credits toward her master's degree. She plans to use this opportunity to hone in on a particular area of interest before starting work on her Masters of Urban and Regional Planning.

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Jumping into competition...



Hayden Sharp turned in a 20-foot-8.5-inch long jump in Outlaws track competition – a personal best. See story, page 3.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE KANZIG

Citizens can weigh in on Sisters' future

Over the course of the next year, the City of Sisters will seek input from community members on what they want Sisters to be like in 2040.

The City is launching an update of the Sisters Comprehensive Plan, a document that will guide how Sisters grows over the next 20 years. Based on community input and studies on housing needs and economic opportunities, the update will result in a set of goals, policies, and implementation measures that will guide decisions about future growth and development in Sisters.

Citizens will be asked to weigh in on what they value and want to retain, and what they want to change to improve the community. Multiple opportunities for input will be available to Sisters residents, as well as to community members who

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Sisters youths killed in forest crash

Three young women died in a single-vehicle wreck on Forest Road 15 near Sisters on Thursday night.

Two 17-year-old Sisters High School students died, along with 18-year-old Amelie Malerva-Locke of Sebastopol, California.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched at about 9:17 p.m. on October 1, to a single vehicle crash on Forest Road 15 about one mile south of Highway 242. Responding deputies arrived and found the crashed vehicle, a 2008 Mercedes SUV, off the roadway. Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department personnel responded and pronounced

all three occupants of the vehicle dead at the scene.

DCSO reports that initial investigation determined the vehicle was northbound on Road 15 when, for unknown reasons, it left the roadway and struck a large tree, ejecting two of the three occupants. An Oregon State Police crash reconstructionist assisted with the crash investigation. The roadway was blocked for approximately five hours.

"Our thoughts are with the families and the Sisters community during this extremely difficult time," said Lt. William Bailey of DCSO's Sisters office. Lt. Bailey

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Deputies step up to serve Sisters

By Sue Stafford
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The three new Deschutes County Sheriff's Office deputies who were recently assigned to duty in Sisters appear to be a happy, friendly team who — according to all three — love what they do.

Deputy Bryan Morris has a ready smile and quick wit. He is an Oregon native who spent four years in the Marine Corps, serving in Iraq in 2003. He is a family man who earned his bachelor's degree from Portland State University and a masters from University of Connecticut.

He originally had an interest in teaching, but in 2013 joined the DCSO as a field law enforcement technician (animal control).



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Deputies Allie DeMars, Mike Hudson, and Bryan Morris are working full time in Sisters under the City's new contract with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

He completed the Central Oregon Reserve Academy in 2013, the Police Academy in 2016, and became a patrol officer. Last year he served as the LaPine High School Resource Officer and came

to Sisters in June.

"I have always enjoyed Sisters and, when this position became available, it just made a lot of sense. It is a

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