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Sisters man arrested after vehicle pursuit

A 27-year-old Sisters man was arrested after an early morning vehicle pursuit west of Redmond on Thursday, October 22.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, a deputy observed a 1985 blue and green Chevrolet truck driving west bound on Highway 126 near NW 101st St., just west of Redmond, at approximately

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It's getting contentious...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

A couple of young bucks locked horns in a field near Sisters last week. Whatever the issue was, it probably wasn't political.

Ballots can be dropped at City Hall

Voters who didn't get their ballot in the mail by Tuesday this week should drop off their ballot in a secure drop box to ensure that it will be counted. There is a drop box in front of City Hall.

Ballots can be dropped off there until 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 3.

The Deschutes County Clerk's Office is reporting a strong turnout, with 36.77 percent of ballots already returned as of Friday, October 23.

Locally, five people are running for three open seats

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Planner will help shape Sisters' future

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

"I'm not here by accident," Sisters' new Community Development Director Scott Woodford told *The Nugget*. A look at his resume certainly confirms that statement.

Woodford was born in the Midwest but grew up in Summit County, Colorado, home to Breckenridge, Copper Mountain, and Keystone ski resorts. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Environmental Design with an emphasis in Urban Planning.

He and his family like to ski, mountain bike, river raft, and camp. When considering looking for work outside of Colorado, Woodford said Oregon, particularly Central Oregon, was one of very few options after living in Colorado. Woodford's wife is an elementary school music teacher and they have three children, two boys aged 16 and 14, and a girl aged 12. Besides his busy work schedule, Woodford finds time to coach his kids' soccer teams.

The Woodfords moved to Bend almost eight years

ago when Scott took a job with the City of Redmond, where he worked as the senior planner for over seven years. Over the past year he worked on their comprehensive plan update. An update of Sisters' plan is one of his first projects here in Sisters. He already knows and has worked with the consultant chosen by Sisters to facilitate the comp plan update. He is fully acquainted with Oregon land-use laws, which differ from most states.

Before moving to Oregon, Woodford worked for well over a decade, both in the public and private sectors, on land-use planning and managing complex projects. He has extensive experience working in Colorado resort communities like Aspen, Steamboat Springs, and Summit County. He is very well acquainted with the issues now facing Sisters — benefits and challenges of tourism, traffic and transportation, retention of community character, lodging and short-term rentals, affordable housing, preserving history, and responsible growth.

"In small towns, details

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BBR woman marks 100 years

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

As Ruth Peterson sat in her comfortable Black Butte Ranch home one week before her 100th birthday, her second husband, Jim Gibbons, 92, said that when he met her for the first time she was playing tennis at age 72 and "didn't look a day over 39."

The couple just celebrated their 10th anniversary.

Ruth (Anders) Peterson was born October 30, 1920 in Wisconsin, the second of three children, all still living. Longevity certainly runs in the family. She comes from good genes. Peterson's mother, an immigrant from Austria-Hungary, lived to be 100 years old. Her sister Margaret will be 102 in December, and her "younger" brother Robert is 96.

"I expected to live to be 100," she said.

Peterson, who moved to Black Butte Ranch with her first husband "Pete" Peterson in 1991, though not surprised at her long life, believes staying active, making friends, and keeping her faith have contributed to keeping her going.

Peterson has lived through the Great Depression, survived World War II,



PHOTO BY CHARLIE KANZIG

Ruth Peterson and her husband, Jim Gibbons. Peterson turns 100 on October 30.

witnessed tremendous changes and now lives on in the midst of a pandemic.

She recalls as a child having a hand-cranked wringer washing machine at their home in the suburbs of Milwaukee and how the milkman would deliver his wares by horse and wagon to an insulated box in front of their house in the wee hours of the night.

"The iceman also delivered to our home and as children we would scoop up the chips of ice to suck on that he made from cutting the ice into the right size for our family."

The generosity of a

grandfather helped fund her college education at Marquette University in Milwaukie, which she reached by streetcar. World War II broke out during her senior year and she remembers that when Pearl Harbor was attacked, her previously boring sociology professor "really came to life and kept us up to date about the war."

She also recalls it being a scary time and asking her mother, who had lived through World War I, "What do you do during a war?"

Her mother responded, "You just keep going on until

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