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Schools deal with messy sewer pipe problem

By Jim Cornelius
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There's not much nastier a problem for a school facility than a sewer pipe backup in the kitchen. That happened twice late last month at Sisters Elementary School, and now the school district is looking at replacing a failed section of pipe.

"We had a belly in the pipe," said Sisters School

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Gettin' down to the roots...



PHOTO BY LYNN WOODWARD

The Foghorn String Band kicked off the Sisters Folk Festival's Winter Concert Series with a rousing show last week. The second concert featuring The Stray Birds is set for February 13.

Habitat lobbies for tax measure

A contingent of Sisters Habitat for Humanity members ventured to Salem last Thursday for Habitat Oregon's first-ever "lobby day." Thirty-five people from Habitat affiliates around Oregon met with their legislators to discuss the Affordable Homeownership Taxation Bill and to raise awareness of Habitat's work throughout the state.

House Bill 2690 would clarify a tax exemption for properties Habitat affiliates are holding for future home

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Council still working on Creekside Campground

By Sue Stafford
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City officials continue to work through a maze of issues surrounding the future of Creekside Park, the City's overnight RV campground.

A joint City Council-Parks Advisory Board (PAB) workshop to discuss the future of Creekside Campground is set for Thursday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend. At their February 5 workshop, the Council was brought up to speed about the work done by the PAB so far.

Pauline Hardie, community development director, reviewed for Council the information that the PAB has been analyzing in their efforts to recommend improvements to the campground. This included: copies of the 1985 correction deed; the 1990

Master Plan; last season's data from the City's registration system; fiscal reports; concerns of the public; concerns of the PAB; and possible solutions.

Liam Hughes, PAB chairman, informed Council that the neighbors adjacent to the campground have collected signatures on a petition that outlines problems they see with the campground and possible solutions. He also indicated the PAB believes there are many issues that need to be addressed before a new site-plan can be created.

Councilor Wendy Holzman reported on the lack of restrooms issue at Clemens Park being addressed by the PAB. (See related story page 11.) She informed Council of the special meeting with citizens scheduled at the park

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Woman gives birth in car at Subway

By Kit Tosello
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One of Sisters' newest residents, Henley Lorenzen Frutos, entered the world on Friday in the front seat of a Chevy Tahoe. Her parents, Brooke and Damon Frutos, received her with joy and surprise, while parked next to a Subway Restaurant in Bend.

"She got here when she wanted to get here," said Brooke.

On Friday morning, just a few days past the baby's due date, Brooke was sent home from her weekly obstetrician's exam with the directive to "wait and see." Waiting is something Brooke had come to expect; her other three children's births had required patience, coaxing and long, drawn-out hours of labor.

The couple spent the day waffling about whether Damon should leave as planned for Antelope, Oregon, to help teach a continuing



PHOTO BY KIT TOSELLO

Henley Frutos was in a hurry. Brooke and Damon Frutos delivered her in a parking lot in Bend, where they stopped on the way to St. Charles.

education class on basic Emergency Medical Training. Damon is a fire medic for the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District as well as a volunteer lieutenant with Coverdale Fire District.

By 4 p.m., Brooke said, "I don't know if that's such

a good idea." She was having contractions. Around 5:30 p.m., they began timing them. By 6 p.m., she said, "We gotta go."

Along the 40-minute drive from their home east of

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