

# Sewing tutorial set for Uganda project

Organizers of Project Uganda are hosting a sewing tutorial on Thursday, February 19, for those interested in helping to provide menstrual kits for school girls in Masaka, Uganda. The kits are a vital resource for the young girls, who often miss school due to lack of feminine hygiene supplies. The project is designed to give those missed days back to the girls.

The tutorial will be held at Sisters High School, Room 235, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Prospective sewers are invited to bring their friends, as well as a sewing machine/

serger, scissors, empty bobbin and colored polyester thread.

Seven students ages 6 to 18 and seven adults, including Sisters teachers Heather Johnson, Gail Greaney, and Casey Pallister, will travel to the Good Samaritan School in Masaka, Uganda, on March 20 to deliver assistance to their “sister school.”

Their goal is to bring 400 “Days for Girls” kits with them to Masaka in March.

For more information contact Sisters High School health teacher Heather Johnson at 541-639-3969.

# Better watch your speed

By **Jim Cornelius**  
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Folks driving along McKinney Butte Road behind Sisters Middle School had better keep a light foot on the gas.

It’s a broad thoroughfare that feels like a place to make some time, but the City of Sisters has installed 25 mph speed limit signs on the shoulders, and Deschutes County Sheriff’s Deputies are out there to enforce them. The new speed signs give a clear benchmark for enforcement.

“We’re not trying to be heavy-handed,” said Deputy Neil Mackey, who serves as Sisters’ school resource officer.

They’ve put up a reader board to alert drivers to their speed and they’re hoping to raise awareness for drivers rather than write tickets. However, Mackey said, “if you’ve got somebody really ripping through there, yeah, they’re probably going to get a ticket.”

Mackey said there are

three types of problem drivers in the area. Some are unaware that the road is part of a school zone, and the road is a collector, so it encourages moving on through.

“You’ve either got people who don’t know the lay of the land, or some of the worst offenders are the kids driving back and forth to the school,” Mackey said.

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Surprisingly, parents are often offenders — and they can sometimes cop an attitude, as though taking their kids to school exempts them from speed limits.

“Don’t you think you should be a good example?” Mackey says.

# Volunteers clean up forest dump site

Someone dumped the remains of a concrete block wall in the forest west of Sisters — and volunteers have cleaned up the mess.

Gary Guttormsen, vice chair of the Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) and head of the trails committee which does all planning, design, maintenance and building of local trails, recently received a request from the Forest Service for removal of debris located on FS Road 2059/850 near Indian Ford Campground, which is part of the Sisters Tie Trail.

Sisters Tie Trail is an STA trail, and it is their responsibility for cleanup and maintenance.

Three members of Sisters Trails Alliance — Gayla Nelson, Donna Timmerman and Joel Timmerman — responded immediately and picked up over 1,000 pounds of concrete block wall debris. Several of the individual pieces weighed over 150 pounds.

According to Nelson, it appeared that the debris might have been part of a demolished exterior concrete patio wall. It was painted on both sides, white on one and a light tan on the other. It appeared that it could have been dumped there in



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STA volunteers hauled the debris from a concrete block wall out of an illegal dump site in the forest.

summer or fall of 2014.

The concrete was reinforced with rebar and wire mesh and had an electrical outlet within the wall. It is believed the wall was about six feet long and three feet high.

The volunteers hauled the debris to the Sisters Ranger District headquarters, where it was placed in their large dumpster with the help of Forest Service personnel.

Nelson said, “To those who use public lands as

dumping grounds, please remember that this land is your land, too. You wouldn’t want that unsightly debris in your yard, would you? Let us all help keep America clean. It is very disappointing that members of our community consider our National Forest as an acceptable place to dump their debris.”

Anyone with information about illegal dumping in the forest is encouraged to call the Sisters Ranger District at 541-549-7700.

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