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Festival hit a high note on 20th anniversary Parents play pivotal role in kids' athletics experience

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"From Blues to Bluegrass" is part of the Sisters Folk Festival theme and, for the 20th festival anniversary, there was a lot sandwiched in between blues and bluegrass.

This past weekend, folk, Celtic rock, country, zydeco, soul, soft acoustics, rocking Texas swing and more filled Sisters with over 45 acts on 10 stages and an appreciative audience on their feet screaming "More! More!"

The three-day event sailed along seamlessly as over 140 music events, an equal number of set changes, sound checks and artist relocations, were all kept on-time by vigilant stage managers and a steady stream of dedicated volunteers. In addition to the usual array of guitars, fiddles, mandolins and stand-up base, there was an eclectic blend of horns, cellos, a saw, unusual drum sets and accordions.

Many of the artists were new to the Sisters Folk Festival, but some were returning from previous years.



PHOTO BY LYNN WOODWARD.

The Subdudes brought New Orleans to Sisters – and tore it up all weekend.

The Subdudes, an American roots rock band hailing from New Orleans, preformed on stage at a much smaller Sisters Folk Festival 10 years ago. With a blend of folk, New

Orleans rhythm and blues and country sounds, they rocked the stages playing to packed tents and people standing around the edges dancing. Last year's favorite,

Darlingside, again provided an eclectic blend of folk, beautiful harmonies and rich voices around a single

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Parents play pivotal role in kids' athletics experience

By Jim Cornelius
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How parents act can have a major impact on their child's experience of youth sports. It can either be an uplifting, sharing family experience — or a bad childhood memory that damages relationships.

Bruce Brown, founder of the Positive Coaching Alliance, discovered something startling in an extensive study of youth sports: When he asked kids what the worst part of their sporting experience was, it wasn't losing or playing poorly in the big game. It was overwhelmingly "in the car with dad after the game."

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Objections raised on approved park fixes

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Opposition to Sisters City Council-approved changes to the ingress/egress for Creekside Campground surfaced at the September Parks Advisory Board (PAB) meeting.

When asked why they waited until now to voice their objections, Pat Thompson, former City Council member, replied that "no one thought it made sense to use Buckaroo as the entrance. That's why you're only hearing from us now."

Peter Storton, owner/

broker of RE/MAX Revolution in Sisters, spoke representing Robinson & Owen, who have plans to develop a 24-residence subdivision bounded by Highway 20, Buckaroo Trail, and Desperado. He objected to shifting the entrance for Creekside Campground to the Highway 20/Buckaroo Trail intersection. He contended that the 24-foot-wide Buckaroo Trail is not of sufficient width to handle large RVs turning off the 45 mph Highway 20.

Storton pointed out that

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Council OKs agreement on roundabout

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Sisters and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to construct a roundabout at Highway 20 and Barclay Drive was approved by the City Council in a unanimous vote at their September 10 meeting.

After a period of questions and clarifications between Council members and ODOT's Gary Farnsworth, the "Intersection Improvement Project" was given the green light.

Highway 20 through Sisters is part of the state highway system under the



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

The City of Sisters and ODOT have a deal on creating a roundabout at the busy intersection of Barclay Drive and Highway 20.

jurisdiction and control of the Oregon Transportation Commission. Barclay Drive and McKinney Butte Road

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