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Sisters habitat throws a block party

By Diane Goble
Correspondent

Sisters Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 25th anniversary, honored World Habitat Day, and broke ground on its 58th and 59th Habitat homes in Sisters last Sunday. The block party and groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the corner of Brooks Camp Road and McKinney Butte Drive, which is the site of Habitat's 17-lot Village Meadows community.

Community members and neighbors from the surrounding area and Westside Church were invited to come to see the house plans, meet their newest neighbors, learn more about Habitat, and share a barbecue with Habitat board members and volunteers who make it all possible.

Toni Landis, chair of Habitat's board of directors, welcomed the crowd of more than 60 people then turned the microphone over to Executive Director Sharlene Weed, who explained that the property was purchased from a bank over five years ago and, thanks to sales from donations to the Thrift Store and the ReStore, individual contributions, grants, and all the



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

See HABITAT on page 30 Alexandra and Jessica Lantaler break ground on their new home.

Enrollment picture improves in Sisters schools

Total enrollment numbers in Sisters School District are showing improvement after several years of decline.

As of October 7, enrollment stood at 1,109 ADM (average daily membership), which is up by a handful from 1,099 at the end of the 2014-15 school year and exceeds the district's projections for this year by 72 ADM.

Since state funding is tied to student numbers, the improvement is a welcome sign that the bleeding of the past several years may have stopped.

Sisters Elementary School (SES) and Sisters Middle School (SMS) are both down very slightly — SES by four ADM and SMS by 1.5 ADM. The numbers vary widely at Sisters Elementary School, with third grade up by 10 and first grade down by 19. Each grade has more students than were projected.

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Donations help make veterans' hunt a reality

By Jim Cornelius
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Warfighter Outfitters is leading an elk hunt for injured military veterans later this month — and generous donations are making the expedition in Sisters Country possible.

Brett Miller, president of the Sisters-based nonprofit, holds the guide permits for the hunt. A camp will be

established in Sisters Country October 16-24, and Miller is also looking for volunteer camp cooks for breakfasts and dinners, and for volunteers to make grocery runs and deliveries.

The camp has been outfitted in large part by a grant from the outdoor recreation retailer Cabela's.

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Deer migration season is on in Sisters

By Jim Anderson
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It's the deer and elk migration season. We're going to see mule deer and elk wandering through our backyards. Cover your cabbage, harvest your carrots, but forget about mowing the lawn — the deer and elk will do it for you.

Securing your backyard will make the season safer for the migrants.

Make sure the summer hammock you loved to nap in under your favorite juniper



PHOTO BY JIM ANDERSON

They're coming through, and if they can get into trouble, they will!

tree is stored safely away in the garage; pick up all the kids' toys; also the screening you put up to protect the

strawberries from the resident robins. Things like that are too

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