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Sisters donates tons to food bank

Bright and early on a chilly morning last week, 21 members of Sisters Kiwanis Club picked up and delivered over 7-1/2 tons of food for the local food bank.

It was hard work, but done with great pleasure; the volunteers reported the “Stuff The Truck” food collection program sponsored by Ray’s Food Place during the month of December was an outstanding success.

The supermarket manager, Kiwanian Jeff McDonald, coordinated the food collection for the food bank. Local shoppers made a \$20 contribution, and Ray’s added an additional \$5, which filled a grocery bag with basic foods. Over the past seven years, over \$100,000 worth of food has been collected through this program, and this year alone, \$20,550 was donated.

Some 822 bags of groceries were filled and donated — the most ever.

When things were all totaled, the poundage was quite substantial.

Green and black beans weighed in at 4,820 pounds;



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Kiwanis volunteers unloaded tons of food donated through the “Stuff The Truck” program at Ray’s Food Place.

juices at 5,585 pounds; pancake mix and spaghetti at 1,625 pounds; mac & cheese, oatmeal, and jams at 1,656 pounds; and mixed fruits at 528 pounds, plus some miscellaneous items.

Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank Coordinator Naomi Rowe was delighted with such a large volume of food, but said “we almost ran out of storage space.”

Kiwanis Club President

Suzanne Carvlin was amazed by the energy, volunteers’ pickup trucks and forklift that made a swift delivery of 11 pallets of food from Ray’s to the food bank.

Sisters youth critically injured in wreck

Sisters High School student Logan Miller remains in critical condition at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend after suffering head injuries in a wreck on Highway 20 the morning of January 6.

There is guarded optimism about 16-year-old Miller’s condition, given the severity of his injuries. Sisters High School Principal Joe Hosang reported that though “the doctors seem to be very careful with how they talk about Logan’s recovery ... they state he is where they would hope that he would be.”

Oregon State Police reported that Miller was driving a Ford pickup westbound around 8:30 a.m. Wednesday,

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Retaining students in Sisters schools

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Sisters schools receive their state funding based on student enrollment. A healthy budget requires increasing enrollment — and that means it’s very important to retain students.

That’s not so easy to do. Students are coming in — in pretty decent numbers — but other students are leaving, some to other local districts; some migrating to online education; some departing as families seek job and housing opportunities elsewhere.

The three principals of

Sisters schools made a presentation to the school board last week on student retention. According to the district’s enrollment report as of Friday, January 8, Sisters Elementary School (SES) is up two students from where they left off at the end of 2014-15 (346); Sisters Middle School (SMS) is down 6.5 (325); and Sisters High School (SHS) is up 9.5 students (432).

Total enrollment is 1,103, up four students overall from end-of-year 2014-15.

The principals recounted their conversations with

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School district mulls seeking bond

By Jim Cornelius
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The Sisters School Board is considering asking voters in May for a bond for facilities repairs and upkeep. No decision has yet been made, but the board took action last night to preserve eligibility for potential state “matching funds.”

Sisters could be eligible by lottery to receive as much as \$4 million in grant funding to supplement a bond. In order to retain that eligibility, the board passed a resolution on January 6 calling for a bond election for an amount not to exceed \$10.7 million.

“The grant application is due at the end of this month,”



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The community is invited to forums on school facilities needs.

Superintendent Curt Scholl told the board Wednesday. “The resolution is really a formality in that process.”

The board unanimously approved the resolution,

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