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Sisters students benefit from donations to Sisters Schools Foundation.

Holiday giving program helps those in need

The giving spirit of Sisters is never more evident than during the holiday season.

Last weekend was the annual distribution of holiday meal cards (from Food4Less and Melvin's Fir Street Market) and toys for Sisters families through Sisters Kiwanis and the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District, along with the distribution of pet food through the Furry Friends Foundation.

All of these programs are supported through community and business donations.

Furry Friends provided pet food for dogs, cats and a variety of other pets, serving 103 families and a total of 237 pets.

The fire district reported serving 138 families and 167 children through the Spirit of Giving Christmas Tree. Patrons picked an ornament and provided a gift for the child listed on it.

Foundation completes fall grants

The Sisters Schools Foundation recently completed their fall grants for the Sisters School District. Activities and programs at each of the three schools were funded to a total of \$34,000.

New microscopes and cameras, as well as program funding for Interim Day was funded at Sisters High School. The Battle of the Books program, funding for Outdoor School and the Ashland Shakespeare field trip along with new SPRK Robotic Kits for the technology program were funded at Sisters Middle School. The fourth-grade Oregon History Field Trip received funding

as well as new portable gym nets, games and activities for indoor recess and a new DrumFIT program were funded at Sisters Elementary School.

The Sisters Schools Foundation is a volunteer-run organization, which began in 1997. As funding diminished from public tax funds for co-curricular and academic programs, patrons of the Sisters School District proclaimed: "We can have an impact, we can affect the educational lives of our children."

In 1997 the Starry Nights Concert Series was born and has since raised nearly \$1 million benefiting the

classroom.

Twenty-five percent of all general funds raised are placed in an endowment fund. The foundation views this as a lasting way to have impact and be self-sustaining sometime in the future.

To contribute to the Sisters Schools Foundation visit www.ssd6.org/ssf. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, email president@sisterschoolsfoundation.org.

Fault in cable knocked out Crossroads power

A fault in an underground cable caused a power failure that affected 93 households in Crossroads last Saturday.

A Central Electric Cooperative spokesperson reported that a fault in an underground cable caused the outage and crews had to work hard to find the fault. Then they had to bring in equipment to dig up the cable

in frozen conditions and a couple of feet of snow.

Such faults are usually caused when insulation around a cable breaks down over time and electricity seeps into the surrounding ground, causing a short.

Power was out for about 10 hours in part of Crossroads, on a day that saw frigid temperatures.

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