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Karla Bonhoff wrapped up this year's Sisters Starry Nights Concert Series.

Bonhoff returns for Sisters concert

By Shane Simonsen

A relatively young tradition came full circle as past performers Karla Bonhoff, Kenny Edwards and Wayne Cotter performed to a packed venue at Friday evening's conclusion to the 2002 Starry Nights Series.

Laughter met tears and

smiles as Bonhoff shared the stories and songs of an illustrious career. The acclaimed singer-songwriter has earned recognition through her own career, and for such songs as "Tell Me Why," the title track from Wynona Judd's second album, and "All My Life," a

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Mayor warns of "culture shock"

By Shane Simonsen

Mayor Steve Wilson wants city planners to take a second look at Sisters' future.

"We've put in motion a radical cultural change for Sisters as well as an infrastructure nightmare," Wilson told the Sisters City Council at their meeting on February 28.

The council asked planners to take a second look at code requirements and minimum lot sizes.

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Trail network meeting big draw

By Shawn Strannigan

Hikers, bikers, riders and walkers trooped to the Sisters Athletic Club on Wednesday, February 27, to learn about a proposed trail network system in Sisters.

The Community Action Team of Sisters (CATS) hosted an open house at the club to exchange ideas with community members about developing a trail system.

"We were only expecting

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School estimates vary by \$1 million

By Jim Cornelius

Contractor Kirby Nagelhout's estimate for the new Sisters High School is \$1 million higher than the architect's.

Bill Kionka, who works with architect Scott Steele Associates, estimates a cost of \$18,365,000; Nagelhout estimates \$19,375,638.

According to architect Scott Steele, the variation is primarily in estimates of the amounts of materials needed for particular aspects of the job. Some of the biggest differences are in the cost of foundations (\$119,005); roof construction (\$524,309); interior partitions (\$419,649) and plumbing (\$262,737).

Variations in estimates are common in the early stages of a project. The more detailed

design drawings become, the more accurate are the estimates.

"The fact that there is a difference doesn't surprise me," Steele told the school board at their meeting Monday, March 4. "We're trying to get to the bottom of why those numbers vary."

Board members were frustrated by the gap.

"We have important board decisions to make and I don't know if I'm comfortable without tighter numbers than this," said Bill Reed.

The board meets again Friday, March 8, to begin detailed discussions on features of the school. Those discussions are likely to include the size of commons areas and the auditorium and

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More than 30 signs bit the dust in a vandalism spree.

Two teens arrested in vandalism spree

Two Sisters teens were arrested on Monday, March 4, after a weekend vandalism spree that left more than 30 road signs damaged or knocked down.

According to Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reports,

16, and

15, used a 1994 Dodge pick up truck to push over "Stop" signs and other road signs throughout Sisters

and along surrounding roads. The vandalism took place Saturday night.

The two were each charged with two felony first degree counts of criminal mischief; one count of second degree mischief; and 10 reckless endangering counts for the "Stop" signs they allegedly knocked down.

the alleged driver, also faces 37 hit-and-run counts.

Forest Service makes spring burning plans

By Craig F. Eisenbeis

With winter snow receding at lower elevations, the Forest Service is making plans for its spring controlled burning in the Sisters Ranger District.

Local foresters are continuing their long term program for reducing fire danger and

improving forest health.

"The weather is warming and the skies are clear and dry, so we could be doing some significant burning as early as (this) week," said Mark Rapp, Assistant Fire Management Officer for the Sisters Ranger

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