

Sisters salutes...



PHOTO BY CLAY WARBURTON

Fourth-grade students in Clay Warburton's class at Sisters Elementary School painted windows in downtown Sisters in December.

• Lorelai Moffat wrote: For the holidays, my class took a trip around town to paint windows. I would like to tell you a little more about that trip. I really enjoyed doing the painting and want to thank the people who let us paint their windows. That was Martolli's, Your Store, and Stitchin' Post.

I hope when people saw our windows it brought a smile to their face. My partner was very kind and helpful. When we were painting our window I could tell that we both were having lots of fun. We designed our window to put people in the holiday spirit. After everyone finished painting we had a hot chocolate party at Barclay Park. I will look forward to seeing next year's designs on my way to the middle school.

• Robyn Holman wrote: Citizens4Community salutes Sisters Country residents who participated in last week's sessions with Rob Karwath of the Speak Your Peace Civility Project. The level of attendance and engagement to learn about tools to encourage respectful communication exceeded our expectations!

C4C thanks Fire Chief Johnson for providing the meeting site and volunteers Barbara Secrest and Toni Landis for ensuring that

attendees had a comfortable and nourishing environment to learn and interact in. Thank you to Sisters Coffee Company and Hop N Brew for donating beverages and snacks, and to Sisters Folk Festival for providing the amplification system for the speaker. Thank you to the many event attendees who filled out a feedback form to provide guidance on how to move forward with the Speak Your Peace project, as well as for their encouragement for C4C to provide additional information and educational resources to improve communication at higher levels. The engaging conversations were inspiring and provided hope to many. We are so proud to call ourselves citizens of Sisters Country.

• Daly Haasch wrote: Thank you, City of Sisters, for hiring a local contractor to do the work on Hood Avenue. Robinson and Owen Construction has been a pleasure to work with!

They were in tune with our operation and continually provided a viable gateway for customers to easily access Ace Hardware! Thank you, Casey Vantress, for the constant communication and thoughtfulness as the project gets underway. Excellent job!

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encouraged by her positive outlook. I feel that "yes" for life that she has whenever I read her column, or even just have a moment for a shared "hello" in passing.

I appreciate that you, *The Nugget*, include her perspective regularly.

This is another example of what makes this community special and builds connection.

Lynn Woodward

To the Editor:

I awoke about a week ago with a pulmonary embolism in both lungs. I was saved by the action of our great paramedics and also some planning that made it easy to get to me to take me to help.

Here is what I wrote to my friends as a result.

Imagine that you woke this morning very short of breath, realizing something very, very bad was going on.

1. Could you reach your telephone from your bed? Could you autodial 911 even if you couldn't talk?

2. Assuming you get the 911 operator on the phone could you give him or her your address and name.

3. While the operator is working to get help to you, how do they get in your house? Break the door down? Break out a window? Do you want to be in the hospital one or more days with your door or window open?

• Suggestion — One option is a keypad on your garage door with an easy-to-remember code. This worked for me.

• Suggestion — If you don't want the above options, buy one of those lock boxes from Lowe's or Home Depot that costs about \$35. It requires two screws to install and allows you to leave a key inside. This is great both for emergencies and for letting guests into your home if you happen to be away.

• Again you will need to have a three or four-digit code to open this box. Place the box in a very obvious position on your door

or garage frame. You don't want emergency personnel saying "now where the hell is that box?"

4. I can't say for sure that these measures saved my life, but they sure made things happen a lot faster.

So be smart and plan ahead.

Ken Serkownek

To the Editor:

Will the film "13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi" cause millions of uninformed viewers to finally realize the self-serving corruption demonstrated by this administration in the 2012 election cycle; and supported by the "Obama dotting" press?

Although Hillary Clinton's name is not mentioned, her infamous "What difference does it make?!" comment remains reprehensible; and a revealing glimpse of her true character.

The videos of Susan Rice rushing out falsely blaming the attack on an obscure video do not appear either, although mentioned.

For three long years Americans, especially the families of those who lost loved ones, have had to contend with continuous lies, cover-up, and outrage that a tiny band of unbelievably brave Americans was left to fight off a company of al-Qaida-linked terrorists for 13 horrific hours.

Meanwhile the vast land, sea and air resources of the U.S. military were not sent to their rescue by this administration. Where is the accountability? Where is the apology to the affected families? Where was our Commander-in-Chief?

What's even more despicable has been the ongoing lack of integrity demonstrated by the liberal-biased press.

As we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. one can only hope that voters in the 2016 elections will make "content of character" a primary attribute for selection of our next leaders.

Jeff Mackey

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