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Protecting Sisters youth from concussion

By Jim Cornelius
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We've learned the hard way about the effects of concussion. From seeing NFL football players develop brain disease from years of hard hits to the head, to the life-changing debilitating experience of young athletes like Sisters' elite skier Jenna Sneva, to military personnel who have suffered traumatic brain injury in service to their

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Quilts for funds...



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Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show donated a raffle quilt to raise funds for the fire department, see story page 10.

City council setting its goals

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Improving community outreach, addressing housing affordability and maintaining Sisters' infrastructure are goals the Sisters City Council plans to tackle this year.

The Council met last week for their annual setting of goals they will work on in 2016. All five members were in attendance: Mayor Chris Frye; Council President

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Sisters resident rescues abandoned kitten

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

Imagine driving into a snowstorm late at night on a highway in a rural area with no cell service. Then after you pull your vehicle over in a wooded area to put chains on your tires, you notice something on the side of the road that does not belong — something so inappropriate it's surreal.

A few weeks before Christmas, Sisters resident Peggy Frye was driving back from Portland and had just passed the Detroit Lake area when the weather took a turn for the worse and it started to snow. The roads were getting icy, so she pulled over to get the chains on her tires as quickly as possible.

"I saw a cardboard box over to the side of the road," she recalled. "It was hard to believe, but inside the

box were lots of kittens, about eight or nine. At first I thought they were all dead, so I tipped the box and one stayed on the bottom of the box and one took off running. Only those two were alive. I picked up the one in the box who was barely alive and put it in the car. It was so awful, it didn't seem real. Even though it was late at night and snowing, I stayed to find the one that ran away."

Frye finally found the very cold and frightened kitten almost an hour later.

"I finally coaxed her over to me. I got back in the car and put both of them into my sweatshirt and zipped them in so they would warm up. The drive back to Sisters was slow. By the time I got home one kitten had passed away but the one I had to search for was still alive."

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Sisters honors local artists

By Helen Schmidling
Correspondent

A horse and rider on a frigid winter night, a Cuban tobacco farmer, some whimsical fish with faces and feathers in their fins, and a magnificent view of Steelhead Falls — all took People's Choice Awards at the 2016 Sisters Library Annual Art Exhibit.

"Ghost Rider," by Jennifer Hartwig; "Louis, the Tobacco Farmer," by Linda Hanson; "Don't Be Koi," by Steve Mathews; and "Steelhead Falls," by Randall Tillery took the four awards of equal merit this year.

All four artists are from Sisters.

More than 300 people attended Friday night's exhibit reception, sponsored by the Art Committee of Friends of the Sisters Library (FOSL). Because of a tie, this year there were four — not three — People's Choice Awards, said Zeta Seiple,



PHOTO BY JIM ANDERSON

Linda Hanson, left, shares a joyous moment with Amy Abramson. Hanson's photograph of a tobacco farmer won a People's Choice Award.

chair of the art committee. There are 168 pieces by 68 local artists in the show.

Scratchboard artist Jennifer Hartwig specializes in wildlife and pet portraits. Totally self-trained, she described her winning piece as a study in shadow, adapted from a black-and-white

photograph. "There's just a suggestion of scratch, and it's the horse's breath that captivated me most," she said. "There are no faces, no cute eyes to draw you in."

Hartwig created this piece

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