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Mentors make a difference for youth

By Jim Cornelius
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Circle of Friends makes a significant difference in the lives of Sisters youth. And they find that in uplifting the life of the child, their own life is uplifted.

"It's that old cliché," says mentor Mark Maboll. "I get more out of it than they do."

Sisters' youth mentorship program Circle of Friends is seeking volunteers to mentor Sisters youth.

Circle of Friends uplifts

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One Act wonder...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK.

Angela Dean Lund, Mia Burton, and Shawn O'Hern in "Waiting For Dingleman's Comet." Local actors staged one-act plays at The Belfry last weekend.

Car stolen, crashed near Sisters

A 22-year-old man is in jail after he allegedly stole a car in Sisters early Saturday morning, then crashed it on Wilt Road.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, a Sisters resident reported that her car had been stolen while she was warming it up in her driveway on East Cascade Avenue just before 6 a.m.

Deputies searched the neighborhood, but did not spot the stolen car.

At about 6:15 a.m. a citizen called in to report a crash on

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Preparing for the megaquake

By Jim Cornelius
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January 26, 1700, approximately 9 p.m. — The earth ruptures, coming unzipped along 600 miles of coastline from what is now British Columbia into what is now northern California.

The whole world shakes, and it seems like it will never end. Massive sections of forested coastline nearly instantly drop three to six feet, leaving giant trees embedded in salt water to die and leave ghost forests that will stand sentinel in the sand three centuries later.

A tsunami will roll across the ocean, taking nine hours to reach Japan. Scribes will leave record of this "orphan tsunami" that arrived from thousands of miles across the ocean without anyone in

Japan feeling the quake that heralded it.

The quake must have been a magnitude 9 — one of the most powerful in history.

It will happen again. It could happen at any time. Scientists estimate that there is a 1-in-3 chance of a megaquake hitting in the next 50 years.

The potentially catastrophic effects of a "full rip" Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake have garnered the attention of emergency management officials, first responders and alert citizens of late.

Last December, Dr. Daniele McKay, a geology professor at OSU Cascades, made a presentation on the quake at a training session for

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Roof looms large in bond discussions

By Jim Cornelius
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As the Sisters School District seriously considers seeking a \$10.7 million bond in May, one of the elements that looms largest in the equation is the state of the Sisters High School roof.

Voters rejected a \$14.5 million bond request in November 2014. A post-mortem on that failure turned up a number of voter concerns, and key among them was frustration over the portion of the bond — about \$1.3 million — that was to be dedicated to replacing the now 12-year-old roof on the high school. The three-tab roof was part of the "value engineering" that attempted to push down costs of the 2003 construction of Sisters High School. The freeze-thaw conditions of Sisters Country have hammered the roof. Now there are cracks that run the length of



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

This valley in the Sisters High School roof has been a point of problems. A fix seems to be working effectively to prevent water intrusion.

the roof and spots that leak.

Superintendent Curt Scholl addressed the issue of the roof at a public information meeting in late January. He noted that the failure of the roof is the result of a combination of factors, none of which are readily resolvable.

"I don't know that there's one entity that's responsible,"

he said. "Maybe it's a combo of all. The reality is, we've got to replace that roof."

The district has invested quite a bit of effort and money into mitigating problems with the roof. In the school's multipurpose room, there was significant water damage

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