

ART NIGHT: Families chose among 13 projects

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kitchen or having all the right tools and pieces on hand, they could just sit down and make something fun!”

In addition to several parent volunteers, the Sisters High School Leadership class also sent several students to assist at the various art stations.

“Just like any activity for a group of people, it’s the volunteers that really make it work,” said Bilderback. “We did a lot of prep work before the event, parents took some items home and cut and folded things so they were ready for the big event – then the night of the event several people came out to help and make sure each of the tables had someone there to help and support the kids through each project. We couldn’t have pulled it off without

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will take effect 30 days after the approval by the Council and signature by the mayor, which took place on February 25.

- Council agreed to deny a request by Sisters event planner Richard Esterman to be allowed to hold his Sisters Fall Street Festival and Sisters Wild West Show within 100 feet of Cascade Avenue. In a new ordinance adopted last year, no transient merchants are allowed to set up within 100 feet of Cascade.

In the past, both of Esterman’s events entailed multiple transient merchants. There are no provisions in the new ordinance to grandfather in events that have been held in prior years, and Council is not inclined to grant exceptions.

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everyone’s help!”

Those who attended had a choice between 13 projects including making a mask, decorating an egg-carton monster, creating a boat out of corks, an airplane out of clothespins, their own private journal, greeting cards, a “wind-pipe” out of drinking straws, vegetable print-making, watercolors and more.

“I loved making projects with recycled stuff,” said Davis’ third-grade son Bryant. “The tops out of old CDs and fun jewelry out of bottle caps!”

Kids and their families were invited to try one or all of the stations – there was even a free-draw station for those students who just wanted to sit down and color.

“My favorite part was drawing circles and painting them and putting stickers on the masks,” said Stella Moen, a kindergartner. “I loved that my family was there — my mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, and my brother Charlie, too.”

Throughout this school year Sisters Elementary School staff and administrators — along with SPTC volunteers — have worked hard to bring the community into the school, to make the elementary school a place where families gather. There are events every month designed to bring families together at the school, for more than just field trips. Common Core math and reading nights have already occurred, and a writing workshop is planned for the spring.

“Getting elementary school families together is really important, no matter the subject,” said parent volunteer Kelley Moen. “The art night did exactly that. It was



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Kids enjoyed companionship as well as creativity at Family Art Night.

so fun for kids and parents and teachers to just simply have fun, doing art projects together. Throughout the evening there were lots of laughing, smiles and good conversation.

“Family nights like this help us become a stronger school community,” continued Moen. “It was a great night for everyone, and I sure hope for more of these at SES.”

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