

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters man dies from hypothermia in car

A Sisters man died of hypothermia while sleeping in his car over the weekend.

According to Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reports, a citizen called the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, December 17, at 3:30 p.m. to request a welfare check on a homeless person, who was living in a white station wagon on Rail Way near Arrowleaf Trail near McDonald's.

A deputy responded

to the location and found Edward Carlton Fones, 39, dead inside the vehicle. Personnel from the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District also responded to the scene. The Deschutes County Medical Examiner's Office and detectives from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Detective Division responded to conduct a death investigation.

The death was initially

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Winter storm smacks Sisters hard

By Ron Thorkildson
Correspondent

On Wednesday, December 14, Old Man Winter took dead aim on Central Oregon and dealt the region a staggering blow.

The wintry blast closed schools, federal and state offices, as well as many businesses. For several days following the storm, citizens were still digging their way out of the massive snowfall in an attempt to regain some sense of normalcy.

Forecasters at the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Pendleton began to take notice of a rather

disorganized mass of clouds in the eastern Pacific Ocean about 700 miles west of central California. It was the result of an extremely moist southwesterly flow of subtropical air that was starting to show some organization. The developing system was mentioned in the 10:09 p.m. PST forecast discussion for Sunday, December 11. The concern was that if this moisture-laden air made landfall far enough north, it would overrun the deep cold that was already in place over Washington and Oregon, producing significant snowfall.

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The annual Sisters Dance Academy recital was a big hit.

Winter recital brings down the house

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

Sisters Dance Academy winter recital, "Celebrations Around the World," dazzled a full house at the Sisters High School Auditorium on Saturday, as dancers ages 3 to 18 performed ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, Broadway and contemporary; wearing bright colorful costumes depicting celebrations around globe.

Exquisitely costumed performers depicted Christmas, Hanukkah, The Chinese New Year, St. Patrick's Day and much more in a

diversity-themed event.

"The reason I came up with this theme is that at this time of year most of us focus on Christmas, yet there are so many other cultural and religious observances in the world to celebrate," said Lonnie Liddell, owner and dance instructor at Sisters Dance Academy.

This year there was a unique aspect that pulled in the audience for a full understanding of each number performed.

Volunteer Ann Alisa Duerden projected imagery on stage behind the dancers

representing a particular culture or celebration, making each number flow together with the music.

"The imagery emphasized what the dancers were doing," Liddell said.

As people from around the world prepare to celebrate Christmas, the decorating of the Christmas tree is a timeless and beloved traditions and the crowning moment is placing the final piece atop the tree. For the number choreographed by Liddell, "The Christmas Tree Angel," four

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

AI-Anon Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Wed., 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

Alateen Thursday, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-1527.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Tues., noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills / Wed., 7 a.m., Gentlemen's Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills / Thurs., noon, Sober Sisters Women's Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills. 541-548-0440.

Authors Support Group 2nd Friday, 10 a.m., Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. 541-588-0081.

Black Butte Macintosh Users Group 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.

Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., BBR community room. Partner required. 541-595-6236.

Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library (NOT Nov.-Dec.). 541-639-3217.

Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild 2nd Tuesday. 541-639-6216.

East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. 541-977-8285.

Heartwarmers (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

Hero Quilters of Sisters Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-548-3304.

Military Parents of Sisters 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., 17549 Knight Rd., Bend (Plainview area). 541-388-9013.

Oregon Band of Brothers - Sisters Chapter Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-408-5594.

SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment) Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.

Sisters Astronomy Club 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

Sisters Bridge Club Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.

Sisters Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-771-3258.

Sisters Cribbage Club Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-923-1632.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.

Sisters Kiwanis Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

Sisters Parent Teacher Community 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 971-570-2405.

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board 1st Wednesday, 5 p.m. Sisters Art Works. Public welcome. 541-719-8822.

Sisters Veterans Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

Three Sisters Lions Club 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

VFW 8138 & American Legion 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.

CITY & PARKS

Sisters City Council 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., SPRD building. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Planning Commission 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

FIRE & POLICE

Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at www.cloverdalefire.com.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 541-549-0771.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

SCHOOLS

Black Butte School Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 0 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX Out West Realty office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wednesday per month, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at www.sisters.k12.or.us. 541-549-8521 x4011.

