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Students learn about health at fair

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Sisters High School health students staged a health fair for seventh- and eighth-graders on February 2 and 3 at the high school.

Students from Heather Johnson's Health 2 class, EMS, and Sports Medicine classes put together various booths for students to check out. There were 23 booths covering subjects including: taking vital signs; stress reduction; mental health; nutrition; drug and alcohol information; rescue moves; wilderness survival; and more.

The fair was attended by Julie Patton's PE/Health classes. There were three sessions on Thursday and Friday with different rotations of students coming through. The seventh- and eighth-graders had "passports" with certain booths they had to go to. They would then rate the booth on appearance and interest. One of the



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High school students instructed middle school students in critical elements of health and wellness at a fair at SHS last week.

most popular booths was the stress-reduction booth where balloon hats were being made. The kids effectively reduced their stress by wearing funny-looking hats.

The middle school students were able to interact with high schoolers and learn important aspects of health.

"The SHS Health Fair brings the best of education

to one place, at one time: high school students mentoring younger students through experiential learning,

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School snow-day makeup announced

By Steve Kadel
Correspondent

Sisters School District officials have devised a way to make up for snow closure days without affecting the two-week spring break vacation or extending the school year in June.

The Sisters School Board voted unanimously last Wednesday to reclaim Presidents Day, February 20, as a class day as well as March 3, June 1, June 15 and June 16. The District earlier decided to hold classes on January 20.

Those six makeup days, plus one day originally built into the schedule, account for all seven of the closure days so far this winter.

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School enrollment climbs upward

By Steve Kadel
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The latest enrollment figures show Sisters School District continuing to add students — although not yet reaching the projected level for this time of the school year.

"We tend to shrink as the school year goes on, but this year we have grown," Superintendent Curtiss Scholl said. "It's a positive trend."

He spoke last Wednesday during the monthly Sisters School Board meeting, where enrollment details were released.

Total enrollment stood at

1,090 as of January 30. That's 19 students below the projection but up 14 from a month earlier. The biggest disparity is at Sisters Elementary School, which has 326.5 students — down 16.5 from the anticipated level.

There are 328 students at Sisters Middle School. That's just nine below projections. Sisters High School's 435.5 student count is 6.5 above the projection.

District officials have been studying the reasons enrollment is lagging somewhat. One plan to reverse the situation is revising the District's

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Forum to address flooding threat

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Having a tranquil creek running through Sisters comes with a price tag — the possibility of local flooding when the weather conditions combine in just the wrong way, making it a whole lot less tranquil. Large amounts of snow, rain, and quickly rising temperatures can spell disaster.

On Friday evening, February 10, 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Sisters High School lecture/drama room, there will be a community meeting regarding potential flooding in our town.

The Greater Sisters Area Emergency Operations Center will conduct a



PHOTO BY SUE STAFFORD

Whychus Creek can get wild and woolly when snow melts off quickly, creating a flooding danger in Sisters.

Community Awareness and Preparation for Potential Flooding forum. There will be an overview presentation about Whychus Creek,

a report on the current status of the creek's drainage, a long-range weather forecast

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