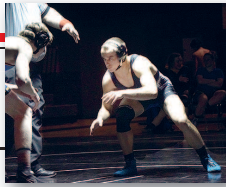


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## Mild weather poses cold water **DANGER**

With mild, spring-like weather, Suttle Lake and other bodies of water in Sisters Country are inviting – but the waters can be dangerously cold.

Photo by Jim Cornelius

With the recent mild, almost spring-like temperatures, many locals and visitors alike are taking to the water, rather than the ski slopes, to recreate in Central Oregon.

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District warns that complacency on the water – especially when water temperatures are low – is extremely dangerous.

That danger was highlighted last month when a Prineville man died in Ochoco Reservoir when his canoe overturned. One occupant of

the canoe made it to shore, the other, Christopher Callahan, age 36, did not. Neither was wearing a life vest.

According to the National Center for Cold Water Safety, immersion in cold water is immediately life threatening for anyone not wearing thermal protection such as a wet suit or dry suit. If you're not using thermal protection, cold water making contact with the skin creates cold shock, and causes an immediate loss of breathing control.

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## Citizens can view art proposed for roundabout

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

The exquisite artistry and creativity exemplified by all three finalists in the selection process for the Highway 20/Barclay Drive roundabout art will likely make the final decision of the Sisters Art Selection Committee a difficult one.

The public is invited to view models of the three entries at City Hall during business hours between now and February 16. There are forms available for leaving comments to be considered by the art committee as they make their selection. Citizens can rank the three pieces, make comments about each

one, and/or only pick their favorite. Including reasons for their selection will be helpful to the committee. The more comments the committee receives, the stronger the indication of the public favorite.

All three of the artist proposals have local connections. John Fleming from Seattle, Washington has collaborated with Jeff Wester of Sisters' Ponderosa Forge and IronWorks to create "Butte." Wester's work is well known in Sisters Country and appreciated for its form, function, and artistry.

Danae Bennett-Miller lives in Tumalo, and her son

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## Sisters celebrates the arts

By Jodi Schneider McNamee  
Correspondent

The Sisters School District has a reputation for focusing on and promoting student creativity. On Wednesday evening the commons at Sisters High School was transformed into a unique collaboration of the arts.

Students, teachers and guests gathered for the 22nd annual art night event with a fresh new look and a revamped name.

Art night is a chance for Sisters High School arts students to show off what they have created in the last year, and to get the community of all ages involved and excited about the arts.

ARTifacts benefitted the full spectrum of high school arts programs.



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Rylan Carter and Elise Ford look on as Sierra Henneous paints.

Bethany Gunnarson, art teacher at Sisters High School, directed the visual arts with music teacher

Rick Johnson coordinating the performing arts with

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