

RENOVATION: Festival now owns its own facility in Sisters

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supporters, board members and staff.

The campaign has been receiving gifts through year-end from individuals and small businesses in an effort to close the 1 percent gap and reach the final goal, thus accessing the Murdock top-off contribution in early 2020. Part of the recent pledges included an in-kind donation of \$5,776 from River Roofing during their completion of the roof replacement in December.

“We are really looking forward to the building upgrades because we’re already scheduling classes, workshops, and gallery openings for the new year, plus we have some ideas of how we can use the property this summer,” said Operations Manager Dave Ehle, who is also involved in education programming at SFF.

The effort to build a Center for Creativity and Community Music is one of the aspects that attracted recently appointed Executive Director Crista Munro to apply for the job.

“It seemed like a wonderful opportunity for me to be a part of creating something lasting in a community I had admired for some time,” said Munro.

No stranger to the organization, Munro was acquainted with SFF creative director and Americana Project founder Brad Tisdell prior to accepting her current position. The two often traded industry insights and artist recommendations during her 24 years as one of the founding directors of the Four Corners Folk Festival in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, which also is the location of the only other Americana Project school program in the country.

Campaign co-chair and SFF board member Jay Wilkins acknowledged that the campaign committee and board of directors “deserves major kudos for stepping up and making the acquisition of the building a priority during a time of significant organizational change. Everyone had a lot on their plates. Now we can move forward with the new programming, spruce up the property and start phase two planning for a performance facility. This is going to be a very promising decade for Sisters Folk Festival.”

“It feels good to see the smaller donations still rolling in for the final tally,” Remington added, “because we want all of our supporters to be on that wall or plaque on our new building. We are

putting together a request for proposals soon so the arts community can submit their ideas on how to honor the campaign donors. It’s not too late to send in a contribution and be recognized either.”

Phase 2 planning will begin in late 2020 or early 2021 and be integrated with ongoing City efforts to determine the ideal location, size, and design of the multi-use community arts space. “But in the meantime, we have the property,” Remington said, “which means if it proves to be the ideal location, we’ll have a major head start on the project.”

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“It’s not too late to send in a contribution and be recognized – Steven Remington”

LETTERS

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and another using a knife that had dropped on the floor without cleaning it first.

Ray’s talks about its “community values” but instead allows dirty conditions to continue that increase the risk of food poisoning. Why is Ray’s not dealing with safety violations it has been aware of for years?

Susan Springer

To the Editor:

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday season!

Enrollment in the school district grew by 30 students over the past month, putting our enrollment at its highest point of the last 5 years! I would like to thank the School District staff — they are working hard to find ways to support and meet the needs of all students.

This fall, Niche ranked Sisters School District as the No. 1 district in Deschutes County and the ninth best in the state. Additionally, the *Portland Business Journal* also listed the Sisters School District as the 9th best in the state in its December publication.

A couple examples of the outstanding work in the District was highlighted at this month’s school board meeting. Rima Givot’s ninth-grade biology students presented their 10th year of research on the Trout Creek

Conservation Area, a 161-acre parcel owned by the School District that sits between the high school and the Tollgate community. They shared how they collected their data, the data collected on different plant and animal life observed, and discussed environmental issues related to the TCCA.

Additionally, Jeff Schiedler, Sisters Middle School teacher, informed the board that the computer science class at SMS entered the annual Samsung Solve For Tomorrow challenge, and the group is moving on to the next round! Their proposed STEM solution to icy road conditions is to create road signs that flash when the temperature and moisture level indicate icy conditions. They are one of two schools in Oregon to move forward and could potentially win up to \$100,000 in technology for the District!

As we prepare for the implementation of the Student Success Act, we will continue to look at ways to support our Belong, Prepare and Inspire goals that we heard from our community through our Mission/Vision process and stakeholder feedback.

Also, since January is School Board Appreciation month, I’d like to extend a special “thank-you” to our volunteer board members who dedicate a great deal of time and energy to our District. If you see any of our board members out and about, please thank them for their services to our schools.

Curt Scholl, SSD Superintendent

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