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SPRD's preschool programs benefit from grant support.

Roundhouse Foundation supports preschool

With the growth Sisters has been experiencing, there has become an increased need for preschool programs for our community. Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) saw this need early in the spring of 2019, as their fall preschool registration day had a line out the door with an immediate waitlist. This resulted in SPRD opening a third preschool classroom to be able to better meet the needs of Sisters Country.

Creation of a new classroom comes with its share of expenses. SPRD looked for ways to be able to offset the unbudgeted expansion of the preschool program and decided to apply for The Roundhouse Foundation grant. In late fall, SPRD found out it would receive a grant totaling \$2,400 to help with preschool supplies.

This is not the first grant that SPRD has received from The Roundhouse Foundation. In fact, since 2004, SPRD has received over \$112,000 in support from them.

Jennifer Holland, executive director of SPRD said, "I was so moved when I heard how much The Roundhouse Foundation has supported Sisters Park & Recreation District throughout the years. We are so incredibly lucky to have an organization like this in our community that gives back and supports our youth. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

For more information about the SPRD preschools or to see how to help support Sisters youth, visit www.sistersrecreation.com or call Sisters Park & Recreation District at 541-549-2091.

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can, not just sitting back and complaining.

We moved closer to Sisters and enjoy the small-town atmosphere when we go into town; also support the businesses we can, and our friends and family that come to visit enjoy Sisters very much. We are fortunate to have such fun events (I wonder if these unhappy people would want the rodeo, quilt show, etc. to be banned?) at our fingertips.

Thank you, Mr. Cornelius for your knowledge, common sense, and accuracy of your "Founders of this nation and the United States of America." Sorry for the length of this letter, but we are very compassionate, appreciative and fortunate about where we live.

We are happy to be here, and if we were not we would move (if interested we have some suggestions).

Gary and Jeri Johnson

To the Editor:

What is the Sisters Planning Commission thinking? Certainly not about the character of Sisters or the quality of life for its citizens.

A master plan for a 50-multi-family unit behind the Threewind Shopping Center is appalling (*see story, page 1*). Have you considered the impact of the traffic on an already congested area?

The only thing quaint about Sisters anymore are the shops on Cascade Avenue, Hood Avenue and Main Avenue. You are destroying the character of our charming city. We are going to become known as the city of multi-family complexes. Look at all the units being built in the area by the airport and the one that was built behind The Pines.

I know that growth is inevitable, but it could be done with keeping the character of Sisters intact.

You gave Bi-Mart a "slap in the face" by allowing the Dollar General store to be built next door. We know the profits will not benefit Sisters. You seem to care nothing about our loyal businesses or the people employed by them. They all have contributed to our community.

I have watched the changes in Sisters since 1972. It was a real charm then. Please don't destroy it any more than you have already. Not all growth is good. The only thing we need is another grocery store to accommodate the exploding population.

Donna Holland

To the Editor:

The other day I was thinking about all these billionaires wanting to be president because they believe they can fix government. It can't be fixed until we address the root cause of the problem, and that, my friends, is the government itself with Congress having the largest root. So why doesn't Bloomberg throw that \$10 billion at addressing term limits, rather than waste it on an election he can't win?

Those funds could be utilized to form a committee/campaign that starts with a formal petition with a goal of collecting the signatures of 75 percent of the voting public. That same committee writes an amendment that mandates term limits for Congress and a working structure for that new formation. Salaries, retirement, work hours are established with the goal of minimizing the ridiculous benefits currently received by members of Congress. Let's get rid of the walking dead, replace them with intelligent, vibrant citizens that have our best interest in mind, rather than politicians indulging in their constant effort campaigning for their next term.

I'm not smart enough to know how long the terms should be or what their benefits should include. But I am smart enough to know that enough is in fact enough. I want to puke when I think that Cortez has the possibility of serving 30 years in government then leaving with a lifetime of over-the-top benefits. When I see ads all over Facebook of McConnell, after serving 30 years already, wanting more and wanting you and me to pay for it, I get angry. The lack of term limits is the root cause of this ridiculous state of partisanship within both parties. Enough is enough; term them out.

A Republic divided by partisanship, where compromise and common sense have vanished, yields a society ruled solely by misguided opinions, none of which are yours.

Terry Coultas

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