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Arts program announces awards

The award recipients for this year's My Own Two Hands exemplify the spirit of the Sisters community in their work and in their generosity in donating to the Sisters Folk Festival's programming.

Sisters Folk Festival's annual My Own Two Hands art auction and fundraiser will be a completely online silent auction this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual auction will open on Friday, May 8 and close on Saturday, May 16, with more than 70 different items coming up for bid during that time. Since 2002, local and regional artists have donated tens of thousands of dollars worth of artwork to My Own Two Hands (MOTH) in support of Sisters Folk Festival's mission of providing comprehensive music and arts education.

The theme of this year's My Own Two Hands event is "A New Dawn."

"The theme was decided well before the COVID-19 pandemic in order to give artists a focused theme to create their pieces around, and we believe the theme couldn't be more appropriate as we look forward to better days and opportunity ahead," the folk festival stated.



PHOTO BY CEILI CORNELIUS

Beth Wood got on the bandwagon to offer a little mobile music to Sisters. The Sisters Folk Festival artist and educator launched what will be an ongoing effort to serve up a little fun and raise awareness of festival programming.

Sisters Folk Festival announced the 2020 My Own Two Hands Award Recipients:

The Theme Award is given to the artist and artwork that most closely adheres to or interprets the yearly theme. It went David Mensing, for his illuminating oil painting,

"Plenary." Mensing stated, "It is my honor to participate in support of My Own Two Hands and The Sisters Folk Festival. The value they bring to my family and the community can't be overstated."

Three Awards of Merit were given to artists and artwork recognized for

excellence in craft, execution and/or interpretation in their chosen medium.

• Janice Druian's beautiful capturing of "Dawn's Early Light." Druian says the unique painting "is from a photo I took of pinnacles at

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Sources of Strength school program takes action

By Charlie Kanzig
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Earlier this year, the Sisters School District implemented a program called Sources of Strength (SOS) to form a foundation for interconnectedness and well-being for students, staff, and community.

In light of the ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SOS team at Sisters High School (SHS) has jumped into action, offering a variety of resources and activities designed to help people cope with these challenging circumstances.

In the fall, 60 high school students and some staff were trained in the program as mentors, which high school teacher Matt Bradley oversees with the help of counselor Lindy Weddel and other

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City eyes next moves in pandemic response

By Jim Cornelius
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Sisters' civic leaders are looking toward the next phase in the community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Sisters City Council will meet in a workshop via Zoom on Wednesday, May 13 to discuss next steps and how the City will sync up with the state and county in a phased "reopening" of the local economy. Those interested in attending the meeting can request the Zoom link by emailing krosser@ci.sisters.or.us starting May 8 up until 4 p.m. on May 13 and also through the City's website. A call-in

option will be available.

Topics will include whether or not to extend the City's State of Emergency Declaration, which is due to expire. Extending the State of Emergency Declaration preserves legal authorities to take actions related to the crisis and maintains funding eligibility — it does NOT mean COVID-19 related lockdowns will extend for the length of the state of emergency.

City Manager Cory Misley and Mayor Chuck Ryan told *The Nugget* last week that the Council will likely discuss when and how to reopen the recycling

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Zemko marks century of joyful living

By Katy Yoder
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Being alive for 100 years is a milestone most people would like to experience, but probably won't. Imagine the changes and lessons learned in that time. Dinzel Zemko doesn't have to: she turned 100 on April 23.

She's seen her share of hardships and challenges, but she learned long ago to keep the faith, stay positive and let go of things you can't change.

Celebrating her 100th birthday didn't go as planned. Her family made the painful decision to cancel her long-awaited party to keep everyone safe. Calling FinePine Lodge and letting them know her big day was off was tough. Zemko



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Dinzel Zemko has lived a full, rich life across a century.

was disheartened, but knew dwelling on it wouldn't do any good. So, she did what she does best, trust God's

plan and focus on the many blessings in her life.

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