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Sisters Folk Festival has dedicated its Sisters Art Works entry gallery to philanthropists Cindy and Duncan Campbell.

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seeking growth opportunities like those in the [SFF] Americana Project who want to pursue music and the arts," they said. "Our gift was a very easy decision to make." In honor of the Campbells' generosity, SFF is dedicating their new visual arts gallery in the Sisters Artworks Building to the couple.

The celebration will include gallery tours; an artist meet and greet with Sheila Dunn, whose work is currently on exhibit; music from Sisters-area students in the Sisters Jazz Combo and a brief outdoor dedication at 5:30 p.m. Sisters Folk Festival staff will be on hand to welcome guests and to ensure that COVID-19 safety protocols are being followed, including limiting the number of people in the indoor space, requiring face coverings to be worn inside the gallery at all times, and reminding attendees to maintain a safe physical distance

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aerialist hanging by her hair 20 feet above the ground, a modern-day Charlie Chaplin, a man who walks on the edge of a sword, a strong woman who bends steel bars with her bare hands, a man who does a one-handed handstand atop more than a dozen perilous chairs, and a million more wonders and marvels from around the world.

Venardos noted, "We're Halloween-ifying our live-show format just for the week in Redmond by adding a little harvest and haunted flair, fun music, and some costume updates. It's still the Venardos Circus, with our musical production numbers and world-class acts that will knock your socks off."

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from those not in their family/social group.

In conjunction with the official gallery opening, SFF is seeking visual artists who would like to display their art in the gallery for a four-to-six-week period over the next 12 months. Exhibiting artists will have an opportunity to participate in a monthly Sisters Arts Association 4th Friday Art Stroll once they resume. Interested artists should send information to dave@sistersfolkfestival.org; collaborative exhibits are welcome.

The Cindy and Duncan Campbell Gallery is located inside the Sisters Art Works Building at 204 W. Adams Ave. in downtown Sisters.

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with most of the builders here, who mainly follow the rules and are usually quiet before 7 a.m. and after 7 p.m. But, as they say, "not so much" with our light industrial neighbors to the south, who continually violate Sisters City noise codes (and lighting, but that's another story). We've called and sent complaints to the city multiple times, to no avail. Several of us here have talked (or tried to talk) to the offending businesses, but all complaints thus far have been ignored — met with indifference at best, and responded to with rudeness at worst.

I know that this might seem rather petty, but it isn't: sleep is vital to good health, stress relief, job performance and quality of life. So what should our next step be? File "official" City of Sisters noise violation complaint forms? Work to rezone the area and move the businesses out? Elect a city council that listens to, and acts upon, the concerns of residents rather than pandering to business interests? Or...?

The City of Sisters *must* effectively enforce current noise, lighting, tree removal, traffic, etc. ordinances and codes. Going forward, Sisters *must* plan, zone, and build areas to maintain livability and reduce as much as possible incompatible uses and conflicts. Such situations will only get worse as more inappropriate development is approved, and stressors on the residential population will only increase due to inappropriate and non-compliant users and uses. Make effective laws and enact appropriate rules — and enforce them please!

Scott R. Bowler

To the Editor:
Homeland Security officials and military

commanders who protect our national security have firsthand knowledge of the gravest threats facing our nation. So it's particularly striking that, according to reporting by major international news outlet Reuters, nearly 130 former Republican defense and national security officials have publicly opposed Donald Trump's re-election bid and endorsed Joe Biden for president. Seven of those officials served under Trump.

The group, titled Former Republican National Security Officials for Biden, includes highly respected military leaders and government officials who collectively commanded U.S. troops in Afghanistan and held high positions in the FBI and CIA and at National Intelligence.

These esteemed statesmen cast Trump as being unfit to serve as president, say he failed America by his irresponsible response to the coronavirus pandemic, protest his alienation of U.S. allies and decry his response to protests across the U.S. over racial injustice and police brutality against Black Americans.

Elizabeth Neumann, who served as assistant secretary for threat prevention in the Department of Homeland Security under Trump, minced no words, denouncing the president as "extremely dangerous."

But Trump wouldn't be so dangerous if it weren't for the thousands of servile Republican officials who support him despite the threat he poses to our republic.

If you care about the security of our country and your loved ones, you must vote out Donald Trump and his party-over-country Republican enablers in Congress and Oregon's legislature. It's not hyperbole to say the future of our country depends on it.

Michael Cooper

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