

FAIRE: Event moved to Main Avenue after years on Hood Avenue

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is re-used from old or scrap fabrics and my dresses are made from men's button-down shirts. I also craft belt bags using upholstery leather. After having a store for five years in Eugene, I decided to focus solely on my clothing line. I am going to be touring the Southwest with my new mobile boutique, and am calling it The RevivALL Road Show and it will start in Bend."

Live music from the stage at Fir Street Park on Saturday was provided by The Anvil Blasters.

Veteran Brett Miller had his "Warfighter Outfitters" fishing boat on display at the Harvest Faire for a very special reason (*see related story, page 1*).

Warfighter Outfitters is a nonprofit guide and outfitter service in Sisters for disabled veterans, founded by Miller.

"This is my first year here promoting Warfighter Outfitters, and I'm taking donations," Miller said. "We provide no-charge fishing and hunting trips for wounded vets all over the Pacific Northwest. We now have an all-veteran board of directors."

A few members of the

local Sisters authors group were promoting their books at the "Sisters Authors" booth.

Sisters author Edie Jones, who displayed her book "Raising Kids With Love, Honor and Respect: Recipes for Success," was on hand to explain how the group got started about six months ago.

"Diane Goble founded our author group," Jones explained. "As a freelance writer and author herself, Diane had mentioned in *The Nugget* that she would like to start a writers group in Sisters, and a few of us responded. Our first meeting started with three authors at my house, and now we have 25 members and meet once a month to give each other support."

Judy Trego, executive director for the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, is also a member and has authored "Gain the World and Keep Your Soul: A Guide on Values-Based Philanthropy."

Stone Vases & Functional Pottery by Dee and Barbara Adams from Pacific City is one vendor that folks can always count on seeing every year at the Harvest Faire.

"We've been at the Harvest Faire for 35 years," said Dee Adams. "In fact we used to live in Sisters from 1997 to 2004. We use to do 44 shows a year, but last year we decided to retire and have only done 11 shows; that's our idea of retirement."

MIGRATION: Keep an eye out at dusk especially

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tempting for a buck to pass up, and they play tug-of-war on his antlers.

A local resident reported a buck that had its antlers hung up in their backyard clothesline and didn't know how to get out of it. It wasn't until the neighbor's dog came over and started yapping at the buck that it ran off — with the clothesline trailing behind.

Larry and Cheryl Sears reported a buck wandering through their backyard wearing a mat of Christmas lights in its antlers.

If there's anything left in your backyard a mule deer can get its antlers stuck on, it will find it. On top of that, if a beautiful bull elk that escaped the hunting season comes plodding through your yard, it, too, will find a watering can, or canvas chair to stick its rack into.

In spite of the fact that the City of Sisters passed the ordinance against human residents knowingly feeding deer and elk, both creatures will find a kitchen garden and

plunder it. That can be prevented with a fence. It doesn't have to be eight feet high; make it four feet high with eight-foot posts, and put two rows of string up to the top of the posts.

Or, you can do as Mary Crow did to protect her garden: put up two four-foot fences with a space of two feet between them. A mule deer, even one lusting for the delicious fruit on your ever-bearing strawberry plant, won't try to jump over a fence into a two-foot space. Hopefully.

If you have a garden gate that's not fastened tight, there's more than a good chance a deer buck will stick his antlers in it, get stuck fast and then try to run off with it.

Control your dog. There's nothing worse than to see a loose dog in pursuit of a mule deer yearling that was on its way to the wintering ground.

Drivers have to be extra careful during the deer migration season. They're all too common criss-crossing Highway 20 between Black Butte Ranch and Bend.

Dawn and dusk are times when deer and elk like to wander across the highway on the way to their ancestral wintering grounds — and they're tough to see.


SCHOOLS: Loss of students has been arrested

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At the high school, each class is up in numbers from end-of-year last year except the junior class (11th grade), which is down by 21.5. Even that class, however, has seven more students than projected.

The numbers are not cause for celebration, yet. Enrollment is essentially flat between this year and last. But given the dire trends since the recession hit in 2008, holding steady is being taken as a good sign that the health of the district and the community at large is being restored.

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