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Hundreds celebrate grand opening

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

The grand opening celebration for Three Creeks Brewing Co., located in the industrial park of Sisters, kicked off at 5 p.m. on Friday evening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their new 9,000-square-foot, 30-barrel production facility.

While company partners Victoria Graves and Rob Durand held the ribbon taut, owner Wade Underwood cut the ribbon, and head brewer Zach Beckwith cheered them on.

Beckwith has been with Three Creeks for almost three years.

"I've been over here brewing since late December and I oversee all the operations in the brewery and the pub as well. We coordinate a lot between both," Beckwith said. "We will be having a tasting room right here in the lobby where you walk in, hopefully by July."

The new industrial park facility significantly expands Three Creeks Brewing Co.'s capacity.



PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

Company partners Victoria Graves and Rob Durand held the ribbon taut while owner Wade Underwood cut the ribbon Friday evening. Head brewer Zach Beckwith cheered them on.

"This facility has a 30-barrel system compared to our brew pub, which is a 10-barrel. And each barrel is 31 gallons, and we are making about 300 gallons per batch at our brew pub and here we make about 930," Underwood explained during a tour of the production facility.

"Right now we distribute

all over Oregon, and we have expanded to Vancouver and Southwest Washington as well. We have 45 employees including the brew pub, and jobs at the production facility are expected to triple over the next two years.

"This facility allows us to experiment more at the pub, so you'll be seeing a lot more

creativity, and we'll have more ability to brew different beers at the pub," added Underwood.

The new Three Creeks Brewing facility will be brewing their three biggest craft beers for distribution: Knotty Blonde, Hoodoo Voodoo and

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Oregon Solutions drops out of trail discussion

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

The latest casualty in a long and grinding conflict over a proposed paved trail from Sisters to Black Butte Ranch fell last week.

Oregon Solutions (OS) Network, which specializes in conflict resolution, stepped away last Thursday from a process it had tried to initiate this spring to restart a community discussion on the concept of a paved trail.

In a letter announcing the decision, Michael Mills, a project manager with Oregon Solutions, stated that, "Given the inability to bring the key parties to the table the OS Network has determined that

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Community meets school candidates

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

The two finalists for the position of Sisters Schools Superintendent spent a long day in Sisters on Monday, meeting with staff and community members and touring the school district each hopes to lead.

Curtiss Scholl of Salem-Keizer School District and Joe Wehrli of St. Paul School District each met with community members in a Q&A session at Sisters High School Monday evening.

The questions were probing and revealed different

strengths and styles in the two candidates.

Wehrli, who has been the superintendent for St. Paul School District in St. Paul, Oregon, since 2013, talked about his experiences and successes in negotiating contracts with staff where there had previously been a rift between staff and the school board. He also discussed his experience passing a bond, noting that is it critical to listen to the public.

Wehrli also emphasized the importance of supporting teachers, citing professional

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Team of pros makes Sisters Rodeo rock

Sisters Rodeo has gained a reputation for being a fast-paced, exciting and consistently entertaining rodeo because of the team of professionals it has assembled. Most of this crew has worked Sisters Rodeo for a decade or more.

The team includes the four-time Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Announcer of the Year Wayne Brooks, a smooth announcer on horseback who shares the stage with one of the best historians and statisticians in rodeo, Curt Robinson.

The complementary duo keeps the crowd informed and interested in all eight events of the rodeo, and both of them have enviable quick



PHOTO BY GARY MILLER

The bulls make the action hot – bullfighters keep the riders safe.

wits that shine in the unusual and unexpected twists that spice up any rodeo. Both announcers are familiar figures and voices at National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

In the arena, the bullfighters are experienced athletes who have to leap in nanoseconds to protect a bull rider.

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