

Habitat to host Fourth of July fundraiser

By Diane Goble
Correspondent

Sisters Habitat for Humanity revives their 4th of July spectacular Chair-A-Table Upcycle/Recycle Silent Auction on Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Hop & Brew, 523 E. Hwy. 20.

Local artists and Thrift Store and ReStore volunteers have been busy creating amazing, creative objects d'art for the home and garden from among the vast assortment of previously valuable items they found among the donations at the two stores.

Some of the art pieces to be auctioned off during the festivities will be available for viewing at the ReStore

during the week. Place your bids and cross your fingers because someone else may have their eyes on that item and out-bid you, so you need to keep checking if it's something you can't live without. Final bids will be accepted at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Entertainment will be by that banjo wonder Doug Williams and a friend. Light finger-food and a no-host bar will be available, plus the food fare at Hop & Brew.

Proceeds from the Chair-A-Table event go toward helping hard-working families achieve affordable homeownership in Sisters.

For more information, call Robin at Habitat ReStore, 541-549-1621.

Sisters Folk Festival hits early sell-out

The Sisters Folk Festival hit a sell-out in June for the first time ever. The event is marking its 20th year of bringing top-quality roots music to Sisters in September.

All-Event Passes for this year's festival, September 11-13, are sold out. Sunday-only tickets are available for \$65 for adults and \$40 for youth 18 and under. A list of the acts performing on Sunday can be found at sistersfolkfestival.org under Festival Info.

"This is the fourth year in a row that the Festival has sold out, and each year it's been two weeks earlier than the year before," said Managing Director Ann Richardson. "We're thrilled to see that level of excitement

for the 20th anniversary of the festival."

The organization offers two opportunities for those without tickets to experience the event. The community stage at Fir Street Park will be free to the public the entire weekend. That stage will host festival performers as well as alumni from the organization's acclaimed educational outreach program, the Americana Project. On Sunday morning at 10 a.m., the public is invited to the Community Celebration featuring a wide range of festival performers on the Village Green stage.

For more information and to purchase Sunday tickets, visit sistersfolkfestival.org or call 541-549-4979.

City looking into how to regulate pot

By Sue Stafford
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The issue of growing and selling recreational marijuana within the Sisters city limits was the final discussion of a long evening last Thursday (*see related stories, page 13*).

In the November 2015 state election, 51 percent of Sisters voters approved the legalization of recreational marijuana. On the same ballot, Sisters voters rejected allowing a medical marijuana dispensary within the city limits.

Last week the Oregon

House approved HB 3400 and HB 2401 by wide margins, both bills providing a framework for legal marijuana. These bills now head to the Senate for floor votes.


According to HB 3400, in counties like Deschutes, where less than 55 percent of the voters opposed Measure 91, a city council may refer the question of whether to allow commercial marijuana activities in the city to the voters. The bill also allows cities to refer a three percent tax on retail sales of marijuana to the voters.

Right now in Sisters


there could not be a retail sales outlet because according to City code, a business license will not be granted to any business that does not conform to Federal law. Marijuana is still illegal on the Federal level. The City is not able to stop individual growers but they can regulate the hours, place, and manner of growing.

City Attorney Steve Bryant will check into the latest legislative actions regarding marijuana and send his findings to Council members along with possible options for the City.


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