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Glenn Miller received a copy of the proclamation of National Day of the Cowboy from Senator Ron Wyden's office.

Rodeo president receives cowboy proclamation

Last Saturday, July 25, was National Day of the Cowboy.

In honor of the 15th observance of the occasion, Senator Ron Wyden's office sent an official copy of the National Day of the Cowboy proclamation to Glenn Miller, who has served as the long-time president of the Sisters Rodeo Association.

The proclamation, dated July 9, 2015, cites cowboy values of honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic and patriotism, and notes the cowboy's status as an American icon.

The proclamation then declares July 25, 2015, National Day of the Cowboy.

Miller plans to frame the proclamation and present it to the Sisters Rodeo Association. It will hang in the Sisters Rodeo Clubhouse, where cowboys and cowgirls gather each year to exhibit the strength of character lauded in the proclamation at the now-76-year-old Sisters Rodeo.

Festival to host free concerts at park

On Thursday, August 6, Austin songwriter "Matt the Electrician" will perform, and on Saturday, August 22, Keith Greeninger will bring his easygoing California folk to downtown Sisters.

These shows, supported by The Roundhouse Foundation, provide an opportunity for Sisters Folk Festival to give back to the community that supports its programs so well.

"I believe the opportunity to present world-class songwriters for free, and two of our audience favorites over the years, is a step in saying thank you — for another sold-out festival and capping an outstanding year for the organization," said Creative Director Brad Tisdell.

"Matt came to the festival in 2011 and was one of the best-selling artists in the history of our event. It's an indication that people connect to his music. It's honest, well-crafted, fun and quirky. He's carved his own niche in the music world, and we've been anticipating working with Matt again," says Tisdell.

As a singer-songwriter, Greeninger paints intricate portraits of the human condition with powerful melodic images; deep, engaging guitar rhythms and husky, heart-wrenching vocals. His masterfully crafted tunes and powerful presence have earned him top songwriting awards at the prestigious Telluride Bluegrass Festival, The Kerrville Folk Festival, and The Napa Valley Folk Festival. Greeninger has toured the national folk and Americana circuit extensively for over two decades.

Keith is friend to many, having taught at the Americana Song Academy, worked with students in Sisters for over a decade, and performed at many festivals, including last year in Sisters with Little Feat's Bill Payne and the rhythm section from the Bonnie Raitt band.

"Keith is part of the Sisters Folk Festival family, and although he won't be playing the festival this year, we welcome him back home," Tisdell said.

Portland's Anna Tivel will open the show. She has played the Sisters Folk Festival for the past two years, as both a solo act and as part of the Shook Twins band.

The venue at Fir Street Park will be a free venue on Saturday and Sunday of the 20th Anniversary Sisters Folk Festival, September 11-13. With performances starting at noon on both days, the community will be able to see Americana Project students and alumni, and some of the festival's headlining talent on that stage.

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