

Sisters and Cloverdale firefighters responded to back up firefighters battling massive blazes on Warm Springs and near John Day.

## Locals aid in massive fires

With the extreme fire danger across Central Oregon, Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District (Cloverdale RFPD) and Sisters Camp-Sherman Fire District have been involved helping neighboring areas as wildfires spreading quickly have taken their toll on local resources.

All three northwest-county fire agencies, Cloverdale, Sisters, and Black Butte Ranch sent units to assist with the County Line 2 fire in Warm Springs, which had reached 52,000 acres as of Sunday.

On Saturday, Cloverdale and Sisters units were released from Warm Springs and sent to the Canyon City Fire in John Day. This fire has consumed 26 houses and was 37,000 acres as of Friday.

Extreme fire danger in the area has prompted Cloverdale RFPD to impose restrictions beginning immediately,

which coincide with restrictions countywide.

"Effective 12:01 a.m. August 18 (Tuesday), all open fires, including charcoal fires, will be prohibited on all lands administered by the Deschutes National Forest, the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland, and the Prineville District, BLM. There are no exceptions for developed or hosted campgrounds."

## Fundraiser features poetry, music

Local student Sianna Flowers has been given the opportunity to attend Interlochen Arts Academy, an audition-only international arts boarding high school in Northern Michigan. Flowers will be attending for her senior year as a creative-writing major.

To raise money for her tuition she is hosting a fundraising event at The Depot Café at 7 p.m. on August 25.

Flowers will be reading a collection of her best works as the evening's entertainment while accompanied by local guitarist Olivia Faludi. Desserts will be provided. It will be an evening to relax, connect with friends, and support arts in the community.

Attending Interlochen Arts Academy will give Flowers the opportunity to grow as a writer and create lasting connections.

All checks for Flowers' tuition can be made out to Interlochen Arts Academy and given at the fundraiser or sent to Diane Flowers at P.O. Box 213 Sisters, OR, 97759 before August 28.

## **SFF presents free Fir Street Park concert**

Sisters Folk Festival will host its second free summer concert at Fir Street Park on Saturday, August 22, featuring Santa Cruz, California artist Keith Greeninger.

These shows, supported by The Roundhouse Foundation, provide an opportunity for the Folk Festival to give back to the Sisters community that supports their programs so well. This show comes after a well-received concert with Matt the Electrician, who performed to more than 200 appreciative fans August 6.

"Fir Street Park is a gathering place to celebrate our community and bring people together. These shows are our way of saying thanks. We commend the City of Sisters and all who contributed to its creation, and they did an outstanding job representing the best of what Sisters Country has to offer, it is a welcoming and artful place in downtown Sisters," said Brad Tisdel, creative director of Sisters Folk Festival.

Saturday's concert starts at 6:30 p.m., and audience members are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and blankets, as seating is not provided.

Keith Greeninger has been to Sisters many times, and has created a following unparalleled in the area. As a singer-songwriter, Keith 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 the top songwriting awards at the prestigious Telluride Blue Grass Festival, The Kerrville Folk Festival, and The Napa Valley Folk Festival.

Keith has toured the national folk and Americana circuit extensively for over two decades. Keith is friend to many, and has taught at the Americana Song Academy, worked with students in Sisters for over a decade, and performed at the Sisters Folk Festival many times, including last year with Bill Payne, keyboardist for Little Feat.

Anna Tivel from Portland will open the show. She is an exceptional artist who has played the Sisters Folk Festival the past two years, both solo and as part of the Shook Twins band, on fiddle. Tivel is an extraordinary singer and a fine writer with an intriguing and captivating lyrical quality.

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

For more information, visit www.sistersfolkfestival.org.



