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## Sisters Folk Festival set to roll into town

For three days this weekend, Sisters will raise its voice in song during the 20th anniversary Sisters Folk Festival.

The festival will feature 45 acts performing more than 140 sets over three days, September 11-13. All artists are scheduled to play at least twice — many three times — to maximize the opportunity to see as much music as possible.

Festival artists include: The Subdudes, a New Orleans blues-rock and soul band; Canadian super group The Bills; the 2014 encore artist

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Victory is sweet...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Outlaws kicked off their season by prevailing over Burns for the first time in seven years

## Sisters teens arrested for burglary

Two Sisters teens were taken into custody last week in connection with a burglary at a home in Tollgate on Sunday, August 30.

A Sisters couple awoke in the wee hours to find a stranger standing in their bedroom. The homeowner chased the intruder out of the home in Tollgate and pursued him. He nearly caught him, but the homeowner tripped and the suspect got away. The homeowner also spotted a second suspect outside the home.

On Wednesday, September 2, Detectives with the

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## Sisters woman hit with \$140,000 fine

The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services issued a cease-and-desist order against a Sisters woman for misleading at least 12 people, including a close friend, to invest \$700,000 in her businesses. The businesses either did not exist or were financially unsuccessful.

The department, through its Division of Finance and Corporate Securities, also fined Rebecca E. Castle \$140,000 for violating state securities law.

Castle convinced the investors to put money into a variety of businesses that included feature film projects; exercise equipment; suntan lotion and other personal products; and silver and gold mining operations purportedly owned by her family. She promised them

a return on their investments of multi-year guaranteed payments and membership interests in the mines.

According to a department release, Castle, also known as Rebecca Goins, spent the investors' money on personal expenses such as international travel, jewelry, spa services, plastic surgery, and purchases for her two children. In some cases, she used funds from some investors to pay other investors.

In addition, Castle violated state securities law by not having the required securities license to solicit or sell investments and not registering the investments in Oregon. In July 2014, Castle was indicted in Deschutes County on one count each of theft by deception and

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## Woman killed in Highway 20 wreck

A 32-year-old woman was killed when her pickup collided with a school bus on Highway 20 east of Santiam Junction near Hogg Rock on Thursday afternoon, September 3.

According to Oregon State Police Sergeant Dave Pond, the 1993 Chevrolet pickup was traveling westbound on Highway 20 when it crossed the center line and struck an eastbound school bus. The Chevrolet came to a rest in the westbound ditch after the impact.

Upon emergency crews arriving on scene the driver of the Chevrolet, Camille Nelson of Wilsonville, was deceased. The school bus carried 43 members of Sheldon High School soccer team, including the driver, coaches, and students. The only injuries reported were minor ones to a couple of occupants. The Sisters School District sent a school bus and transported the



PHOTO COURTESY OF OSP

A collision with a school bus took the life of a Wilsonville woman and blocked Highway 20 Thursday afternoon. No school children were hurt.

students to Sisters Elementary School, where counselors were made available.

The students were soon transported back to their home in Eugene.

Highway 20 was closed for several hours due to the wreckage and the

investigation. The roads were wet at the time of the crash, which is still under investigation. OSP was assisted by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Black Butte Police Department, and the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department.

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