

C O M M U N I T Y

Beer fest will get Sisters hoppin'

Sisters will celebrate the annual fall harvest of hops in the sixth Sisters Fresh Hop Festival on Saturday, September 26.

The event runs from noon to 8 p.m. at Sisters Village Green Park. All ages are allowed in the tent; but you must be 21 or over to purchase a mug and tasting tokens. Tasting mugs and tokens are required to taste the beer. Mugs are \$5. Tokens are \$1 per four-ounce taste.

The Sisters Fresh Hop Festival features brews from around the state and their

unique fresh hop flavors. All breweries that participate bring at least one fresh hop beer (meaning the brews are made with hops straight off the vine).

This year's main band will be The Desert Kind. The popular band blends Americana country and folk ballads.

Breweries compete for the People's Choice award — the coveted Golden Bunny.

Breweries for the 2015 event include:

- 10 Barrel Brewing, Bend;

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Council still wrestling with temporary business

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The Sisters City Council is still trying to find its way through the policy thicket surrounding transient and temporary business license revisions. Members of the local business community and representatives of the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce and Sisters Folk Festival were on hand at last Thursday's workshop to listen to council discussion and to offer input on proposed changes.

Council has been wrestling with how to streamline the business license regulations and close current loopholes. There were originally two options on the table, until

Councilors David Asson and Amy Bergstahler brought forward options three and four. Asson's proposal revolved around setting policies rather than outlining details and Bergstahler brought forth the possibility of establishing pods in specific locations where transient merchants could set up their booths.

Everything is still in the proposed draft stage, with nothing final yet in place. Council spent over two hours hashing out possibilities, discussing pros and cons of each option. When they ventured too far into details, Asson repeatedly returned to his primary contention that

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PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER MCNAMEE

Karen Kassy and Brad Boyd presented a check to Sisters Kiwanis during A Taste of Sisters.

Taste of Sisters draws a crowd

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

It was a brand-new outdoor venue at Eurosports for the third annual Taste of Sisters hosted by event organizer Karen Kassy and Brad Boyd, Eurosports owner, Friday evening.

The last of the sun's rays felt warm as the evening kicked off with special performances by students from Central Oregon Aerial Arts, while folks enjoyed choosing from a range of tempting cuisine that was donated by a variety of Sisters restaurants.

Aerial Arts lead instructor Kendall Knowles watched her five young students perform aerial silks acrobatics for over 90 patrons.

"I have been teaching aerial arts for 12 years, and it's going on one year that I have been teaching in Sisters at Sisters Athletic Club. I have students of all ages, including a Sisters Middle School student," Knowles said.

Sisters resident Linda Monahan was having her taste of Sisters with friends at one of the many picnic tables available for seating, as they listened to the music of Juju Eyeball, a Beatles cover band.

"We never went when it was inside The Belfry, and we decided last minute to go tonight," Monahan said. "We're happy that we did, and the music is great."

One hundred percent of the proceeds benefitted two nonprofit organizations. The event served as a fundraiser for Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank and Furry Friends Foundation. And right before the desserts from all over Sisters were served up, Kiwanis president Dave Cox and Kiwanis member Vern Renner accepted a donation check from Brad Boyd and Karen Kassy. The gross amount was \$3,160 before event expenses.

Kassy made it clear to the guests that Eurosports is a space for community

activities.

"We really think of this area as a community space. We've had a wedding here, music, we even have Brad's daughter's movie here next Friday (*see related story, page 18*). We've also been asked if we would host a theater group, belly dance, and women's bike tire changing meetings," Kassy said. "If anyone needs a community space, let us know."

Kiwanis volunteers maintain and staff the community food bank, which provides emergency food supply for Sisters residents at or below the poverty level. This year, Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank gave emergency food supplies to over 100 children in the community each month.

Furry Friends Foundation helps families keep their pets in their homes by operating a pet-food bank and providing spay/neuter sponsorships and assistance with emergency medical needs to families in financial hardship.

SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

ALANON Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Saturday, 8 a.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Monday, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Tuesday, noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Thursday, noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

Authors Support Group 2nd Friday, 10 a.m., Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. 541-588-0081.

Black Butte Macintosh Users Group 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.

Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Black Butte Ranch community room. All welcome; partner required. 541-595-6236.

Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.

Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-639-3217.

Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild 1st Monday. 541-610-9022.

East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. Public is welcome. 541-977-8285.

Heartwarmers (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Just bring scissors! 503-880-5832.

Hero Quilters of Sisters Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-548-3304.

Military Parents of Sisters 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-647-7483.

Oregon Band of Brothers – Sisters Chapter Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-408-5594.

SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment) Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.

Sisters Astronomy Club 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

Sisters Bridge Club Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.

Sisters Cribbage Club Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. All are welcome. 541-923-1632.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.

Sisters Kiwanis Thursdays, 7 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board of Directors 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Pines Clubhouse. 541-719-8822.

Sisters Veterans Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

Three Sisters Lions Club 2nd Tuesday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

VFW 8138 & American Legion 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Service officer available. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.

CITY & PARKS

Sisters City Council 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., SPRD building. The public is welcome. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Planning Commission 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

FIRE & POLICE

Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at www.cloverdalefire.com.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

SCHOOLS

Black Butte School Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX Revolution office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wednesday per month, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at www.sisters.k12.or.us. 541-549-8521 x4011.

