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Thousands flock to Sisters for quilt show

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The entire town of Sisters was wrapped in walls of bright colors for the 41st annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS) presented by Kaufman Fabrics. The plethora of quilts that spilled across streets were hung by over 500 volunteers beginning at the break of dawn on Saturday.

“Infinite Stitches” was the theme of this year’s quilt show and of the 2016 poster created by Sisters artist Kathy Deggendorfer. She was inspired to create the poster by the hanging flower baskets that line the streets of Sisters during the summer. Deggendorfer described the flower baskets: “They are like colorful quilts in themselves with great mixtures of color and texture.”

SOQS Director Jeanette Pilak and a host of volunteers began putting up orange cones before daybreak on Saturday morning to make sure the entire city of Sisters would be safe.



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Quilt show visitors saw some 1,200 quilts in a range of styles.

“Each year, we get a permit from ODOT to have this large of an event which affects traffic. We have a traffic

communications committee that meets to share information that includes ODOT, the City of Sisters, county sheriff,

and the flagging company we hire to help route traffic.”

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Car show set to roll into Sisters

East Main Avenue will be closed between Elm Street and Cedar Street on Saturday, July 16 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. as it becomes a concourse for dozens of spectacular classic cars, hot rods, and pickup trucks.

Sisters Park & Recreation District will be hosting the 2016 Sisters Glory Daze Car Show. This year’s event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by FivePine Lodge, Sno Cap Drive In, Takoda’s Restaurant, Van Handel Automotive, and 3 Sisters Shell.

The event splashes Sisters with shining chrome and brilliant colors as car enthusiasts from all over the region converge to show off their pride and joy — and earn honors in a variety of categories.

The street closure — which will also render Larch

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Heirloom quilts exhibited in Sisters

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Catherine (Kitty) Dawson was born in 1875 and grew up on a farm in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains learning all the required skills to run a household and raise children. When she married Josey Jackson (Jackie) Johnston in 1898, she learned that the best way to keep her family warm on cold winter nights was sewing quilts using wool and any other scraps she could find.

Catherine Johnston died in 1941 and left a legacy of 27 unique hand-stitched quilts

that were eventually handed down to her granddaughter, Catherine Childress of Sisters. A part of that heirloom collection was displayed at Beacham’s Clock Company as a special exhibit for the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

Johnston had two children, Joseph Virgil and Mary Rebecca. Childress is Joseph Johnston’s daughter whom he named after his mother. Both siblings inherited some of their mother’s quilts.

“I didn’t know about all of my grandmother’s quilts until

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Celebrating a life saved

By Jim Cornelius
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“If you guys weren’t there on April 15, I wouldn’t be here on July 5.”

That was the message delivered by an emotional Ed Pond to the citizens and first responders who literally brought him back from the dead on that spring day. Pond was present at an award ceremony honoring the friends and emergency personnel who saved his life, held at Sisters Fire Hall on Tuesday, July 5.

Pond, 72, who lives in Redmond, had come out to the Sisters area to help his friend Jim Morrell fall some trees on his property, utilizing



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Ed Pond, center (dark shirt) owes his life to quick-acting friends and dedicated first responders.

know-how he gained in his younger days as a logger. Ed wasn’t feeling too well, and sat down for a moment to rest. Suddenly, he collapsed.

He was in cardiac arrest. He was not breathing and he had no pulse.

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