

ARTS & CRAFTS:
Vendors ranged from crafters to foodies

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Kentucky, who vacations in Sisters every summer, admired a remarkable-looking necklace at Jenee Mohler's booth.

Mohler designs elegant repurposed and upcycled jewelry, and showcased jewelry crafted with authentic antique pocket watches, porcelain dials, old gears and parts, vintage jewelry pieces and whatever else strikes her fancy.

Mohler, a Sisters resident and first-time vendor, shared the booth with her daughter Beth Garner, who upcycles bike-tire inner tubes into stunning jewelry.

"This venture started last year when my mother took me to a basic wire wrapping class," Mohler said.

Mohler has always been intrigued with the intricate mechanics of early timepieces.

"I love the mystery surrounding the vintage pieces I start with and enjoy creating something beautiful to wear out of them."

Rock & roll blues-style music by Derek Michael Mark & Double AA band entertained throughout the

day on Saturday, as folks stopped by and listened for a while on their way for more browsing or getting ready to grab a delicious pulled-pork sandwich from Bad Boys Barbecue.

And you couldn't keep folks away from the enticing Chocolate Moonshine Co. booth all weekend — including this *Nugget* correspondent.

"Our company is located in Grove City, Pennsylvania and has been operational for three years," said Sean Babuso, company employee. "I actually flew in from Pittsburg a couple of days ago for training and am having a great time in Sisters."

Chocolate Moonshine Co. uses sustainable natural and organic raw materials that are not overly processed. Their fudge recipe was voted as the "best tasting fudge in America" by Hershey's Chocolate Co.

"Our fudge is creamy

and not overly sweet. It's made with fresh cream and fresh butter with 30 percent less sugar than other fudge," Babuso added.

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Reed and Sarah Boeder, from Bend, new distributors for the company, were handing out samples of fudge.

People took time to relax in the shade where a light breeze made it pleasantly cool. The festival also had several wet dogs walking around that had found the creek that runs through the park.

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applications, as explained by Davenport.

"CDD priority is focused on performing plan reviews for building permits and land-use applications. Code enforcement, grant-writing, and long-range planning projects are not a priority given the current staffing situation."

Davenport went on to say, "There are some delays in customer-service requests, but so far our response is not too bad considering the situation."

He did warn, however, that a great deal of his time over the next few weeks will be taken up with preparing staff reports for the Planning Commission meeting on August 18, dealing

with a modification for the remaining vacant land held by Hayden Homes, as well as a modification to ClearPine subdivision to allow for construction of nine cottage-style dwellings in Phase 2. Davenport will also be preparing to present development code text amendments for cluster developments and site plan reviews.

"I am trying to train Carol for a shift in her responsibilities to assume some more duties, but this takes time, which is in short supply these days," said Davenport.

Allen remains optimistic about finding the right person to fill the senior planner position.

"I am confident that Sisters is a desirable place to work and we will be successful. It just might take a little longer. We have only been at it for three weeks; that is not considered close to a long recruiting process," he said.

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