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Sisters Folk Festival rolls into town

All-event passes for the Sisters Folk Festival may be sold out, but there are still plenty of opportunities to enjoy some of the outstanding music the festival has been bringing to town each September since 1995.

Sunday tickets are still available — and though that's the third day of the festival, there's still plenty of music to enjoy. Many of the festival's premier performers are on the schedule for Sunday.

"It's a great deal for the price and the value you get from the music," said SFF Creative Director Brad Tisdell.

There are also several free

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Art at the Ranch...



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Jo Ann Burgess at work in a plein air painting event at Black Butte Ranch (see story, page 5).

Man dies on South Sister trail

A 63-year-old Portland man died on Tuesday, August 30, on the South Sister trail approximately 4.5 miles from Devil's Lake Trailhead, the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reported.

9-1-1 dispatch received a call at 11:08 a.m. from hikers on the South Sister trail who had located a male hiker face down and unresponsive. The man was later identified as Tom Shakespeare of Portland.

The hikers immediately called 9-1-1 and began CPR. CPR efforts were not successful. A trail maintenance technician arrived and agreed to remain with Shakespeare until Deschutes County Sheriff's Office personnel arrived.

One DCSO sergeant and

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Sisters Eagle Airport seeks state recognition

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Sisters Eagle Airport has requested inclusion on the Oregon Department of Aviation's list of "airports of state concern," according to ODA planner Jeff Caines.

However, airport manager Dave Campbell told *The Nugget* that no formal application has been made.

The listing would include a boundary map, much as a site plan is part of a land-use application for a development, Caines noted. The potential scope of the airport boundary has raised concerns among some citizens because of the possibility that "airport activities" within that boundary might fall within the auspices of the state and

leave land-use decisions outside local control. A boundary map that has been circulated in association with the request includes Eagle Air Estates and skydiving drop zones that have been in use through the summer.

Caines emphasized that any current boundary map does not have the status of a formal proposal yet — and the process for evaluating any such proposal has not begun.

"We've requested, show us a boundary; show us what we'd be looking at," Caines said.

"We haven't started the initial process on completeness yet," Caines told *The Nugget*. "In order for us to move forward, we have to

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USFS closes gravel pit to shooters

By Craig F. Eisenbeis
Correspondent

The U.S. Forest Service has received increasing complaints about irresponsible target shooting west of Sisters. According to Forest Service representative Amy Racki, residents of Crossroads and users of the Jimerson Trail are concerned about their safety because of target shooting at the McKenzie Gravel Pit off Highway 242.

"The issue is that people are using McKenzie Gravel Pit for shooting, and it does not have a good backstop to stop bullets," Racki said. "People are shooting toward the residential area and Jimerson Loop Trail with no backstop."

Forest Service regulations make it illegal to "discharge a firearm ... in any manner

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Be advised you are in a high recreational use area.
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IT'S THE LAW
36 CFR 261.10 (d) (1) It is prohibited to discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed site or occupied area, or (2) across a National Forest System Road or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to any injury or damage.

Please be a responsible shooter:
1. Know your target and what is beyond: Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first, shoot second.
2. Only shoot where there is a good backstop.
3. Don't shoot across roads or trails.
4. Pack out all target trash, including shotgun shells, fragmented clay pigeons or any targets.

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Safety and noise issues have led to action on McKenzie Gravel Pit.

or place whereby any person or property is exposed to any injury or damage." Accordingly, the gravel pit has been designated as a "high recreational use area." Racki reports that a warning sign explaining the rule,

and penalties involved, was posted at the site and subsequently shot up.

The Crossroads community is 655 yards from the gravel pit, and the Jimerson

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