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Craig Rullman offered the first sample of buried beef to SPRD director Liam Hughes, who pronounced it ready. John Cornelius, visiting from Southern California, looks on.

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12 hours later, it came out of the ground as succulent as expected.

SPRD staff and volunteers made a feast of it, rounding it out with beans, corn-on-the-cob and strawberries. Co-sponsor Three Creeks Brewing Co. served up a selection of their fine beers and ales. At 5:30 p.m., the

gates to the park opened and patrons hit the food line, then ambled off to find seats to enjoy the music.

Dry Canyon Stampede — Kurt Silva, Lilli Worona, Mike Biggers, Jim Goodwin, Mark Gillam, Matt Engle, and Dave Holmes, with Pete Rathbun handling sound engineering duties — offered up a fine feast of their own: country music from classics like “Crazy” and “Big City” to a few gems that crop up in the contemporary country world.

Sisters artist paints mural on The Belfry

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

The Belfry is a gathering place for artists — mostly of the musical kind. Now it’s getting its own expression of the visual arts as well, with a mural painted by nationally renowned Sisters artist Paul Alan Bennett.

Bennett described the work as he painted the west wall of the building last week. He noted that the designs at the foot of the mural are based on cowboy boot toe designs. Running up

the middle of the mural is a conga line that forms a tree. That represents the sense of community that The Belfry creates in Sisters.

The lack of wide open spaces on the board-and-bat surface poses a challenge for the artist, and he’s made some changes as he goes along.

“It’s been a complex assignment because of all the variables,” he said. “It’s been fun though. I’ve really enjoyed working with Angeline (Rhett, owner of The Belfry).”



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Paul Alan Bennett is continuing his work on a mural at The Belfry.

DOGS: Pet owners should avoid areas where deer bed down

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its face. One of the men was hit in the chest by the deer’s antlers — not quite gored but close.”

Though deer are prey animals, they can be extremely dangerous when threatened — with very sharp hooves and antlers on bucks. A deer is fully capable of kicking a dog to death, and humans can be at risk of injury, too. That is Clarke’s primary concern, though she noted that the injured deer must have limped off to die a slow and agonizing death from its injuries.

“I called the police, but there’s really not much they can do,” Clarke noted.

The elementary school playing fields are a tempting area for people to bring their dogs — but it is not a dog park. Visitors, especially those from urban areas, may not be aware that there is a potential issue with the deer.

“I don’t know who these folks are — if they’re visitors,” Clarke said.

To avoid conflicts, dog owners should keep their dogs on a leash and under control, avoiding brushy areas that may be deer bedding habitat, and cleaning up after their pets.

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