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Councillors reluctant
to set precedent

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therefore, under the organizations' nonprofit tax identification numbers, filing for the event permits as nonprofits, which cost less. Central Oregon Shows is a for-profit business.

Included in the event narrative and traffic plans filed with the City for each event, was an additional statement in boldface type at the bottom.

"UPDATE: Due to hostel (sic) treatment with the temporary city manager. All fees will be paid as a profitable event under duress and in disagreement. The disagreement pertains to the new fee structure that was supposed to be reviewed in the Fall of 2016, before the 2017 season and was postponed by the temporary city manager. When and if the fees are addressed and reduced Central Oregon Shows will expect a refund of the difference. Also in disagreement is the temporary city manager's actions and hostel (sic) treatment toward the 2017 proposed partnership between a non profit, in which, there is no city definition or city code stating what can qualify or

benefit from a non profit fee." This is not the only disagreement between the City and Esterman's Central Oregon Shows. Prior to joining the Council in January, Esterman had conflict with the City and the Quilt Show regarding transient merchant permits and fees. He also disagreed with the Council's decision that no other public events may take place at the same time as the few major public events like the Quilt Show.

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LINEUP: Festival has sold out several years running

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Montana-based newgrass band, The Lil' Smokies; nine-piece Hawaiian swing band Kahulanui; Afro-Cuban act Battle of Santiago; legendary songwriter Chuck Cannon; artists Lindi Ortega; Freddy and Francine; Jon Stickley Trio; Gangstagrass; Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellies; ukulele master James Hill and Anne Janelle; songwriters Scott Cook; Kristin Andreassen; Justin Farren; Carrie Elkin and Danny Schmidt; the Portland-based duo The Talbott Brothers; barefoot troubadour Beth Wood; Didgeridoo and guitar player Trevor Green; and Canadian banjo player & singer Kaia Kater; and many more.

"Each year we seek new and unique talent to present to our Central Oregon audience," said Creative Director Brad Tisdell. "With 11 stages throughout town, two of them free to the community, we're able to present the best in acoustic music from up-and-coming talent to established career artists.

"We offer a wide diversity of eclectic and outstanding live performers – in intimate, beautiful venues – which helps bring out the best in their performances."

The Festival also hosts the 15th annual Americana Song Academy at Caldera, September 5-8. "Song Camp" has become a pilgrimage for songwriters to learn from the pros and build community around music. Teaching artists for 2017 include: Chuck Cannon, Claire Lynch, Robbie Fulks, The East Pointers, Freddy and Francine, James Hill, Jon Stickley Trio, Kristin Andreassen, Danny Schmidt, Carrie Elkin, Scott Cook and Justin Farren.

The Academy is sold out for this year, and registration for the 2018 Academy will open in early November. The festival itself is expected to sell out swiftly.

"The festival continues to sell out early, so for those who wish to be part of a unique musical experience, purchase tickets soon," says Tisdell.

For tickets, artist information, and a complete listing of the initial lineup, visit www.sistersfolkfestival.org. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 541-549-4979.

Sisters salutes...

Marie Clasen, volunteer and family services manager for Sisters Habitat for Humanity wrote:

Many thanks to the folks that made Collegiate Challenge 2017 a huge success. Eleven students from the University of Minnesota spent their spring break volunteering with Sisters Habitat for Humanity.

Particular thanks to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for a place to sleep and Sisters Athletic Club for a place to shower after a hard day of work at the jobsite. Lunches were provided by Jeannie Sandecki and Suzanne Severson.

The students had a great time and were grateful for the welcoming and supportive nature of our community.

• Sisters Cold Weather Shelter would like to acknowledge the support of so many Sisters and Central Oregon businesses and organizations, without whom they wouldn't have



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University of Minnesota students working with Sisters Habitat in Collegiate Challenge 2017

been able to open the doors and offer needed assistance to their guests: Shepherd's House Ministries; Redmond Cold Weather Shelter; Deschutes County Jail; Central Oregon Veterans Outreach; I and J Carpets; Westside Church Sisters; Sisters Community Church; Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration; The Open Door; Sisters Ace Hardware; Rio Restaurant; Depot Cafe; Martolli's; Sisters Athletic Club; Sisters Park and Recreation District; Family

Access Network; Sisters Saloon and Ranch Grill; Heartwarmers; Best Western Ponderosa; Deschutes Endodontics; Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Sisters Bakery; Ray's Food Place; Your Store Clothing Company; Furry Friends; Sisters Veterinary Clinic; Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire District; Sisters Feed and Supply; Bi-Mart; and Melvin's. There were a number of individuals who also made generous cash donations to the shelter.

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