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Halden Wofford and the Hi Beams will close out the Sisters Folk Festival's free Summer Concert Series at Fir Street Park on Thursday evening.

Honky Tonk band to play Sisters

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Old-style honky tonk band Halden Wofford and the Hi Beams are returning to play the Sisters Folk Festival Summer Concert Series. Wofford and the band have been playing music together for 14 years with all the same people touring, playing old-school country music. Wofford calls it "Rocky Mountain Honky Tonk Music."

Wofford started playing music in college on the side as a hobby.

"I was actually in art school at the time, I wanted to become a painter," said Wofford. "I just got sucked into the music world; I couldn't get enough of it."

Wofford grew up in Texas and listened to honky tonk, bluegrass and country music — and it just sunk into his

young brain.

"I was of course forced to listen to the classic rock and roll stuff, AC/DC, Lynyrd Skynyrd, but I really enjoyed listening to Hank Williams especially," Wofford told *The Nugget*.

His web site describes his music this way: "Equal parts Hank Williams and Johnny Depp, front man Halden Wofford pours forth a potent mix of rocked-up honky tonk, Western swing, Dylanesque originals and Spaghetti Western epics. There is no creative limit to the songwriter, illustrator, author, storyteller and singer. But Halden has met his match in the Hi Beams. Each outrageous tale he spins is met by the whine and wail of the steel guitar, the furious double-neck electric guitar and mandolin, and the relentless thump of the upright bass and drums."

Halden Wofford and the Hi Beams have been to Sisters before. They were asked to play the Sisters Folk Festival for the 20th anniversary show in 2015. They are looking forward to returning to Sisters for the summer concert.

The band just put out a new album called *Missing Link*. They have been touring the music in southern Colorado. With Wofford as the front man, he writes most of the songs and gets the sparks of inspiration from what he listened to as a child. This album contains more cover songs, some of Wofford's favorite old-time tunes. The album will be available for purchase when they play in Sisters.

Halden Wofford and the Hi Beams will be playing Fir Street Park as part of the free Summer Concert Series on Thursday, August 10, at 6:30 p.m.

ECLIPSE: Wear glasses for entirety of eclipse in Sisters

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- Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking up at the bright sun. After looking at the sun, turn away and remove your filter — do not remove it while looking at the sun.

- Do not look at the un-eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical device.

- Similarly, do not look at the sun through a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while using your eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewer — the concentrated solar rays will damage the filter and enter your eyes, causing serious injury.

- Seek expert advice from an astronomer before using a

solar filter with a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device. Note that solar filters must be attached to the front of any telescope, binoculars, camera lens, or other optics.

An alternative method for safe viewing of the partially eclipsed sun is pinhole projection.

For example, NASA recommends, cross the outstretched, slightly open fingers of one hand over the outstretched, slightly open fingers of the other, creating a waffle pattern. With your back to the sun, look at your hands' shadow on the ground. The little spaces between your fingers will project a grid of small images on the ground, showing the sun as a crescent during the partial phases of the eclipse. Or just look at the shadow of a leafy tree during the partial eclipse; you'll see the ground dappled with crescent suns projected by the tiny spaces between the leaves.

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