

## DROWNING: Fundraising benefit set on Saturday at Hardtails

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The fundraiser will be open to the public and minors will be allowed in the yard from the start time of 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. The fundraiser will continue after that through the evening.

There will be a raffle featuring prizes donated from around Sisters Country; food specials with 100 percent of sales going to Ben's family; silent auctions and more.

Live music is donated by Rhonda Funk, Bobby Lindstrom and others, with the main event starting at 8:30 p.m. with The HWY 97 Band. Donation jars will be out at Hardtails all week for Ben's family, to help them with all their expenses.

## DELAY: Schools added carbon-based filters to improve air quality

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health and safety of our entire school community," he said. "I know the staff wants nothing more than the opportunity to give the students the best possible educational experience. I was truly impressed by the dedication, effort, and support on display at SES yesterday when staff from all building came to help our elementary staff unpacked their classroom. I also realized that the lack of access to our facilities for staff created a sense of urgency and I found staff working when they should have excused themselves. Eventually, I had to send all staff home due to the air quality concerns."

Scholl told *The Nugget* that the district has taken steps to improve the air quality in the buildings, even as smoke from the Milli Fire (and other fires in Oregon) continues to hover across Sisters Country.

"We installed carbon-based filters in all of the schools on Friday and over the weekend and today (Monday), we have seen a significant improvement in air quality in the buildings," Scholl reported. "They improve the air quality because they filter more of the particulates out of the air that we bring in from the outside."

Air quality is expected to remain a concern for several days as burnout operations continue on the Milli Fire and smoke from the massive Chetco Bar Fire in southwest Oregon continues to drift across the state.

## Cloverdale firefighters knock down coop blaze

While all eyes were on the Milli Fire raging to the west of Sisters last week, Cloverdale firefighters caught a fire in a chicken coop before it could spread to an attached building.

On Friday, August 18, Cloverdale firefighters were called to a reported structure fire at 17552 Plainview Ct. Callers reported a chicken coop attached to a house was on fire. Firefighters arrived to find that the burning coop was attached to the residence's garage.

With assistance from the Sisters-Camp Sherman fire district, firefighters were able to extinguish the fire

with minimal damage to the garage.

The chicken coop was a total loss, and numerous chickens succumbed to smoke and flames.

Assistance was provided by the Black Butte Ranch and Crooked River Ranch fire districts who provided coverage in the area during the fire. This fire occurred during the height of the Milli Fire, when local districts had increased staffing due to the large forest fire and the solar eclipse.


The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office.



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Cloverdale firefighters doused a blaze in a chicken coop before it did much damage to an attached garage.


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