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Beer fest got folks hoppin' in Sisters

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The crisp fall air was fragrant with fresh hop aromas all around Village Green Park, attracting hundreds of folks to the eighth annual Sisters Fresh Hop Festival on Saturday.

The event was presented by Three Creeks Brewing Company.

It's that time of the year when brewers delight in rubbing sticky, leafy cones between their fingers, picking apart the petals to reveal a bright yellow oily pollen. For beer drinkers it's the time when they get to sample the short-lived product in its purest form. And that is fresh hops from the bine. Fresh hop beers, also known as wet hop beers, are typically brewed with hops that are picked and in the brew kettle within 24 hours.

Beer lovers, music lovers, and food lovers all had a place



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Beer-lovers learned about the nature of fresh hops at the Sisters Fresh Hop Festival last weekend.

at Sisters Fresh Hop Festival, which featured 26 Oregon brewed fresh hop beers on tap, local food carts, and a

whole day of live music by The Brothers Reed.

From fresh hopped pale ales to imperial IPAs, there

were flavors for everyone's taste. Folks even got a chance

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Rehab planning underway for Milli Fire area

The Milli Fire that scorched a 24,079-acre area west and southwest of Sisters and inundated Sisters Country with smoke for weeks is fully contained. It left behind a wounded landscape. Now comes time for the landscape to heal.

The Forest Service reports that a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team has reviewed the fire area and made several recommendations for rehabilitation and recovery of the fire area. Some of that area burned at high intensity;

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Rescuers help lost hiker on Tam McArthur Rim

Search and rescue personnel assisted a 39-year-old Redmond woman who got lost last week while hiking on Tam McArthur Rim.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office reports that 911 dispatch received a non-emergency call from Vanessa Collier at about 4:39 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27. Collier reported that she had been hiking for about 2-3 hours on the Tam McArthur Rim trail near Broken Top and was lost. Collier advised she was dressed for the weather, had food and water, but her shoes were wet. Collier's cell phone battery at the time of call was at 25 percent.

The call was lost and dispatch received a 911 call

from Collier who reported her cell phone battery was now 20 percent, but she had a portable charger that would be able to extend the battery's life. Collier was patched through to a Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Special Services Deputy, who attempted to help orient her as to her whereabouts as well as made a plan to pick her up at the Broken Top Trailhead south of her current location. The cell reception at Collier's location was poor and attempts to text Collier additional maps or extraction routes were unsuccessful.

Approximately one hour later, dispatch received a 911

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Students 'fired up' by museum visit

By Jim Anderson
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In light of all the fires that took place this last summer, and the controlled burns slated for fall and spring, Sisters Middle School is again sending the fifth-grade students off to the High Desert Museum (HDM) on different days to learn what fire is all about from supervisor Carolyn Nesbitt and her staff.

The title of the program was "Fired Up," and she did exactly that to every one of the students in Tanya Young's fifth-grade class. One of her students, Zach Thies, said, "We talked about the 'fire triangle' of fire, also we talked about low, high, and crown fires.

"One more thing we talked about was how slopes affect



PHOTO BY JIM ANDERSON

Teacher Tanya Young discussed fire behavior with her students as they watched their experimental tree burn.

fire. We did experiments to show how the fire triangle worked by adding and taking away the oxygen. Then

we did experiments on how the slope of a fire affected its

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