

SISTERS ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS



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Locals gathered for music and a sense of community last week at Village Green Park.

Sisters gathers for Rhythm & Song

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Percussion instruments were laid out on bright cloths in a circle on the Village Green. A half moon rose over Jefferson Avenue as people lined up for a country hot dogs and pasta salad. Friends greeted each other and strangers made new acquaintances. Led by music therapist Jodi Winnwalker of Earthtones Northwest, people chanted, "Join our circle, join our circle of community."

Unlike a typical music performance, the Rhythm & Song event held last Thursday encouraged everyday picnickers and concertgoers to join in. Anyone could pick up a drum or a rattle, and sing or chant with the experienced musicians who led the group.

Said Jessica Vitelle, "I came out so my kids could experience music with community, be out with people, and enjoy the summer." Her son Chris Willard said he came "to have fun" and said he was excited to learn more about percussion. "One of my favorite instruments is drums," Willard said. "I got one for my eighth birthday."

While Winnwalker led a chant about having wings, turkey vultures and a raven took to the sky overhead. The birds swooped in wind currents as kids swirled across the lawn below, streaming rainbow ribbons.

Numerous musicians and dancers shared their art. Harp, shamanic drum, voice, ukulele, hula, African guitar, and rhythm games were on offer. Cameron and Tree, new Sisters residents who lead "sound baths" of musical healing, coaxed sensuous thrumming out of a hanging gong and large Tibetan singing bowls. Kirk Olsen played African guitar.

The event was presented by Citizens4Community with Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) and Melvin's

by Newport Avenue Market. All performers and organizers donated their time as volunteers. Businesses supplied services and supplies at a discount or as in-kind donations. Winnwalker said later that Paulina Springs Books loaned 70 chairs at the last minute, and a local artist offered to load them up and bring them over.

"That's an example of how community works," said Winnwalker, who has lived in Sisters Country for seven years. "I loved that."

Communities rarely sing in perfect harmony. C4C Board President Robyn Holdman spoke of how the Sisters community had been in "discord" two years ago, inspiring the organization's founding. SPRD Board Chair Jeff Tryens used his time at the microphone to acknowledge the district's recent tumult and invited audience members to ask questions. He then characterized SPRD as the "Sisters Department of Fun," inspiring a new chant from Winnwalker and participants.

The crowd returned to music and dancing. Joshua Reed and his son Miles

stumbled across the event on their way to the playground. "It was very moving," Reed said. "It's well-needed here — both the music and the vibe." He described Sisters residents as "very busy, putting on shows for visitors." He appreciated that this event was for locals, saying, "We need more participation of community, of all walks and kinds."

The group's next event is "Let's Dance," a free community meal followed by line, Hawaiian, and circle dancing at Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District's community hall on August 15.

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Sisters Saloon Live Music with Melody Guy 7 to 10 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go online to sistersaloon.net.

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Trivia Night 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-up is at 6:15 p.m. Free, every Wednesday! For information call 541-549-2471.

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Cork Cellars Live Music with Cuppa Joe 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

Suttle Lodge & Boathouse Live Music on the Lawn with Sunbathe 7 to 9 p.m. Free, all ages welcome! For additional information go online to thesuttlelodge.com or call 541-638-7001.

THURS...JULY 26

Fir Street Park Live Music with Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper 6:30 p.m. Free bluegrass concert, presented by Sisters Folk Festival. Bring seating or a blanket, and a picnic if desired! For info: sistersfolkfestival.org.

Cork Cellars Tasty Thursday Hosted Wine Tasting 5 to 7 p.m. for "Variety of Malbecs." For information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

Sisters Saloon Karaoke Night 9 p.m. to midnight. Every Thursday, no cover! For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sistersaloon.net.

FRI...JULY 27

Hood Avenue Art Artists' Reception with Patricia Freeman-Martin and Jeff & Heather Thompson 4 to 7 p.m. with live music and refreshments! Info: 541-719-1800 or hoodavenueart.com.

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Live Music with the Bobby Lindstrom Trio 5 to 7 p.m. No cover! For additional information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471.

Paulina Springs Books & Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop Author Signing with Dennis McGregor 4 p.m. Dennis will circulate between the two venues to sign "You Stole My Name." For additional information call 541-549-0866 or 541-549-9552.

Downtown Sisters 4th Friday Art Stroll 4 to 7 p.m. Galleries & shops feature entertainment and treats! For info: sistersartsassociation.org.

Fir Street Park Sisters Farmers Market 2 to 5:30 p.m. Fresh on Fridays, thru September! For additional information go to sistersfarmersmarket.com.

SAT...JULY 28

Creekside Park Sisters Arts & Crafts Festival and Antiques in the Park 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arts, crafts, antiques, food and live entertainment! Info: centraloregonshows.com.

Hardtails Bar & Grill Live Music with Systyr Skynyrd 8 p.m. Don't miss the world's only all-female Skynyrd tribute band! \$10 in advance at Hardtails or bendticket.com or \$15 day of show at the door. For info: 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com.

67480 Cloverdale Road Hoedown with Dry Canyon Stampede 5 to 9 p.m. \$20 (12 and younger free). Live and silent auctions, food for purchase & more. Sisters Rotary fundraiser for numerous Sisters nonprofits. sistersrotary.org.

Galleries of Sisters Artists' Studio Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See artists in action! Maps of the tour are available at sistersarts.org, the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce & galleries on Hood Avenue.

Hoodoo Run to the Top Hoodoo Challenge 8 a.m. Half-marathon or 5K walk/run fundraiser for Sisters Kiwanis. Register online at tinyurl.com/hoodoochallenge2018. For info call Matt at 541-647-7586.

SUN...JULY 29

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Hardtails Bar & Grill Open Mic & Jam Night 7 p.m. Every Monday, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-6114 or go online to hardtailsoregon.com.

Sisters Saloon Painting Party 6 to 8 p.m. \$35, every Monday! For additional information call 541-904-5280 or go to sistersaloon.net.

TUES...JULY 31

Sisters Saloon Trivia Night 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-up is at 6:15 p.m. Free, every Tuesday! For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sistersaloon.net.

WED...AUG. 1

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THURS...AUG. 2

Fir Street Park Live Music with Lost Bayou Ramblers 6:30 p.m. Free! Presented by Sisters Folk Festival. Bring seating or a blanket, and a picnic if desired! For info go online to sistersfolkfestival.org.

Paulina Springs Books Author Reading with Thor Hanson 6:30 p.m. Hanson will present "Buzz: The Nature and Necessity of Bees." For information call 541-549-0866 or go to paulinasprings.com.

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