

Sisters coming down with Petty Fever

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Petty Fever was one of the most popular of the tribute bands that played at Hardtails Bar & Grill last summer. Owner Steve Macey is bringing them back this weekend, by popular demand.

Something significant has changed between this summer and last: Tom Petty, iconic American rock singer-songwriter who inspires the music of the tribute band, died suddenly on October 2, 2017, shortly after wrapping up a U.S. tour.

Petty's death was a tremendous blow to Petty Fever leader Frank Murray, and left him unsure what direction to take.

"I wondered if I should be out playing," he said.

He got his answer from grieving Petty fans from around the world. They want the music to carry on and they urged him to keep bearing the torch. Petty's music will, of course, continue to be on playlists as long as classic American rock music matters to anyone. But the recordings are only one aspect of the music.

The message was clear: "This music has to be played live, not just on record," Murray said.

So Petty Fever is still on the road, which will lead them to Sisters on Saturday night at 8 p.m. at Hardtails. Tickets are available in advance at www.bendticket.com or at the door if the show isn't sold out.

Murray has had Petty fever himself since he was young.

"I've been playing Petty songs since they were (first) on the radio, he told *The Nugget*. "I learned 'Breakdown' the day after it came out in 1977."

He's been fronting Petty Fever for the past 10 years.

For Murray, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers had just the right sound and attitude, tapping the same influences that Murray himself claimed.



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Petty Fever plays at Hardtails Bar & Grill on Saturday night.

"You could just hear it in his voice," Murray said. "Mike Campbell's guitar work was always just the right kind of soul and the tastiest lick imaginable for the song. And that's the kind of thing I like."

Like many musicians, Murray appreciates the deceptive simplicity of Petty's songs, with lyrics that sneak up on you and always a perfect rock-and-roll hook.

"They're just really well-crafted songs," he said.

Playing those songs has always been a joy — and now it's even more meaningful.

"That's the difference," he told *The Nugget*. "It's just a lot more emotional than it used to be for the audience — and even for me, too. I feel

a lot more pressure to do it justice."

Hardtails Bar & Grill is located at 175 N. Larch St. in Sisters.



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Sisters Saloon Poker Night 7 p.m. Every Wednesday! \$20. For info call 541-549-7427 or go online to sistersaloon.net.

THURS...AUG. 9

Cork Cellars Tasty Thursday Hosted Wine Tasting 5 to 7 p.m. Call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

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

Suttle Lodge & Boathouse Wine Tasting with Alexana Winery 5 to 7 p.m. Free to overnight guests; fee for day users. thesuttlelodge.com.

FRI...AUG. 10

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Live Music with Toothpick Shaker Band 5 to 7 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2471.

Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration Art Show & Artists' Reception 5 to 8 p.m. Many pieces are for sale! For information call 541-549-7087.

Hardtails Bar & Grill Karaoke Night 9 p.m. Every Friday, no cover! 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com.

SAT...AUG. 11

Hardtails Bar & Grill Live Music with Petty Fever 8 p.m. for the Tom Petty tribute! \$10 in advance at Hardtails or bendticket.com or \$15 day of show at the door. For more info go to hardtailsoregon.com.

Three Creeks Brewing Facility Warfighter Pale Ale Release Party 2 to 6 p.m. Family friendly fundraiser for Warfighter Outfitters includes BBQ, music, games, raffle & more! Free admission. For info: threecreeksbrewing.com.

Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration Country Fair & Art Show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Music, food, games, book sale, country store, art sale and more! For info: 541-549-7087.

Paulina Springs Books Author Reading with Greg Nokes 6:30 p.m. Nokes will present "The Troubled Life of Peter Burnett: Oregon Pioneer and First Governor of California." paulinasprings.com.

Sisters Saloon Live Music with the Bobby Lindstrom Band 8 to 11 p.m. No cover! For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sistersaloon.net.

Cork Cellars Live Music with Eric Leadbetter 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For info call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

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

MON...AUG. 13

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

Sisters Saloon Painting Party 6 to 8 p.m. \$35, every Monday! 541-904-5280.

TUES...AUG. 14

Sisters Saloon Trivia Night 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-up is at 6:15 p.m. Free, every Tuesday! For info go to sistersaloon.net.

WED...AUG. 15

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

Sisters Saloon Poker Night 7 p.m. Every Wednesday! \$20. For info 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: 6:15 p.m. Free, every Wednesday! For more info call 541-549-2471.

THURS...AUG. 16

Fir Street Park Live Music with Altan 6:30 p.m. Free! The traditional Irish band is presented by Sisters Folk Festival. Bring seating or a blanket. sistersfolkfestival.org.

Cork Cellars Tasty Thursday Hosted Wine Tasting 5 to 7 p.m. Call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

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

Suttle Lodge & Boathouse Wine Tasting with Cooper Mountain 5 to 7 p.m. Free to overnight guests; fee for day users. thesuttlelodge.com.

FRI...AUG. 17

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

Hardtails Bar & Grill Karaoke Night 9 p.m. Every Friday, no cover! 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com.

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

SAT...AUG. 18

Cascade & Oak Sisters Wild West Show Western skits at noon, 1, 2, 3 & 4 p.m. Arts, crafts, food... plus **Country Western Dance** 6 to 10 p.m. For info call 541-420-0279 or go to centraloregonshows.com.

Sisters Saloon Live Music with Abluestics 8 to 11 p.m. No cover! For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sistersaloon.net.

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