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Reenactors created Wild West shootouts at the site of a Western set along Cascade Avenue last weekend.

## WILD WEST: Show was staged along Cascade Avenue

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added to each script.

"I play a rustler, a bad guy and sometimes the town clown," Hawkins said. "I love being a ham and find it fun to be able to pretend that I'm John Wayne for a day."

Nick and Kathy Bowman from Bend brought their whole family to watch a couple of the shootout skits.

"We've been here once before and the kids love it, even though they hold their ears during the shootout," Kathy Bowman said. "The Wild West Show really fits in Sisters."

Before each show, event organizer Richard Esterman talked about safety and explained that the guns used are real, but there would be no real bullets, only black powder blanks.

"Once a year, the third week of August, we build a Western town that comes to life for everyone to enjoy," Esterman told *The Nugget*. "Our Wild West Show offers Wild West shootouts through well-acted skits that are free to the locals and visitors of Sisters."

Besides the nine shootout performances and skits beginning at high noon, the show also featured a beer garden and vendors with a variety of Native American and Western-themed arts and crafts for folks to meander through looking for that special Old-West-style treasure to purchase.

New vendors Janel Maurer and Kris Hakkila were offering wine tasting from their Eqwine Mobile Wine Cart.

"We just got our license to offer wine last fall," Maurer

said. "We were getting horses and started looking for horse trailers and found this 1976 horse trailer. And since we both love going wine tasting, it seemed like the right combination and we slowly derived our plan to create a mobile cart for sharing wines. Our goal is to focus on the wines of the Pacific Northwest."

"We travel the Northwest in search of great wines," Hakkila added. "And we specialize in all events, like weddings, office parties, banquets, birthdays and shows."

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"We can't say enough about the ongoing check up and diligent walk-through on our property days after the fire to ensure that no flare-ups have occurred."

• The entire Sisters community seconds the Knudsen's salute.

Local firefighters, and the volunteers of the Cloverdale Fire District in particular, have had an intense summer, dealing with fires

that posed an immediate threat to lives and property. The community thanks them for their diligent service.

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