

City snapshot

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

• Sisters City Council approved a contract with Keeton & King Contracting LLC in the amount of \$132,600 for initial work on the Barclay roundabout landscape project. This fall the contractors will construct the structural footings and reinforcement of the basalt columns and large pumice boulders. They will complete rough grading, the rock work, and utility work necessary for the art installation. Flaggers will be regulating roundabout traffic traveling between Barclay and McKinney Butte, but travel along US 20 will continue to move.

• The Clean Up Day on September 29 resulted in 46 participants collecting 160 trash bags, or 3,200 pounds of trash.

• City Finance officer Joe O'Neill reported that occupancy at the Creekside Campground was up this year over last year. The camp hosts are no longer in residence, but the campground will remain open through October.

• On October 10, the Sisters Homeless Coalition will make a presentation to City Council, providing statistics on homelessness in Sisters as well as the experience of homelessness in the community, the services now available in town, and ideas for the future.

• The Sisters Homecoming Parade will take place on Friday, October 12, at 4 p.m. on Hood Avenue between South Larch and South Oak streets.

• At the October 18 Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall,

commissioners will be conducting a public hearing on Development Code text amendments regulating marijuana-related businesses in Sisters and short-term rentals. Citizens will be able to provide public testimony, or letters may be entered into the record if received prior to the meeting.

• The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) will provide technical assistance, via a consultant, to the City for the purpose of defining the needs, and measures to take, in order to increase the supply and affordability of housing within the boundaries of the City. The consultant will prepare hearings-ready comprehensive plan amendments to update the Housing Needs Analysis to include a housing needs projection, a buildable lands inventory, a residential lands needs analysis, and identification of measures for accommodating needed housing. The Oregon Housing Needs Planning Project is financed with State of Oregon General Funds. All work will be completed by June 30, 2019.

• Overlay work to rehab pavement will be occurring toward the end of October in the FivePine campus area and on Ash Street.

• There was a marked increase in the number of traffic warnings issued in August by Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies. They issued 57 warnings compared to 12, 5, and 21 for May, June, and July. The number of traffic citations issued in August was 17, the same as for July, with six in June and five in May. Business checks were up as well from 181 in July to 294 in August.

Fresh hop festival kicks off fall

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The ninth annual Sisters Fresh Hop Festival paved the way into fall season last Saturday with breweries from around Oregon sharing their freshest drinks. Hosted this year for the first time at the Three Creeks Brewing Co. facility off of Barclay Drive, the Festival welcomed locals and visitors from around the state.

With more than 24 breweries participating in the event, the Fresh Hop Festival is a place for beer fans with a desire to taste only the freshest and best available. From notable local breweries such as Deschutes, Cascade Lakes, and Wild Ride, the gathering also attracted the likes of Pfriem of Hood River, Oregon and Buoy from Astoria, Oregon.

With hops picked and brewed within 24 hours, the beer is fresher and more tasteful.

With the Pacific Northwest being a fertile bed for hop production, and Sisters the center of Oregon's brew map, the festival brings some of the best of the Pacific Northwest's beer culture to a small town.

In the years past the event raised funds for the American Cancer Society, with \$10,000 raised last year alone. In partnership with the Central Oregon Brewers Guild, Three Creeks Brewing Company decided to contribute to a new

charity this year and donate proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House charity.

"Our heart behind what we do is really to give something back," Three Creeks Brewery marketing manager Ashley Woody said.

Moving the Festival to the Three Creeks Brewing facility is a first for the event, and one that has benefited not only them, but the charity as well. Costs and labor for set-up and tear-down at the Village Green — where previous years events have been held — took more time and resources, Woody noted. But with the new location planning came easier, and with money saved, it means more is available for the charity.

More than 75 volunteers from the local Ronald McDonald House and from First Interstate Bank worked the festival, pouring drinks, and helping the event run smoothly. Woody said that the event is typically a one-man-show for her, and without the volunteers, it wouldn't be possible. Throughout the event volunteers were cheerful and friendly as they poured glass after glass of a diverse range of beers.

Musicians Watkins Glen, Leadbetter Band, and local artist Tony Lompa played the main stage throughout the event. Both Oregon-based bands, Watkins Glen and the Leadbetter Band, specialize in retro rock covers ranging from the Grateful Dead, David Bowie, Pink Floyd,



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Volunteers poured glasses of fresh hop beer in an event that has come to mark the turn of the seasons.

and The Allman Brothers and entertained the crowd throughout the day with their old-school covers. Longtime Sisters resident Tony Lompa soloed with his acoustic guitar.

With an estimated 2,000 people in attendance the Sisters Fresh Hop Festival continues to grow and showcase some of Oregon's best brews, but also ushers in the change of season here in Sisters. For those looking to soak up some of the weather's final glory and enjoy some of the state's iconic breweries, the Festival has become one of the last outdoor events before the snow flies.



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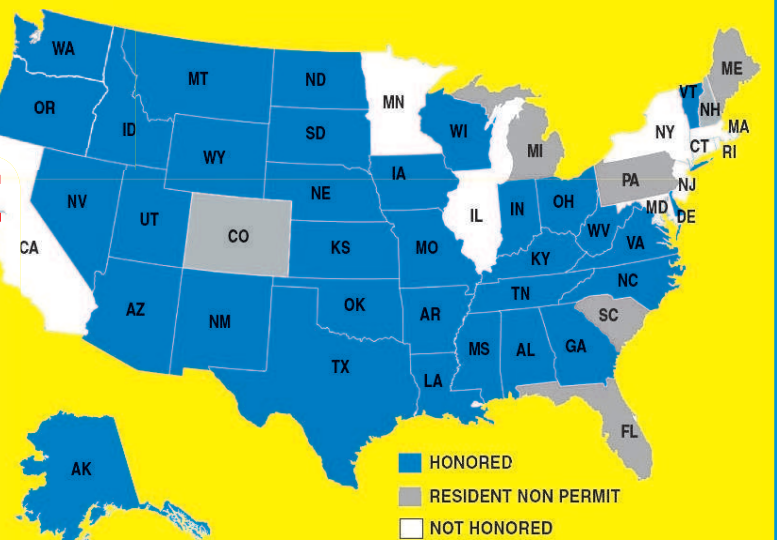
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