

# Town will be full of Rodeo action

Not all of the action is in the arena on Rodeo weekend.

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, the Sisters Rodeo Parade will roll down Cascade Avenue in a decades-old tradition that brings out rodeo queens, classic cars, beautiful horses (and other critters), music and an appearance by Rodeo entertainer John Payne — the One Arm Bandit.

Sisters loves to kick up its heels over the weekend at local watering holes. It fires up on Thursday, June 6, with traditional “locals night” festivities at Hardtails Bar & Grill featuring the ace Las Vegas, Nevada band Thrillbilly Deluxe.

Thrillbilly Deluxe has been setting dance floors on fire since 2011 with their hand-picked covers of mainstream country radio artists such as Keith Urban, Luke Bryan, Eric Church, Kenny Chesney and more, mixed in with classic country and rock.

The band proclaims that, “The image of the band, together with this rocking country song list, leaves one



Las Vegas band Thrillbilly Deluxe. PHOTO PROVIDED

with a feeling of wanting to rip the sleeves off their shirt, get a cooler full of beer and hit the road in that old pickup truck.”

The band will also play on Friday and Saturday nights.

Local bluegrass and Americana favorites Moon Mountain Ramblers will play after XTreme bulls at Sisters Saloon on Wednesday night, June 5. Sisters Saloon brings back The Joe Slick Band on the patio stage starting on Thursday, June 6. The Joe Slick Band, based out of Washington, is one of the Pacific Northwest’s premier country-rock bands.

While The Joe Slick Band rocks the patio, local favorite Dry Canyon Stampede will play the indoor stage at Sisters Saloon, serving up classic cowboy favorites.



Dry Canyon Stampede will play the indoor stage at Sisters Saloon. PHOTO PROVIDED

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# Volunteer welcomes contestants

By Jim Cornelius  
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Diane Prescott wears a variety of different hats for the Sisters Rodeo Association — and a cowboy hat is just one of them.

One of her major volunteer efforts is in creating about 450 welcome bags for Rodeo contestants. Prescott and a crew of willing hands gather swag from around the community — “anything useful for the cowboys” — and assemble it for presentation.

Prescott also paints, works on the landscaping, assists in selecting and distributing the Sisters Rodeo posters, works on kitchen cleanup, and ushers. Her primary task, though, is to work with board member Roger Dwight in the development and service of sponsors.

Prescott has been a Sisters Rodeo super-fan since 2004, when she visited the area at the invitation of her friend Chris Lentz.

“I knew her from San Diego,” Prescott recalled. “We were in a riding club in San Diego. I came up here and stayed with her and she said, ‘Come on, Diane! We’re going to the Sisters Rodeo!’” Enthralled with the action and with the majestic sight of a Rodeo sunset over the Three Sisters, she was “bowled over.”

The die was cast. “I wanted to be part of it,” she said.

Prescott grew up in Southern California — and



Diane Prescott rides in the Sisters Rodeo Parade. PHOTO PROVIDED

she says she “always was a horsey gal.”

“I always wanted one,” she said. “I was a city girl and didn’t have one. My cousins did and I was always asking my mother if I could go live with my cousins.”

Prescott’s career was in marketing and sales in the computer industry. She did a lot of trade-show work, some of it in Las Vegas — where she discovered the National Finals Rodeo.

Transferred from Santa Barbara to San Diego, she delved deep into the equestrian world.

“I’ve always been a trail rider,” she said. “Living in San Diego, my horse was

boarded and all I ever wanted was to live where he could live in the backyard with me,” she said.

When the time in her life came when that was possible, she thought Colorado might be an option. She planned a trip to Yellowstone — but detoured to Sisters for that fateful visit with Lentz.

“Pretty soon we were window-shopping at real estate offices,” she said.

Trail riding remains a passion, and one of the major attractions of Sisters Country.

“You can ride anywhere you can see, basically,” she said. “That’s new when you

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