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Ritter rocks Sisters...

Josh Ritter and the Royal City Band turned in an incendiary performance in support of Sisters Folk Festival's 'Connected By Creativity' campaign.

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Sisters gains 'age-friendly' status

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

On June 1, 2019, the City of Sisters was accepted as a member of the World Health Organization's Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. (See related story on page 27)

Membership reflects the City's commitment to listen to the needs of their aging population, assess and monitor their age-friendliness, and work collaboratively with older people and across sectors to create age-friendly

See 'AGE-FRIENDLY' on page 26

Featured quilters share a decade of creativity

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

Betty Anne Guadalupe and Susan Cobb have been a quilting duo for a decade. This year they are the featured quilters for the 44th Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS).

In 2018 Cobb was commissioned to create the raffle quilt for SOQS, and Guadalupe was the featured

machine quilter at SOQS in 2010.

"We call ourselves the eclectic quilters," Cobb told *The Nugget*.

Cobb took her first and second quilting class in 2009 at The Stitchin' Post from Lawry Thorne.

"I learned everything I needed to know as far as making a quilt," Cobb said.

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Man rescued after fall on South Sister

Rescuers airlifted a 31-year-old Redmond man off the mountainside after he fell on an icy stretch of trail on South Sister last week.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, 9-1-1 Dispatch received a report of an injured hiker on the South Sister climbing trail on Tuesday, June 25, at approximately 9:57 a.m.

The injured hiker, identified as Blake Etestad, had reportedly fallen on a steep, icy portion of the trail approximately 4.5 miles from the Devil's Lake Trailhead at about 8,100 feet. Etestad had lost control on the ice, fallen and slid into a tree, sustaining a non-life threatening injury, which kept him from being able to continue.

Etestad had been hiking with a small group of friends who stabilized him as best as they could and called 9-1-1.

Two Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Deputies and 10 DCSO Search and Rescue volunteers responded to assist. Life Flight was contacted and assisted by flying four of the DCSO SAR volunteers to



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Rescuers bundled up an injured hiker and hauled him via sled to a landing area where Life Flight was able to retrieve him and fly him to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

the closest available landing area at approximately 7,550 feet. The four SAR volunteers then skinned up the trail to Etestad's location, arriving at approximately 1:17 p.m. Etestad was further stabilized and packaged into a Cascade rescue sled for transport.

With thunderstorms passing through the area, five additional DCSO SAR volunteers began hiking up the trail from Devils Lake Trailhead in case Life Flight was not able to return. Life Flight was able to return and meet the four

DCSO SAR Volunteers, who had transported Etestad back to the landing area. Life Flight then transported Etestad to St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

"The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Life Flight for their assistance with this rescue," Lt. Bryan Husband, Search and Rescue Coordinator, stated. "Without their assistance, the response time to Etestad's location would have been considerably longer, potentially leading to further medical problems."



Fireworks dangerous for Sisters

Even though it's been relatively wet and mild in Sisters Country so far this summer, fireworks still pose a wildfire threat. They are illegal in Sisters' subdivisions and everywhere on the National Forest.

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