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Annual quilt show entertains thousands

By Jodi Schneider
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Colorful quilts lined the streets creating a riot of color that spilled across downtown Sisters, soaking guests in a flood of design schemes on Saturday for the 44th annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

Beginning at the break of dawn on Saturday, hundreds of volunteers hung over 1,200 quilts.

From contemporary to traditional king-sized quilts, the town of Sisters was an exploration of patterned artistry pieced together, transforming Sisters into the largest outdoor quilt show in the world.

Sponsored by Kaufman Fabrics, the event brought together visitors of all ages from around the globe to browse a galaxy of quilt displays.

“Bountiful Living” was the theme for this year’s quilt show and of the 2019 poster created by artist Kathy Deggendorfer.

Deggendorfer, a local artist, creates designs rich with color and pattern that feature



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

It takes a big volunteer effort to hang the quilts at the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

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Economist describes ‘jaw-dropping’ growth

By Sue Stafford
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Sisters is growing — fast. “The numbers aren’t big, but the rate of growth is jaw-dropping,” Damon Runberg, Regional State Economist for the Oregon Employment Department told the Sisters City Council at their workshop on July 10.

In 2000, the population of Sisters was 961 people. By 2010, that number had grown 112 percent to 2,038 and that included the period of the recession, which hit Central Oregon hard. Since 2010, there has been an additional 32 percent growth to 2,691 according to Portland State University statistics.

Runberg described this as “a transformational period,”

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Quilts in the Garden Tour sets record

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Synchronicity, synergy, outstanding event organization, and a cadre of willing volunteers spelled unparalleled success for this year’s 22nd annual Quilts in the Garden Tour held July 11. This year the Sisters Garden Club, that sponsors the tour, sold 887 tickets, 300 more than last year.

Donna Lipscomb and Lolly Tweed were the co-chairs of the event this year. They, with all their volunteers, and the property owners who graciously opened their gardens and homes to the public, provided a special day replete with sumptuous

gardens, beautiful homes, rich local history, a plethora of colorful quilts, an agricultural/educational enterprise, and, of course, beautiful local views.

At several of the locations, local vendors sold garden-related items. Rustic Garden sold all of their metal garden art and furniture and Five Feathers Farm sold all of their succulents. Each vendor also donated an item for a raffle at their location.

At the Apregan’s home, a beautiful art quilt created by local artist Leotie Richards was raffled off and won by Pattie Apregan, so it got to stay right there (*see story*,

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Sisters youth is a rodeo champion

By Jim Cornelius
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To succeed in rodeo, you have to adapt and overcome. That’s what Adrienne Steffan did last month at the National Junior High Finals Rodeo in Huron, South Dakota.

She went into the competition for the third time figuring she’d do well in Goat Tying and Breakaway Roping. But rodeo deals the cards, and sometimes they’re not so good. Steffan got a bad draw in her first go-round in those events — meaning the stock wasn’t at its best. That set her up for a disappointing placing — and could have meant a disappointing rodeo.

But Adrienne cowgirl’d up; she figured she’d have to excel in a different event. And that’s just how it turned



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Adrienne Steffan successfully grabbed the ribbon off a roped calf to claim the world championship at the National Junior High Finals Rodeo.

out. Ribbon Roping is a timed team event, in which a mounted roper catches a steer and dallies the rope, while a runner sprints in

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