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A quilter minutely examines blocks hung on a Sisters shop on Saturday, July 10.

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Quilters revel in colorful show

By Jim Cornelius

Like the swallows returning to San Juan Capistrano, quilters came by the thousands to participate in Sisters' annual celebration of their craft. The 24th Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show was staged under blue and sunny skies that set off the 800 or so quilts hanging on the shops of town in an array of color that nearly over-

whelmed the senses. It is impossible to know for sure how many quilters and their obliging spouses thronged the streets of Sisters on Saturday, July 10, but estimates ranged upward of 20,000. Many quilters had been in town for a week, participating in Quilters' Affair, a series of

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Dunn goes to prison

Russell Eugene Dunn of Sisters chose prison over substance abuse treatment and will spend the next 44 months behind bars. Dunn was sentenced last March to two consecutive 120-day terms in county jail in connection with a Christmas Day 1998 incident in which he assaulted a woman friend and then resisted the sheriff's deputy who came to arrest him. He also received probation

with the condition that he participate in substance abuse treatment; he later refused. According to assistant district attorney Mary Anderson, that was a "downward departure" from the full 44-month sentence. Refusal to participate in a treatment program means that Dunn will now serve the full sentence in prison instead of the

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Youth arrested for car theft

Travis James Gothberg, 15, of Sisters, landed in juvenile detention after he allegedly stole a pickup truck and rammed it through the fire gates in Crossroads. According to sheriff's office reports, Barclay Contractors employees reported a 1989 Ford pickup stolen from their yard on July 6. On July 10, the truck reappeared at the yard with its front end damaged. A sheriff's deputy investigated and found shoe prints and distinctive bicycle tracks by the truck.

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Leave fawns alone

By Eric Dolson

People who pick up fawns in the woods may be sentencing them to death. Tracy Leonhardy of Sisters takes care of orphaned fawns for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. So far this season, she has received nine animals. Seven have died. Four of the fawns were found by people walking in the woods. These well-meaning folks mistakenly thought the fawns were lost or had been abandoned. They took the babies home

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Desertronics returns to production in Sisters

By Jim Cornelius

Desertronics is up and running again in Sisters, producing circuit boards and providing job training for Sisters students. The company, which operates under the umbrella of the school district, expects to produce 1,000 circuit boards for Weitech pest control devices. According to supervisor Dan Saraceno, the company is ramping up to produce 6,000 units by fall. Saraceno, a high school counselor, also oversees the district's FLEX alternative school, some of whose students will work at Desertronics. The program is designed as a business/education partnership that will provide a local company with a vital product while providing vocational- skills training to special education and alternative school students.

Saraceno is particularly

excited about the program's potential for providing a school-to-work transition for special education students. "That's one thing we haven't done a very good job with," he said. The student workers will work on the circuit board assembly line, handle inventory and receive and ship materials and product. "It's a good manufacturing type of business for job training," Saraceno said. "That's one reason we took it on. It has a lot of facets; there's a lot of places where we can plug in kids." Desertronics' primary start-up funding came from a Oregon Economic Development Department grant of \$48,000. Saraceno said: Additional funds were granted from the state vocational rehabilitation program.

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The driver of this 1929 Ford was killed when a Jeep crossed the center line and hit him head-on.

Photo by Eric Dolson

Wreck kills one

Lawrence Jerome Doherty, 83, died when his 1929 Ford was struck by a 1991 Jeep Cherokee driven by Jason Gerard Schell of Springfield. According to the Oregon State Police, the crash occurred at 11:20 a.m. on July 12 approximately one mile east of Suttle Lake. Schell was traveling east toward Sisters when his vehicle crossed into the oncoming

lane. The jeep struck the front of the Model "A," killing Mr. Doherty upon impact. Betty Joy Doherty, 77, was taken to St. Charles Medical Center. On Tuesday, July 13, she was listed in critical condition with facial and wrist fractures. Schell was also taken to the hospital, where his was treated

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