

## Sisters printer earns industry recognition

XPress Printing in Sisters was named among the top 100 small commercial printing companies in the U.S. by *Print Magazine*. XPress placed No. 94 on the list published in the July edition.

Company owner and founder Tony Meyer said that he didn't know that manager Jeff Swales was submitting the data required for the rankings.

"It's mostly financial benchmarks," Meyer noted.

The ranking in the top 100 among all of the companies that took the time to assemble and submit the data is gratifying for the Sisters businessman.

"It means we're one of the most successful small printing companies in the U.S.," he said.

That's an accomplishment

in a rapidly and constantly changing market.

"We've diversified what we do," Meyer said. "We're not just printers. We're heavily involved with communications."

That means direct mail marketing and fundraising appeals for nonprofits.

"We're real successful," Meyer said.

Meyer started XPress Printing in Sisters in the 1980s and has worked to stay abreast of the technological tide that has revolutionized printing and print's niche in the world of business. He noted that his printing work has moved from predominantly lithograph to now being 90 percent digital.

XPress Printing employs 14 people in Sisters at its shop at 664 W. Hood Ave.

## Serving Quilt Show for two decades

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For quilter Donna Rice, board member for Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS), volunteering each year at SOQS is a labor of love — a commitment that's lasted 20 years.

"Through the years I have taken part in a number of tasks and have been hanging quilts every year since the beginning," Rice said. "I'm a team leader with other volunteers, and we hang quilts in a section of town, including take-down at the end of the day."

Over the years, she has worked in the volunteer/information booth and as a hostess at a section of town (watching the quilts, answering questions, handing out the event guide). She folds quilts in the event office as they come in and is on the team that selects the quilts to be hung and where they will be hung around town. Rice also designed the Quilt for Two Rivers that hangs in Sisters City Hall.

This year Rice took on the challenge of reviewing and revising "The Book" for SOQS.

Board Chair Jeff Omodt noted, "Many people don't understand how many details need to be kept track of to have a place for each quilt. SOQS keeps a huge notebook describing every possible quilt hanging location and what size quilt could fit there. It's a photo inventory of every flat surface in



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Donna Rice is the keeper of "The Book" for the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

our entire town. The book is used to decide where every quilt will go before quilt day."

Rice added, "The book is the actual guide as to where each quilt will hang. I (with help) walked the town and checked the wires to see if they are broken, need to be replaced or just added to newly painted buildings. Then I checked with the merchants so I could be sure that all was OK — OK to hang where we did last year."

Rice began quilting around 1992 and has sewn clothes and home décor most of her life.

"Once I started quilting I was hooked," she told *The Nugget*. "A friend and I purchased a quilting machine in

1995 and we worked with a number of quilters in the area."

Since there were only a handful of long-arm quilters in the area at that time and three active guilds in Central Oregon, their quilting business thrived.

She added, "We quilted tops for the local quilters who were not interested in quilting their own. I 'retired' in 2000 from the long-arm quilting business and now I primarily create art quilts of my own."

Rice describes her quilting style as "exploration."

"I am drawn to color — lots of color and small pieces of fabric. I find it a challenge and the work quite interesting."

## Sisters man arrested on assault charge

Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies arrested 20-year-old Noah Kirshner of Sisters last week after a fight on the grounds at Sisters High School.

Sgt. William Bailey told *The Nugget* that the incident on July 9 was initially reported as a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident.

"Investigation determined that there had been a fight at the high school," Sgt. Bailey said.

Kirshner was taken into custody and transported to Deschutes County Jail on a charge of second-degree assault two; disorderly conduct; and felony parole/probation violation.

Last September, Kirshner was arrested on multiple counts relating to a series of thefts from vehicles.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, deputies and Black Butte Ranch police responded at about 3:49 p.m. on September 26, to a report of a domestic dispute at 576 E. Jefferson Ave. in Sisters. When law enforcement arrived, they contacted Noah Kirshner outside the residence. Investigators determined that Kirshner had

caused extensive damage to a residence and had been throwing rocks at vehicles. Investigating further, they found property in Kirshner's possession that linked him to multiple vehicle break-ins in the Sisters area that had been reported the morning of September 25.

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