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Sisters got a feeling called the blues

By Jodi Schneider
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More than a thousand people gathered in Village Green Park for the 2nd Sisters Rhythm and Brews Festival that kicked off Friday evening. The two-day event, packed full of outstanding artists, had folks from all over the Pacific Northwest celebrating music, local food and crafted libations.

Event organizers Jennifer and Joe Rambo said it's their vision to bring high-quality musicians to Central Oregon while supporting the local community.

The Rambos provide electrical and equipment support to many of Central Oregon festivals, including the Sisters Folk Festival.

The Sisters Rhythm and Brews Festival supported Sisters Habitat for Humanity and the Heart of Oregon YouthBuild and helped demonstrate their positive impact upon our community.

Jennifer Rambo noted, "Having them here gives the two non-profits a unique



Eric Gales thrilled a big crowd at Village Green during the Sisters Rhythm and Brews Festival last weekend. The event featured a wide range of roots music styles.

PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

opportunity to discuss their programs in an unconventional environment. Any profit made goes directly to

them." She added, "Our focus is on the experience we are trying to create for folks. The

music is a very small (but important) piece of what we

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EDCO shines spotlight on Sisters business activity

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The spotlight was on Sisters Thursday evening, July 25, when several hundred Central Oregon businesspeople gathered at the Three Creeks Production Facility for the EDCO Pub Talk featuring Sisters businesses.

There was a festive atmosphere surrounding the event. Sisters Meat and Smokehouse provided the sandwiches and Three Creeks Brewing Co. the beer. People were playing Corn Hole on the lawn while others ate, drank and socialized under the canopy tent,

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Progress reported in tagging investigation

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Sgt. William Bailey, public information officer for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), reported to the City Council last week that an investigation into the recent spate of graffiti around town is underway.

"We are making good progress in the investigation but I can't say more at this time for risk of jeopardizing the investigation," Bailey told *The Nugget* on Friday.

During his report to the Council, he indicated that due to increased traffic over the last two months, there is currently an increased presence

of officers in town, in both marked and unmarked cars, including the use of some overtime personnel. Once the graffiti stops, they may pull back on the use of overtime officers.

Bailey voiced appreciation for neighborhood watch efforts in town. Several citizens have been patrolling at night on the lookout for suspicious activity. The DCSO likes to work in partnership with the public. He thanked the public for making reports when they see something suspicious, saying that extra sets of eyes are always appreciated. He did, however, caution citizens to

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Logging project opens vistas along Road 16



Dave Elpi of Sisters Forest Products is working on a commercial firewood project along Forest Road 16 near Three Creek Lake.

PHOTO BY CELI CORNELIUS

By Jim Cornelius
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Dave Elpi is proud of the work his logging outfit Sisters Forest Products is doing on a 2.5-mile stretch of Forest Road 16 (Three Creek Road) south of Sisters.

"I want whoever drives down this road to say, 'Whoever is doing this is doing a good job,'" he told *The Nugget* last week. "Not just the Forest Service — we want the public to be happy."

Elpi is working on the Melvin Firewood Timber

Sale, a 240-acre project that falls under the broader, 4,500-acre Melvin Butte Environmental Analysis. The Forest Service has supervised a mixture of stewardship projects and commercial timber sales in

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