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Hawaiian luau returns to Sisters

By Jodi Schneider
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You didn't have to fly to Hawaii to catch a hula dance performance — at least not last Thursday.

Dark clouds and thunder offered up a tropical island flavor for the fifth Hawaiian luau presented by the Rotary Club of Sisters. Celebrating with the aloha spirit, hundreds of people gathered at The Village Green, which was transformed into a Polynesian playground with a feast fit for Island royalty.

The luau is a colorful, festive event with Hawaiian food, music and culture fitting for the entire family. The show offered up a journey through the South Pacific Islands with an accomplished cast of artists performing to the cultural music and dances of the Hawaiian and Tahitian islands.

The event is a fundraiser for the Sisters Park &



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Sisters-Camp Sherman firefighters joined Shannon Rackowski to hula dance at Sisters' annual Hawaiian Luau.

Recreation District senior scholarship program. It returned this year after last year's hiatus.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Event Coordinator Shannon Rackowski noted, "We wanted to change up the

menu this year, so I replaced the lomi lomi salmon with

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Hwy. 20 pursuit ends in arrest

Oregon State Police arrested a 31-year-old Eugene man on multiple charges on Monday, August 5, after a pursuit on Highway 20.

According to an OSP report, at about 3:40 p.m., an OSP trooper reported a reckless driver on the east side of the Santiam Pass on Highway 20, traveling eastbound. He was unable to catch up to and stop the recklessly driven vehicle, which was picked up a short time later by another OSP officer as it was approaching Sisters.

There was a short pursuit, which was terminated. The vehicle was located in Sisters following a head-on

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Citizens are 'extra eyes' for law enforcement

By Jim Cornelius
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In the wake of a spate of graffiti and other vandalism and petty crime in Sisters, some citizens have taken to patrolling the area at night as a kind of informal community watch.

Sgt. William Bailey of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office told *The Nugget* that law enforcement appreciates an alert and attentive citizenry that can act as "extra eyes" for law enforcement — but witnessing and reporting should be the limit of action.

Bailey said the same ground rules apply to any citizen, whether they're "on patrol" or simply going about

their business: If you see suspicious activity, report it — and that's it.

"They should not approach, engage, or get involved with whatever it is and just be a good witness for law enforcement," he said.

Sgt. Bailey told *The Nugget* that his understanding is that the citizens on patrol have been adhering to that protocol.

"I have been told that they have been very good about just reporting information to law enforcement," he said.

Sgt. Bailey said that community watch activity spotted a group of juveniles found to be drinking on Forest Service

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Community inspires healthy kids

By T. Lee Brown
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Being active. People know it's good for their bodies and minds. It's essential for the developing minds, emotions, and bodies of children and teens.

Sometimes, though, it's hard to get kids off the couch, off the phone, and moving around. Families in Sisters Country enjoy a plethora of options (see related article, page 22).

Local mom Brittany Morioka believes that being active starts with being in community.

"Our neighborhood has created an environment in which our kids don't want to sit inside," she told *The Nugget*. "We've intentionally taken play out of our



PHOTO BY TL BROWN

Parents and mentors can help kids choose fun, real-life activity over excessive digital device use.

backyards and homes, into our front yards. Kids want be where other kids are."

The neighborhood in

question is the Village at Cold Springs, a development

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