

Sisters salutes...



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• Matt and Sue Wessell wrote:

We would like to thank Thomas Landon and all the employees of Dairy Queen in Sisters! Our son, Craig, works at Dairy Queen and relies on his bicycle to get back and forth from work. A few weeks ago, Craig's bike was stolen. As this was his primary means of transportation, he was in a bit of a bind for a while. Thomas organized an effort to have folks at DQ contribute money in order to cover the costs of a new bike for Craig. The employees of DQ came through in a big way. The generosity of all the people who helped Craig to buy a new bike is something that we greatly appreciate and we say "THANK YOU" to Thomas Landon and the people at Dairy Queen!

• Carla Merrell wrote:

This note is to the town and townfolk of Sisters. After 25 years of Sisters citizenship, I am moving to another small town to be closer to family and start my new job. The opportunities that are before me are a culmination of my time and what I've learned here in Sisters Country.

Jim Cornelius, you have always inspired me with your words and authenticity and more recently as you taught me courage through accepting truth. I am stronger because of you. Jean Wells, you amaze me with what you have done. I believe Sisters is what it is today due largely to you. Your business skill and bravery with art stimulate me to try. Daly Haasch of Ace Hardware and Wes and Tegan Johnston of The Pony Express, you know how to take on change in business with determination, style and dignity. These qualities will always keep your businesses strong and you do it with the best customer service ever.

Rosie Horton of Common Threads, you've given me utter delight with your window displays for decades. Your style adds beauty to my life. Tyler Hoyt, you are a good and humble man with a mountain-sized heart who carried me with kindness when I needed it most.

Theresa Robertson of The Hair Caché and Tracy Curtis of Barefoot in Sisters, your principles of goodness and hope have enriched my life. You took the time to see me when I was losing myself and that has made all the difference. To each and every one of you, thank you for what you've taught me over the years. I take it with me to my new home town where I will plant it, water it and watch it blossom and bear fruit.

To the general citizenry of Sisters: You have a gem in this town. It is beautiful and full of talented, wonderful people. Yes, others will want to continue to come here and call it home, too.

Tea & Poetry brightens a cloudy day

By T. Lee Brown
Correspondent

Folks blended their own herbal teas, read haiku onstage, and taste-tested chai at Sisters Farmers Market last Sunday, the second-to-last market of the 2019 season. Krayna Castelbaum led a "poetry playshop," and winners of the Food & Farms Haiku Contest were announced. The judge was the State of Oregon's official poet laureate, Kim Stafford.

Deschutes Public Library set up a poetry activity booth where kids wrote poems on paper leaves. Sisters Ukulele Group sang and played throughout the day, including a rousing set on the main stage, their setlist roaming from island songs to "Country Roads."

Mountain Rose Herbs of Eugene donated plentiful materials including echinacea, rooibos, and rosebuds so that marketgoers could mix up their own teas. Market volunteer Susan Prince helped folks find herbs, fill in labels, and make a customized herbal blend to take home and enjoy over the long winter.

During their tea-blending experience, participants could listen to haiku being read aloud or learn about the medicinal qualities and



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Amy Lee Stahl and her son, Owen, created their own herbal tea blends at the farmers market.

history of the herbs on offer. The activity was inspired by local resident Katie Diez, who could not be present this weekend.

Krayna Castelbaum calls herself a "creativity instigator." She shared her

talent free of charge at Tea & Poetry. In her monthly playshops in Bend, Castelbaum doesn't approach writing from a precious or academic viewpoint. On the contrary,

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