

Harvest Faire draws horde of shoppers

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The annual harvest celebration event is a Sisters tradition, and for 40 years thousands of people from all over the Pacific Northwest meet up in Sisters to observe the changing season with the Sisters Harvest Faire, hosted by Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce.

Last weekend the event featured 185 vendors that lined Main Avenue with unique handcrafted items from fused glass to metal art. There were novelties for everyone's taste.

The faire is the last hurrah of the summer season and has continued to evolve from its modest beginnings.

Jeri Buckmann, event coordinator for the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, was happy as she commented on another exceptional faire.

"The show is now twice the size, with the same number of vendors, because we have a lot more space for visitors. More spread out for the entertainment and food," Buckmann said. "The town was busy and that is what we



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David Johns, better known as The Spice Guy, has been a vendor at Sisters Harvest Faire for 26 years.

strive for in the off-season. I loved it. I work hard to make this a great experience not only for the visitors but the

vendors as well. The show is celebrating 40 years, an achievement I am proud to be part of. Many vendors have

been in the show since its beginning, and even though

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Camp Sherman to honor Dave Blann

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Camp Sherman will honor its longtime resident deputy Dave Blann with a road sign dedicating the road he kept clear in winter to the memory of his service.

Camp Sherman community members met with Jefferson County Commissioners on Wednesday, October 9, during one of their regular visits to this corner of their jurisdiction. The meeting seemed poised for contention, as the community ardently wished to honor Blann, and the commissioners indicated that they were not comfortable changing the name of the road into Camp Sherman.

But it quickly became clear that all sides were in agreement that Blann, who

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Festival of Books opens in Sisters next weekend

The upcoming weekend in Sisters is going to be one for the books — literally. Sisters Festival of Books, a three-day celebration of the literary culture of Central Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, runs October 18-20 at multiple venues around town.

The festival features more than 40 local, regional, and national authors. Books featured at the festival will cover a wide range of subjects, including politics, Western historical fiction, Vikings, motherhood, romance, Arctic exploration, Central Oregon recreational activities and more.

Lead organizer Lane Jacobson of Paulina Springs Books is gratified with the

response to the inaugural festival, both from the local community and from the broader literary community.

"It's been exclusively positive and excited," he said. "I wouldn't say a home run, but a solid triple or a really impressive ground-rule double."

Ticket sales have been brisk and satisfying, but there will be room for more throughout the event.

"Tickets will be available at the door for everything except the (Saturday-night author) dinner," Jacobson said.

The idea for the festival was sparked by local

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Rallying for good attendance

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Passers-by may have wondered what all the police vehicles with flashing lights and sirens out front of Sisters Elementary School were all about the morning of Thursday, October 10. The blaring music, police cars, and SWAT vehicles were part of the "Strive for 95" attendance initiative underway in Sisters School District — as well as an opportunity for elementary students to get to know more about law enforcement personnel in Sisters Country.

The district has a goal of 95 percent attendance for the 2019-20 school year in response to a notable drop in attendance over the past few years. For 2018-19 attendance rates overall for the district



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Deschutes County Deputies interacted with Sisters Elementary School students in the classroom.

were just above 80 percent.

Based on a model used by Deschutes County Sheriff's Office in the community of La Pine during the last few years, the rally included officers handing out — you guessed it — donuts to parents and guardians as they

dropped their kids off for school. Sisters School District Resource Officer Brent Crosswhite, who helped coordinate the event with principal Joan Warburg, was one of a number of officers out front

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