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## Sisters enjoys return of Quilt Show

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“Yeah, baby!”

That was the very first response when *The Nugget* began its rounds Saturday, asking people on the street attending the Quilt Show if they were enjoying their visit. Throughout the day the answers were similar in immediacy and enthusiasm. Even as the day wore on and the temperatures rose, spirits were universally high.

The traffic through town was manageable, with seven members of the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office supervising flow — two on bikes, including Lt. Chad Davis, and three at street crossings. Locals were concerned for the long day in intense heat the deputies would have to endure.

“I told them all to take a bath in sunscreen before their shift,” Davis said with a grin.

Sylvia and Mike D’Amico came all the way from Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

“We know something about quilting back in my neck of the woods,” Sylvia said. “We are close to Amish country, where quilts are legendary. They have a



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Quilt-lovers reveled in the opportunity to get back out and enjoy the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show on Saturday, July 10. The day turned out just about perfect.

certain sameness about them though, with some outstanding exceptions. What I find in Sisters is a much greater range of style and fabrics, more in touch with your natural surroundings. More expressive storytelling.”

Her husband, Mike, a

quilt widower, spent his day with a fly rod on the Metolius River. The couple flew to Salt Lake City, picked up a car and have been fishing and exploring the Pacific Northwest since mid-June. The heat prevailing over the western U.S. almost caused

them to cancel their trip, but Sylvia just knew “this year’s show would be exceptional with so many talented quilters housebound for so long.” She was convinced that being “locked up would

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## Fire breaks out northeast of Sisters

The smoke plume erupted on the northeast skyline of Sisters at about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 11 — and Sisters Country residents fell into the yearly cycle of wildfire.

The Grandview Fire, burning on Oregon Department of Forestry-protected rangelands and the Crooked River National Grassland, roughly 18 miles northeast of Sisters, spread rapidly through grass and juniper, growing from its start to 60 acres to 300 acres in rapid fashion. As of press time on Monday, the fire was estimated at 4,000 acres.

Level 3 evacuations (“Go Now”) were announced Sunday afternoon on areas north of Squaw Creek Canyon Estates along Wilt Road in Jefferson County.

Sisters Middle School at 15200 Hwy. 242 was designated as an evacuation point/shelter by the Deschutes

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## Students inspired by art of Bob Ross

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One hundred and fifty quilts on display at the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Community Hall for the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS) captured the essence of iconic PBS painter Bob Ross. The 20-by-20-inch quilts shown in Sisters were only a portion of the 450 quilts entered in the annual Cherrywood Fabrics Challenge.

Looking remarkably like the real Bob Ross, SOQS President Jeff Omodt was on hand, complete with curly brown wig and beard. He greeted visitors, posed for photos, and explained

the process behind the display. This was the fifth year Cherrywood sent their challenge quilt exhibit to Sisters. It started with “Wicked,” using only Day-Glo green and black, followed by “Lion King” in three shades of gold and one black, “Van Gogh,” with three blues and a black, and “Prince” in three purples and a black.

The colors of this year’s fabrics came directly from the color palette Ross used in his paintings — one blue, two greens, one yellow, one gold, and a brown. Each quilter could only use the designated Cherrywood hand-dyed cotton fabrics and then add a

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## SAC named ‘Community Champion’

Tate Metcalf makes no bones about the fact that the past year and a half of the COVID-19 pandemic has been a tough one for the health club he has operated in Sisters for more than two decades.

Tough state mandates on capacity, and a roller coaster ride on risk categorization, challenged a business that is based on people gathering together to work out, to participate in classes — and to socialize. Being cut off or inhibited from their regular exercise program was hard on patrons too.

Sisters Athletic Club (SAC) significantly upgraded air filtration to kill virus spread through the air and purchased an electrostatic gun to kill viruses on surfaces. Patrons sanitized equipment



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Emelia Shoup with the Vision Implementation Team presented Tate Metcalf of Sisters Athletic Club a “Community Champion” award.

before and after use, and the workout spaces were reconfigured to keep people widely separated.

“We followed the law of the land and did everything

we could — and took our hits for it,” Metcalf told *The Nugget*. “Safety was number one for me.”

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