Concert series raises funds for community

This summer, Sisters Community Church has been hosting a concert series on Sunday evenings on the lawn outside the church. The goal of the series was, as Pastor Steve Stratos put it, "to bring joy to the community." The music has done that but it has also provided a substantial boost to local nonprofits.

Each show has a designated beneficiary. According to Stratos, the first three concerts in the series raised more than \$10,000 for Sisters Family Access Network, Young Life, and Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch.

There are two more concerts in the series. The Anvil Blasters will play on Sunday, August 22, benefiting Sisters Band of Brothers; an Eagles Tribute Band will close things out on September 12, benefiting the YouthBuild program.

Stratos said that the concerts are part of the church's effort to reach out to the broader Sisters community and also come out of a desire for "helping these groups who are helping people who are struggling.'

It's worked.

"We had about 400 people

out for the first two (featuring Bob Baker and Mark Barringer and Thunderstorm Artis in the first, and High Street Party Band in the second)," Stratos said. "It's been a great opportunity in a lot of ways. A lot of fun... All in all, it's a win-win."

The shows start at 6 p.m. with a brief intermission, where the leader of the designated nonprofit describes their mission and how it helps local families. Bring a chair or blanket for seating.

Sisters Community Church is located at 1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. in Sisters.

Sisters salutes.

• Norma Holmes wrote:

Thank you, Chris Boxwell, your craftmanship and generosity gave the Three Sisters Historical Society an impressionable presence in the historical Wakefield House on the corner of East Cascade Avenue and North Larch Street. By extremely reducing the rent for one year, you gifted the society a headstart, dressed them for success.

Thank you, Karen Swank. As a founding board member of the Three Sisters Historical Society, your dedicated research, enthusiasm, and talent in creating the informative historical displays inside and outside the Wakefield House engaged the profound interest of the Sisters community and entertained visitors.

The historical society is

Library on North Spruce Street, behind the Chamber.

• Kay Payne wrote:

The spirit of Sisters was truly demonstrated by the Sister Motor Lodge this past week. Chris and Stephanie went the extra mile to move some of their reservations around in order to accommodate two clients of ZoselHarper Realty. The clients needed to be out of their house Sunday, August 8, but their new home in Bend isn't available until September 2. Over a two-day period Stephanie and Chris made calls to people with existing reservations in order to shuffle and come up with a 24-night stretch in one of their bungalows. True to their word they made it happen... then as luck would have it, our clients made other accommodations in Eugene

motels and hotels are booked solid. When I told Stephanie and Chris about the change in plans they were as gracious as any two people can be. So the team at ZH just wants to say "thank you" from the bottom of our hearts. The Sisters Motor Lodge rocks!



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