

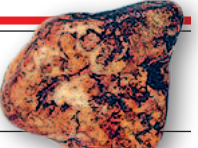
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Sisters bat found with rabies

The Deschutes County Public Health Department reports that a bat found in Sisters has tested positive for rabies.

Confirmatory tests were performed at the Oregon State Public Health Lab after a Deschutes County resident noticed a dead bat in his dog's mouth. The dog was current on the rabies vaccine and will undergo quarantine for 45 days after revaccination.

"Rabies is transmitted through the bites of an infected animal, and while post-exposure vaccination is

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International Yoga Day..



PHOTO BY CEILI CORNELIUS

From India to Times Square to Sisters Village Green, practitioners marked International Yoga Day with sessions in public spaces.

Planners approve senior living facility

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The Sisters Planning Commission last week approved the site plan for the McKenzie Meadows Village (MMV) senior living facility consisting of 45 senior living units and 12 senior memory-care units. They also approved the modification of the previously approved MMV Master

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SAR aids another ill hiker Sisters earns bike/ped kudos

A 24-year-old hiker fell ill on the Green Lakes Trail near the Pole Creek Trail and had to be assisted by Search and Rescue personnel last week. It was the second time SAR personnel aided an ill backcountry hiker in a week.

On June 17, at about 3 p.m., Deschutes County 911 received a call from Jessica Sheets reporting her hiking partner Daniel Horn had become ill and needed medical assistance. Sheets reported the pair had been hiking for two days in the area and had covered approximately 20 miles the day before.

Sheets and Horn's coordinates location was determined by the phase II cell phone connection with 911. It showed that Sheets and Horn were on the Green Lakes Trail about three miles north of the intersection with the Pole Creek Trail.

A team of 13 Search and Rescue volunteers hiked in nearly five miles from

the Pole Creek trailhead in Sisters Country, bringing medical supplies and a lightweight metal litter with a single wheel and tire mounted to the bottom. Horn and Sheets were reached by the SAR team at about 6:10 p.m.

Horn was evaluated by SAR medical staff and treated on scene. He was then secured in the wheeled litter and transported back out to the Pole Creek trailhead where he was turned over to medics from Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department.

Horn was transported by Sisters Fire to St. Charles in Bend for additional observation and treatment.

Temperatures are expected to hit near 100 degrees in Sisters Country this week. Hikers are vulnerable to dehydration. It is advisable to carry plenty of water, drink regularly, and allow for plenty of rest intervals during any backcountry activity.

The City of Sisters earned the Big Chaining Award for Public Agency from the Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The City was among several recipients to be recognized on June 24 for their contributions to pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly environments in Deschutes County.

Since 1996, the Big Chaining Awards have been awarded annually to honor individuals, businesses, and public agencies that have made significant contributions in support of better bicycling and walking in Central Oregon.

The award citation notes that: The City of Sisters has bold plans for improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities and a dedicated and hard-working city administration that went a long way toward fulfilling those plans in the last year.

The City has completed projects including a major



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Patrick Davenport, Darcy Reed, Nicole Montalvo and Andrew Gorayeb were pleased to see the City of Sisters recognized for bike/ped efforts.

renovation of the downtown core, expansion of bikeways, a new park, national recognition for pedestrian improvements, completed ADA sidewalk ramps and citizen input on future goals.

These improvements to cycling and walking environments will enhance the livability of the community for residents and visitors alike.

Two local businesses

were also honored with Safe Sidewalk Awards from BPAC.

Each year, the awards serve as a positive reminder to businesses that promptly removing snow and ice from sidewalks helps ensure the safety of pedestrians and attracts customers.

Along with the snow and

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