

PICKLEBALL: Sport has caught on in Sisters Country

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4.0 in tournament play,” Rackowski said. “Our Sisters players like Jim and Barbara Hamilton, Doug and Peg Bermel, and Riley McHugh travel and play in different tournaments in the United States.”

They also teach beginners classes for SPRD’s pickleball sessions the first Sunday of every month at Sisters Elementary School Gym from 1 to 2 p.m. SPRD’s regular play runs 2 to 4 p.m.

If you are interested in learning how to dink, lob, volley, make some drop shots and more, come and check it out when the pickleballers hit the courts again on January 3. Call Shannon Rackowski at SPRD, 541-549-2091, for more information.

Strong retail hiring boosts employment rate

Unemployment levels dropped significantly across Central Oregon in November.

Improvement to Deschutes County’s unemployment rate was largely driven by impressive holiday retail hiring.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in November, down from 6.3 percent in October. The rate was 7.3 percent last November.

Deschutes County shed 230 jobs in November, which was slightly less than the expected seasonal decline of 310 jobs. Retail trade was up nearly 400 jobs from very strong holiday hiring. Seasonal declines continued in the tourism industry and construction.

Employment levels remain up significantly from this time last year, +4,020 jobs (+5.7%). The vast majority of these job gains were in the private sector (+3,730 jobs). Retail trade (+980); educational and health services (+770); and mining, logging, and construction (+580) accounted for the largest gains from last year. Manufacturing was the only industry to post job losses over the past year (-80).



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Sisters woman killed in wreck on icy road

A head-on collision about four miles east of Sisters on Highway 20 took the life of Karen I. Langeliers, age 74, a Sisters-area resident, on Wednesday morning, December 23.

According to Oregon State Police, preliminary information indicates a 2008 Nissan Maxima was traveling westbound on Highway 20 when it went out of control on the icy roadway. The Nissan crossed into the eastbound lane where it was struck on the passenger side by an eastbound 1999 Ford F350 pickup truck.

Langeliers, the driver of the Nissan, was pronounced dead on scene by medical personnel. The driver of the Ford, Jay A. Kittams, age 71, of Molalla, was not injured.

Highway 20 was closed for approximately two hours then went to a one-lane closure for another hour. OSP was assisted by the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office, Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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