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Runners survive a warm Rumble

By Charlie Kanzig
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The 14th edition of the Peterson Ridge Rumble 20- and 40-mile trail race started Sunday, April 10, with a crisp clear morning that turned into one of the warmer race days in the history of the event. Nonetheless, a total of 452 runners completed their respective courses, making it the largest overall finish number since the race began back in 2003.

Race director Sean Meissner could not recall temperatures climbing into the mid-70s in previous years.

“That made it a little tougher than normal, especially for the 40-milers,” he said.

“The silver lining is that the fantastic weather made the post-race hang-out conditions very pleasant for all the tired runners as they feasted on food and drink on the infield of the track,” he said.

Meissner’s prediction of a runner breaking two hours in the 20 mile race did not



PHOTO BY CHARLIE KANZIG

A runner and his best buddy approach an aid station during the Peterson Ridge Rumble.

quite pan out, but Thomas Morgan of Bend gave it his best shot on his way to winning in 2:03.31. Ian Dobson,

a former Stanford University star and Olympic 5,000-meter qualifier in 2008 who grew up in Klamath Falls,

finished second in 2:06:13. Local favorite Ashley

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Maret Pajutee caps forest career

By Craig F. Eisenbeis
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Maret Pajutee, district ecologist for the Sisters Ranger District, will bring her lengthy Forest Service career to a conclusion with a final address at the Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) speakers forum next week.

For the past 25 years, Pajutee has been a fixture in the ecological world of Sisters Country. While she has no plans for that to change, her official role with the Forest Service is coming to an end.

For her Forest Service curtain call, she says she will “pull out the crystal ball to discuss the future of Whychus Creek and the Metolius River in a presentation called Tale

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Rimrock Ranch to be acquired for habitat

The Deschutes Land Trust announced Monday that it has finalized an agreement to purchase 1,120 acres of land along Whychus Creek northeast of Sisters. The agreement allows the Land Trust to raise the funds necessary to purchase Rimrock Ranch.

This iconic property includes rugged canyons, pine forests, and almost two miles of Whychus Creek. Rimrock is home to a variety of wildlife species including salmon and steelhead, mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, golden eagles, and numerous bats, raptors, and songbirds. The ranch is a cornerstone

feature of the Land Trust’s Campaign for Whychus Creek.

“This agreement to purchase Rimrock Ranch is a great example of how The Campaign for Whychus Creek can help conserve the best of Whychus Creek,” said executive director Brad Chalfant.

“The owners of Rimrock Ranch began working with the Land Trust in 2003 to conserve this unique property. Our shared long-term vision for Rimrock Ranch was that the Land Trust would one day

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Major Hwy. 126 wreck caused injuries

A 22-year-old Corvallis man was critically injured in a major wreck on Highway 126 east of Sisters Tuesday afternoon, April 5.

According to Oregon State Police, troopers and emergency personnel responded on April 5, at about 5:21 p.m., to the report of a multiple-vehicle crash on Highway 126 near milepost 98 at the intersection of Holmes/Fryrear Road.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a 1998 Ford Escort sedan was traveling southbound on Holmes Road when it failed to obey the stop sign at the intersection with Highway 126. As the Ford attempted to cross Highway 126 to Fryrear Road, it was



PHOTO BY GARY MILLER

A serious accident at Highway 126 and Holmes/Fryrear Road sent three people to the hospital.

struck in the driver’s side by a westbound 2015 Toyota 4runner.

The Ford spun around and crashed through a fence on the southwest corner of the

intersection. After impacting the Ford, the Toyota spun out and was struck on its driver’s side by a westbound 1997

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