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Couple badly hurt in Sisters wreck

An Oregon State Police trooper was parked along Highway 20 west of Sisters on Thursday, October 21, at about 10:20 a.m., when he saw a vehicle crash into a tree a short distance away.

The trooper and an off-duty paramedic arrived on scene about the same time and noted the driver was not breathing and had no pulse. They freed the driver, who was later identified as Dana Leroy Niehaus, age 66, of Santa Cruz, California, and began CPR on him. The trooper and the off-duty paramedic performed CPR for 10 minutes on Niehaus before Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire personnel arrived. The fire personnel continued CPR and transported the injured man to St. Charles in Bend.

The passenger, Jeannine C. Niehaus, age 66, also of Santa Cruz, was extricated from the vehicle and taken to St. Charles with serious injuries.



PHOTO COURTESY OSP

Witnesses quickly came to the aid of a couple involved in a single-vehicle wreck near Sisters.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 2008 Audi sedan was traveling westbound on Highway 20 near milepost 98 (west of Sisters) when it drifted off the roadway and struck a large tree. It is

believe Dana Niehaus had suffered a medical issue and lost consciousness.

At the time of this release, Dana and Jeannine Niehaus are in stable condition at the hospital.

OSP was assisted by the Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Oregon Department of Transportation and Black Butte Police Department.

Candidates vie for county seat

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Incumbent Deschutes County Commissioner Alan Unger is facing off with Republican/Independent challenger Phil Henderson in a race for Unger's seat on the Deschutes County board of Commissioners.

Unger, a Democrat, has served two terms on the commission; he was previously mayor of Redmond. Henderson, a homebuilder by trade, with additional background in law, has served on the City of Bend Budget Committee and as a precinct

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City questions candidate's residency

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

The City of Sisters has requested that city council candidate Richard Esterman provide additional information and documentation to demonstrate that he is a resident of the City of Sisters. The city charter requires that a candidate for council be a resident of the City for a year prior to the election.

Esterman's home in Tollgate went on the market in late September. Esterman told *The Nugget* he needs to downsize and he said he began renting a small house in town at 153 Oak Street in October 2015. He reported he has been using his Tollgate house as his office.

Questions have come into the City regarding Esterman's actual residency and on Monday, October 24, City Attorney Jeremy Green sent the candidate a letter seeking clarification. The City provided a copy of the letter to *The Nugget*.

The letter notes that Esterman filed a candidate statement on July 14 identifying 153 Oak Street as his place of residence and indicating plans to move to 329 Jefferson Way.

"City is concerned that your actual place of residence is in Tollgate," Green wrote.

Esterman told *The Nugget* in a recent interview that

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Himbert national contest finalist

By Steve Kadel
Correspondent

Erik Himbert could have given up when a snowboarding accident in 2009 left both of his legs paralyzed.

It happened when he hit an ice block at high speed, shot into the air, and shattered a vertebra on the crash-landing. Himbert spent more than two months in a hospital.

"It was bad," he recalled last week. "It was like falling from a two-story building."

Instead of feeling sorry for himself, he began working on ways to regain as much movement as possible. That led him to design and construct a standing wheelchair, which allows him to keep some muscle tone and mass instead of just sitting all the time.



PHOTO BY STEVE KADEL

Erik Himbert, of Sisters, who designed and built a standing wheelchair, is among five finalists in a contest to construct modes of transportation.

"Bone density is a big problem, too," Himbert said. "So is blood flow. Being confined to a chair, I see how bad it is on our bodies to be

sitting for so long. "When I got out of the hospital, it was all about how

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