

Still time to register for Hoodoo run

The Hoodoo Challenge: Race to the Top, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sisters is still accepting registration for this year's event scheduled for Saturday, July 29.

The half-marathon (13.1 miles) run and walk, which begins at Corbett Sno-Park at 9:00 a.m., literally does finish at the top of Hoodoo, which means a 1,035 foot climb for runners and walkers willing to give it a try.

The Challenge, in its second year, is one of the annual fundraisers the service club puts on each year to help fund its projects, which include the food bank, scholarships, grants to community organizations and other community needs that arise.

According to the Kiwanis website, the course follows scenic trails that include views of Island Lake, Link Lake and Sand Camp Lake. After the race, runners will put their weary legs to a final test with a walk down the mountain for the post-race party at the Hoodoo Lodge parking area.

The challenging course offers unique bragging rights, as not many people can say they have run to the top of Hoodoo. Last year's men's winner, Nick Scalfone, finished in 1:29:20, while the women's winner, Bryn Singleton of Sisters, clocked 1:58:36.

Suzy Ramsey is the race director.

"We are really encouraged in our second year," she said. "We have lots of sponsors, and we are very excited that the course is more fully a trail run which I think people will have a much better time of it. Last year's course had quite a lot of pavement. Our aid stations will be fully manned by volunteers and everything is well-prepared."

An extra perk for entrants is that all entrants will get a day pass to Hoodoo for the winter season and the overall men's and women's winners will receive season passes.

"We also want walkers to know that we will allow them to start before 9 a.m. so they can get finished in time for the after-party," said Ramsey.

Registration, which can be done online at Ultra Signup or the day of the race, appears to be outpacing last year's numbers, which bodes well for the club's charitable projects. With two weeks to go, 63 people have registered according to the Ultra Signup website. Thirty-eight hearty souls completed the course last year.

Other fundraisers conducted by Sister Kiwanis include the Buckaroo Breakfast at Rodeo time, the See's Candy sales during the Christmas holiday season, and the annual Antiques and Bling Sale during Memorial Day weekend.

For more information contact Ramsey at 541-419-0340.

Sisters woman killed in I-5 crash

Taylor Nieri, who grew up in Sisters and graduated from Sisters High School as Athlete of the Year in 2013, was killed in a rollover accident on Interstate 5 on Sunday, July 16.

On July 16, at about 5 p.m., Oregon State Police and first responders were dispatched to a single-vehicle rollover on Interstate 5 near milepost 133. Preliminary investigation revealed that a 2002 Chevy van, operated by

Nieri, age 22, of Eugene, was southbound when one of its tires blew out causing Nieri to lose control.

The van went off the roadway and onto the shoulder where it rolled multiple times, coming to rest on its top after crossing Rogers Road, a county road adjacent to Interstate 5. During the crash the rear passenger, Nieri's husband, James Thorp, 35, was ejected.

Nieri was declared dead at the scene by first responders. Thorpe was transported by ground ambulance to Mercy Medical Center and was later taken by air ambulance to Sacred Heart at Riverbend with critical injuries.

OSP is continuing the investigation into the crash. Nieri was wearing safety restraints at the time of the crash. Thorpe was not wearing safety restraints.

Man cited in connection with fatal dog attack

A man was cited in connection with an attack by his dogs on another dog at Cline Falls State Park, which resulted in the death of a yellow lab.

On June 22, deputies received a call from Bobbie Pierson saying her yellow Labrador retriever was attacked at Cline Falls State Park. Pierson said that two dogs attacked her dog. Pierson said when the owner of the two dogs parked his vehicle and opened the passenger door to let the

dogs out, the dogs immediately ran toward her dog lying on the riverbank and begin to attack her dog. The yellow lab died the next day.

The man left the scene. According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Seth Collins subsequently contacted law enforcement to identify himself as the dog owner involved in the attack on Pierson's dog. Law enforcement officials reported that Collins was cooperative and

met with a deputy in person after seeing the story in the media and hearing the extent of the injuries to Pierson's dog. Collins described the suspect dog as a mastiff/husky mix named "Stratos."

After the incident Collins left the area to avoid a confrontation with Pierson and did not realize the extent of the injuries inflicted to Pierson's dog, according to sheriff's office investigators. Collins was issued citations for Animal at Large and Animal Nuisance.

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