

The Classic rolls through Sisters...



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The Cascade Cycling Classic rolled through Sisters on the opening day leg last Wednesday, which took riders from Prineville all the way up to the summit of McKenzie Pass. The cycling event includes urban and rural riding, endurance, and speed.

SUPPLIES: FAN serves many Sisters families in need

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- Three-ring zip pencil pouches and pencil boxes.
- Fiskars pointed scissors,
- Prang and Crayola watercolor paints (cheaper, low-quality paints are not usable).
- Elmer's glue sticks, yellow highlighters, pens, pencils, 24-count Crayola crayons, basic calculators, dry erase markers, white Pentel erasers, Crayola 12-count colored pencils.

Backpacks are needed for all ages. Student school supplies distribution for those in need will begin the week before school on August 22 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sisters Family Access Network (FAN) office, located in Sisters School District Administration building, 525 E. Cascade Ave.

Sisters FAN distributes school supplies to more than 100 financially struggling students/families each year. Call FAN at 541-549-0155 for more information.



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INTERFERENCE: U.S. has actively interfered in elections

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geopolitical reality that is staring us in the face. Manipulation and interference in elections are the way the modern game of thrones is played. And we're no longer winning.

"...if you're the global hegemon, you are manipulating, influencing other people's elections. And when we were manipulating other people's elections, we're the global power. And when we're being manipulated, when other powers are penetrating our society and manipulating our elections, that's a sign that we're a declining power. And that's very serious."

Here's the bottom line: Of course the Russians interfered in our election. Pretty successfully, too. They didn't need to actually win anything. Regardless of whether the Trump campaign colluded with them — which, despite

a great deal of chalkboard connect-the-dots speculation, remains a claim without strong evidence — the Russians got big results from a low-cost, low-risk operation. Our obsessive media focus on the "Russia Scandal" enhances Putin's image at home as a savvy, powerful geopolitical player, further consolidates his power, and creates a distraction that allows him a loose rein to incrementally move the border with Georgia, build a Russian sphere of influence in the Middle East and consolidate the Donetsk as de facto Russian territory.

And Americans are disrupted, disturbed and demoralized, rapidly losing what faith we had left in our institutions. The country is further divided, angry, and nervous about the future. Our partners and allies are not sure they can count on us — or even what to make of us anymore.

That's a successful operation right there — one our own black ops masters of manipulation would be pretty satisfied with.

Guatemala feels our pain.

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