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## “Challenge” is real in Hoodoo race

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The Hoodoo Challenge Run to the Top half-marathon lived up to its name on Saturday, July 29, as nearly 100 brave souls not only agreed to run 13.1 miles on dusty and rocky trails, but to finish that run with a 1.9-mile climb up to the top of the Hoodoo summit.

The second edition of the Sisters Kiwanis event took a big jump in registration, and the hospitable service club’s efforts did not disappoint the participants’ despite the rigors of the course.

“The race was actually brutal to be honest, but the organizers did a fantastic job and took good care of us,” said one runner. “As far as the course is concerned, there’s just no reprieve.”

While plenty tough last year, Saturday’s race provided additional challenges. The 2016 race took place in early



PHOTO BY JEFF OMODT

Nick Scalfone of Bend took the win in the Hoodoo Challenge on Saturday.

September. Temperatures were cooler and it had rained a bit prior to the event. Hotter temperature and changes in

the course that included more loose dirt than last year took their toll. The champion of the 2016 race, Nick Scalfone,

won again, but his time was about five minutes slower.

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## Rider killed in Highway 20 wreck

A motorcyclist was killed in a crash on Highway 20 west of Sisters last Friday, July 28.

The wreck occurred near Black Butte Ranch, the second fatal accident on this stretch of highway this summer.

Oregon State Police troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of a passenger vehicle versus a motorcycle on Highway 20 near milepost 93 west of Sisters at about 5 p.m.

According to OSP, preliminary information revealed a 2015 Nissan Altima was traveling westbound on Highway 20 when it drifted across the centerline and into the path of an eastbound Kawasaki motorcycle. The

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## Sisters a laboratory for Tenn. geology class

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For students interested in learning about geology in the Oregon Cascades, one solution is to sign up for a geology course – at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU)! For the past 20 years, Warner Cribb, Professor of Geology and Chair of the Department of Geological Sciences at MTSU has been leading his students on geological expeditions in the Cascade mountains.

Much of the course work in Prof. Cribb’s classes revolves around vulcanology, and volcanoes are in short supply in Tennessee. So, for aspiring geologists, it makes sense to go where the action is; and,

for geologists everywhere, the Pacific Northwest is like a living laboratory of geologic and volcanic wonders.

“The class came to be back in the 1990s when I took a job at MTSU after finishing my doctorate in geology at Ohio State,” said Cribb. “I wrote my dissertation on Mt. Hood, and so wanted a way to introduce MTSU students to the field study of volcanoes. It started as a one-week class, but over the years has grown to three weeks.”

The course offers students learning opportunities that simply cannot be experienced any other way. Last week, Cribb’s class hiked to South Matthieu Lake, in the very

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## Log truck and horse trailer collide

A horse was killed in a crash involving a log truck and a pickup pulling a horse trailer last week.

On Tuesday, July 25, Cloverdale firefighters responded to a traffic collision that had just occurred at the intersection of Cloverdale and Jordan Roads. Firefighters found that a loaded log truck collided with a Dodge pickup pulling a horse trailer.

The drivers and sole occupants of the pickup and truck tractor declined medical attention, however a horse in the trailer pulled by the Dodge truck sustained fatal injuries.

Firefighters spent approximately two hours at the scene containing a diesel fuel spill of approximately 100 gallons and extricating the



PHOTO PROVIDED

A horse was killed in a collision at the intersection of Cloverdale and Jordan Road.

horse from the badly damaged trailer.

Deschutes County Road Department and SMAF Environmental of Prineville responded to the scene to perform a complete environmental cleanup of the spilled

fuel.

Firefighters were also assisted at the scene by staff of Bend Equine Center.

The Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office is investigating the cause of the collision.

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