

HIKER: Woman was well-equipped for sojourn in woods

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hang-up call from Collier and it was later learned her charging device was not functional and her cell phone battery had died. Three DCSO Search And Rescue volunteers and two DCSO deputies responded to the last known location for Collier and began searching into the night. Although the trail where Collier had begun her hike at Three Creek Trailhead was dry, the trail near the bottom of Broken Top was covered in snow. Collier had lost the trail in the snow.

The DCSO SAR volunteers located Collier’s tracks in the snow and were able to follow them back to the main trail where they were undetectable among the tracks of other hikers. AirLink joined the search, their standard flight crew accompanied by one additional DCSO SAR volunteer spotter.

At approximately 2:30 a.m., one of the DCSO deputies located Collier at the Todd Lake Trailhead. Collier

had successfully started a small warming fire and was waiting for one of the search teams to locate her at the trailhead. Collier was in good physical condition.

The Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office reminds those that recreate outdoors to prepare accordingly for the activity. Some considerations include proper clothing for day and night conditions in your environment, even if you do not expect to be out overnight. Ensure you have adequate water and food, topographical trail maps, extra batteries or charging options for phones or GPS units. Bring a lightsource and a signaling device. Seek out information regarding the area and what may be encountered, such as current and projected weather conditions as well as terrain in the area. Tell someone where you are going, what you will be taking with you and when you plan to return. Collier had done several of these things, which helped in locating her, DCSO reported.

The Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office strongly encourages those recreating in the outdoors to do so with a partner.

Burning season open in parts of Sisters Country

Burning season is open for many of the local fire districts in Central Oregon. With the recent fall weather and precipitation received in areas, he Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (COFCA), local fire departments, the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Oregon Department of Forestry have agreed that many areas are now safe to enter into burn season.

Even with many fire districts opening burn season, Central Oregon fire chiefs remind residents that they need to call their local fire district to ensure the district is allowing burning at this time; that it is a burn day; and to obtain any necessary permits.

“Even though we are entering burn season in many areas, some areas are still too dry for outdoor burning. In districts where burning is open, weather conditions such as high winds or warm fall weather can make outdoor burning unsafe. Checking in with your local fire district is important,” said Sisters Fire Chief Roger Johnson.

“Residents that are in areas where outdoor burning is allowed will still be required

to follow local agency regulations and closely monitor their pile to prevent spread to other combustibles,” Johnson said.

There is a ban on burning yard debris within the city limits of Sisters.

The general public on private lands within the district may conduct open burning with a valid permit from the local fire district or ODF. Other restrictions that will be lifted include the operation of chainsaws and mowing of dried grass for private lands within the district.

For residents who are uncomfortable burning or are not in areas where outdoor burning is allowed, the fall FireFree events will be available to residents in Deschutes and Jefferson counties. Watch www.firefree.org for the dates of these events in October and November.

COFCA’s federal partners (Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management) will be performing prescribed burns throughout the region. These prescribed burns improve forest health and reduce the forest fuels in order to lower the wildfire risk to our communities that is ever-present later in the season when the conditions are even more extreme.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 Prayer closing
 - 5 Has ___ in one’s pants; is jittery
 - 9 Darkness
 - 14 Punctuation mark
 - 15 Ooze
 - 16 Stove
 - 17 Tact
 - 19 Chris of tennis
 - 20 Willy
 - 21 White meat
 - 22 Discontinues
 - 23 Metal container
 - 24 ___ song; final performance
 - 26 Leaves high and dry
 - 30 Bugs
 - 35 Fully alert
 - 36 ___-up; confined
 - 38 Calcutta dress
 - 39 Like paper in a school binder
 - 40 Raced
 - 41 “Jack ___ could eat no fat...”
 - 42 “Nay” voter
 - 43 Actress Winslet
 - 44 Wear away
 - 45 Fate
 - 47 Criticizes angrily
 - 49 Robin’s home
 - 51 Hair covering
 - 52 Series of eight piano keys
 - 56 Slightly open
 - 58 Monogram for inventor Bell
 - 61 Get up
 - 62 Impulsively playful
 - 64 Native of Italy’s capital
 - 65 Bagel’s center
 - 66 Mr. Gingrich
 - 67 Fragrance
 - 68 Holler
 - 69 Inquires
- DOWN**
- 1 Also says
 - 2 Send via USPS
 - 3 Notice
 - 4 Org. for Flyers and Flames
 - 5 Nut variety
 - 6 Close
 - 7 Small nails
 - 8 “Wild blue yonder”
 - 9 Spinach & kale
 - 10 Etna’s output
 - 11 Singles
 - 12 Meanie
 - 13 New York team
 - 18 Gave one’s two cents’ worth
 - 22 Isn’t able to
 - 23 “___ or leave it”
 - 25 Champion
 - 26 Coleslaw or Crab Louie
 - 27 Thick string
 - 28 ___ and raves; carries on
 - 29 Aerosols
 - 31 ___ de corps; camaraderie
 - 32 Christmas song
 - 33 Exchange
 - 34 Locations
 - 37 Break a fast
 - 41 Cuts off
 - 43 Patella’s place

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48 Tooth coating	57 Mrs. Joe Biden
50 Lake near Reno	58 High cards
52 Rowers’ needs	59 Stare stupidly
53 Gator’s cousin	60 Lunch orders
54 Info on an ATM deposit slip	62 For what reason?
	63 ___ nutshell; briefly

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