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Riders of all levels enjoy the Peterson Ridge Trail.

STAMPEDE: Many riders are repeat participants in race

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in races as you do here,” he said.

The minor elevation gain and family-friendly atmosphere add to an experience many repeatedly come to enjoy. This years event saw 54 percent of it’s contestants as repeats from last year.

For Zane Strait, a 12-year-old resident of Bend, this was his second Sisters Stampede and he finished second in his age group. He’s no stranger to competition, though: he competed in the Pole Pedal Paddle as a solo contestant, performing all legs of the competition under the 2.5-hour mark. He also participates in a number of sports but says cycling is one of his favorites along with skiing. And he intends to compete in future Stampedes as well.

“We like it here because we know people and it’s a good environment,” said Shannon Strait, Zane’s mother, when asked why they would like to return. “It’s not like any other sport we’ve participated in.

“It’s a family affair,” she said.

Zane’s father, Bill, also participated in the event as a volunteer at the registration

booth.

For others the race has become a yearly visit to a place they love for more than just the race itself. Patty Barnard of Camas, Washington, said Sisters is attractive in that it reminds her of growing up in a small town and she loves the community feel the Stampede provides.

This year marked her third race at the Stampede, where she finished first in her age group.

“I felt better than I thought I would,” she said. “There was a lot of adrenaline two days leading up to it but this year I pushed myself harder.”

The past two years she never advanced beyond fourth place but she found herself shocked and pleased to walk away with more than just a great experience this time. Patty is also part of a racing team for Camas Bike & Sport and was joined by another dozen racers from Camas this year.

The Sisters Stampede represents everything she loves and an event she plans to continue participating in. And competing in the Stampede also gives her another reason to visit a place she wants to retire to someday.

“Location, vibe, course. Those are my favorites about the Sisters Stampede,” she said.

TREES: City will remove dead trees that pose hazard

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zone were inventoried earlier. When all three inventories are completed, the maps will be merged into one map and added to the City’s shape files.

Galecki reported to the Urban Forestry Board on May 14 that there are several ponderosa pines that need to be removed due to their poor physical condition, creating possible hazards to public safety.

A large ponderosa pine on the corner of W. Lundgren Mill Road and N. Pine Street had been observed to be declining during the winter of 2018, showing symptoms of discolored foliage. In April 2018 its condition had worsened with over 60 percent of the foliage affected. Pitch tubes were noticed and an infestation of pine beetles is suspected. The situation will not improve, as too much foliage has already turned orange. It must be removed.

The above summary is an example of the information recorded about every City tree. Some that are exhibiting signs of stress or disease will continue to be monitored. Others that are too compromised will be removed.

Two ponderosas on the FivePine campus have been identified, one to be monitored through the remainder of spring and summer 2018. The other one near Sisters Athletic Club appears more stressed, possibly due to



PHOTO JIM CORNELIUS

Several dying ponderosas have been identified as potential hazard trees and will be removed.

compaction, and removal is recommended.

A forked ponderosa near the corner of North Pine Street and West Adams Avenue has top foliage loss and excessive exuding pitch, indicated beetle entry. With 30 percent of the crown dead, the hazardous tree will be removed, which will reduce the possibility of beetles entering surrounding trees.

Public Works Director Paul Bertagna reported that 24 trees were recently planted in town — 12 at the Creekside Campground, seven at

Clemens Park, and five along Hood Avenue.

Seventy-five trees from the City’s nursery were planted last week and they will be replaced in the nursery by young ponderosas to be grown and planted on the east edge of the City treatment plant. Older ponderosas in that area died when an open irrigation ditch was piped, reducing the amount of water to which the trees had become accustomed.

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