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Blues festival rolls into Sisters this weekend

On Thursday, folks in Sisters will see stage structures start to go up on the Village Green and at Sisters Art Works on Adams Avenue. The work crews will largely be made up of teenagers working through Heart of Oregon YouthBuild.

They'll be setting the stage for two days of blues music in the inaugural Sisters Rhythm & Brews Festival, Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4. Organizers Jennifer and Joe Rambo have set out to make their festival a unique offering for Sisters. There won't be any

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It's hot outside – slip and slide!



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Kids in Sisters didn't find anything to complain about on the hottest days of summer (so far) last week. A little water and something to slide on and their day was made.

Missing woman found in Sisters

By Ceili Cornelius
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A 75-year-old woman hailing from Tillamook County was found safe Saturday evening, after being reported missing with her dog by her husband from Creekside Park in Sisters. Roberta Siegmann was reported to have memory issues. Her husband, Gerry Siegmann, who was a vendor at the Antiques in the Park fair, called the sheriff's office at about 6 p.m. to report his wife missing when he realized she was gone from the city camp.

Sheriff's deputies were

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Hoodoo race challenges runners

By Charlie Kanzig
Correspondent

If dusty trails and dry weather weren't enough, the two kilometers up Hoodoo Butte to complete the 13.1-mile half-marathon provided a tremendous athletic challenge to everyone who finished the third annual Run to the Top trail run, put on by the Sisters Kiwanis Club on Saturday, July 28.

This year's event also included a 5-kilometer race on the Hoodoo property.

At just after 8 a.m., about 80 brave runners toed the line at the Corbett Sno-Park parking lot and then headed down the dusty course that wended its way along Forest Service roads as well as the Cross-District trail on the way up to Hoodoo. Parts of the course were in such deep dust that runners likened it to running up a sand dune.

Stefan Weeber of Portland, running the race for the second time, described the course as "Interesting, and a definite challenge."

He went on, "I really enjoyed the course, it's super nice. It feels remote and far different from running in Portland with the different landscape, dry air and sand."

Weeber finished in second place after a mix-up in which the top three runners were misdirected by a volunteer, who pointed them in the direction of last year's course.

The top three official winners for men included Doug Mc Lucas (1:49:58), Weeber (1:52:26), and Garrett Ping (1:54:44).

Women's top three were Angelina Salerno (2:00:52), Laura Grasle (2:11:21), and Amy Peterson (2:12:48).

Prizes included season

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Firefighters quell fast-moving blaze

By Jim Cornelius
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Firefighters battled the heat of a summer day as well as the heat of flames on Thursday, July 26, as they knocked down a fast-moving blaze that destroyed several structures, including a home in the Sun Mountain subdivision east of Sisters.

Chief Thad Olsen of the Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District told *The Nugget* that the initial report on the fire came in just before 1:30 p.m. as a small brush fire. The Cloverdale and Oregon Department of Forestry fire crews that responded knew as soon as they left the station that they were going to be dealing with a lot more than that.

"As soon as they left, they knew they had a large column of smoke," Chief Olsen said. "We just started adding resources."

Abetted by stiff breezes and hot temperatures, the fire



PHOTO COURTESY KYLE WATTENBURG

Cloverdale firefighters saved a chest with valuables from an outbuilding lost to a fast-moving fire last Thursday.

was on three different properties when firefighters arrived, and several structures were involved. The fire destroyed a garage and a home and several outbuilding on one property at 67018 West St. and a detached garage on another property. A boat and an RV were also destroyed by the flames.

Homeowner Carolyn Russell escaped uninjured, along with her husband Hurshel.

"Our neighbor Cheryl pounded on the door," she told *The Nugget*. "I opened the door and she came in with great vigor and said 'You've

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