

# Tryouts set for 2019 Rodeo Queen

Applications are now available to become Sisters Rodeo Queen.

The Sisters Rodeo Queen tryouts will be held at the Sisters Rodeo arena on Sunday, September 23 at 1 p.m. There will be three judges for the tryouts. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

The tryouts are open to young women who are ages 18 through 25 as of June 1. Entrants will be judged on horsemanship, personality/interviews and appearance.

The girl chosen as queen will receive a silver buckle and a wardrobe. She will also

be awarded the Sally Leavitt Queen Scholarship of \$1,500 for her continued education. She will represent the Sisters Rodeo Association at rodeos throughout the state and will help other courts during our 79th Annual Sisters Rodeo.

Contact John Leavitt at 541-419-3310 or 541-549-3161 in the evenings, or Yvette Moore at 541-420-3333 or Yvette@gjmillier.com for rodeo queen applications. All applications must be returned to the Sisters Rodeo Association, PO Box 1018 Sisters, OR 97759 by Wednesday, September 19.



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Sisters Flight Science students flew in to a backcountry campout at McKenzie Bridge last weekend.

# Authorities investigate death of man punched on Bend trail

BEND (AP) — Authorities in Central Oregon are investigating whether the death of a 69-year-old Bend man was the result of being punched by an unknown runner two months earlier on a popular trail.

Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel tells *The Bulletin* in a story on Friday that he could pursue criminal charges against the person who attacked Clemens D. Schnek.

“There’s a strong likelihood the death was the result of the punch,” Hummel said. “So right now, we need to dot our I’s and cross our T’s and make certain, but we think that’s probably what caused the death. Then, we’re going to try to find out who the suspect is.”

Schenk, a filmmaker, was walking his dog in an

off-leash area west of Bend with relatives from Germany in May when his dog barked at a man running past, said Amorq Weiss, Schenk’s friend.

Weiss said the runner got angry, and that Schenk was polite in explaining he was in an area where dogs are allowed to run free. The runner allegedly punched Schenk, knocking him out.

Schenk didn’t report the attack but sought medical attention several weeks later when he started having health problems.

Weiss said Schenk suffered a major concussion and brain bleed due to being punched. He died on July 30.

Schenk’s friend Mike Panno said Schenk described the man who punched him as having dark hair and a beard.

# Students fly to campout

Sisters Flight Science students got the chance to fly in to a backcountry overnight campout with instructors Sam Monte, Walt Lasecki and Brian Lansburgh at McKenzie Bridge airstrip.

They were joined by several local pilots from Sisters, including Jeff Taylor in his Highlander, Tyler Head in his Cessna 170, and Steve Harris in his Bearhawk. They were also visited by several other backcountry pilots who overheard the group on the radio, and who swooped in to McKenzie Bridge to show their aircraft to the students.

McKenzie Bridge has a grass airstrip a short distance from Sisters, and is known as a “one-way” airstrip, meaning

landings and take-offs can only be done from one direction. There is no room for error. The rough runway also requires the airplanes to be equipped with big tires and stout landing gear.

Once the students had set up camp, they went on a hike to the McKenzie River.

“We wanted to give the students an idea of what an airplane can do in terms of getting into out-of-the-way places. And this is just the first of several such activities we’ve got planned,” said Walt Lasecki.

Also in the planning stages are a movie night at the Outlaw Aviation hangar where the kids will be treated to some aviation films that

they otherwise wouldn’t be able to see. One such film is “Threshold: The Blue Angels’ Experience.”

“It’s an older picture, produced when the Blue Angels were still flying the F4 Phantom. I think it will give them an idea of the challenges of formation aerobatics,” said Brian Lansburgh.

“The idea is to show the students a variety of flying careers open to a pilot,” said Sam Monte. “Sisters High School Flight Science classes and Outlaw Aviation already provide a quality education on flight. Now, with the inclusion of special projects and experiences, we’re trying to make that education even more diverse.”

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