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An Outlaw Aviation plane apparently experienced engine failure and was put down in a cow pasture short of the runway at Madras Airport.

Sisters plane lands short in Madras

An Outlaw Aviation Cessna 172 on final approach into the Madras Airport apparently had an engine failure and was put down in a cow pasture approximately 3/4 mile short (south) of the runway.

Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Adkins reported that the airplane was flown by a student pilot and an instructor from the Sisters airport. There was one other passenger on board in the rear seat.

Sisters Airport owner Julie Benson told *The Nugget* that according to her information the student was from COCC.

All three occupants appeared uninjured or had minor pulled muscle injuries, the sheriff reported. The student pilot and passenger were

transported to St. Charles Medical Center in Madras to be checked out.

The FAA and NTSB have been notified. Madras Airport Manager Rob Berg is assisting in the investigation and notifications of authority.

“Thank you to Madras Police Officer Slyter for his quick response and for his assistance in the investigation,” Adkins said in a Facebook post. “Jefferson County Fire and EMS were quick to arrive on scene, securing the scene and caring for the plane’s occupants. Speaking as a pilot, the flight instructor and student pilot did an excellent job landing the plane in the pasture and preventing injury and further property damage.”

Proper fit in car can save older drivers

AARP and the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Fire Corps group are sponsoring a CarFit program at Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department Station 701 on Saturday, August 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. This event is available to drivers of all ages. Even teenagers can benefit from the CarFit program.

Older drivers are often the safest drivers in that they are more likely to wear their seatbelts, and less likely to speed or drink and drive. However, older drivers are more likely to be killed or seriously injured when a crash does occur due to the greater fragility of their aging bodies. Older drivers are more physically fragile than their younger counterparts, and they’re generally less able to withstand the impact of a vehicular accident.

There are ways for drivers

to adapt to their cars — and adjust their “fit” within them — in order to reduce their risk of injury during a crash.

CarFit is a free educational program created by the American Society on Aging and developed in collaboration with AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association, to help address safety concerns related drivers. Checking to see that you and your vehicle fit well together can be as important to your safety as a mechanical checkup.

Trained technicians will be on hand to assess driver fit in the vehicle and make individual adjustments to find the best person-to-vehicle fit. These adjustments will help you to benefit from your vehicle’s safety features.

The event is by appointment only. Contact Sharon at 541-390-6075.

SPRD offers families scholarships

The Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) offers two scholarships for Sisters Country families that participate in SPRD programs.

The Bonnie Malone Scholarship Fund was created in honor of the founder of SPRD’s maiden organization, SOAR (Sisters Organization for Activities and Recreation). Malone helped start SOAR with the intent to serve children after school and expanded the offerings to include preschool, and eventually other recreation programs for youth and adults.

When SOAR officially became a taxing district in 1998, Malone served on the Board of Directors until 2010. This scholarship is intended to support families that face financial barriers and provide them with assistance so they can participate in SPRD programs.

SPRD’s newest scholarship is the Lt. Chris Salisbury USMC Outdoor Adventure Scholarship Fund, created in memory of Lieutenant Chris Salisbury to assist children who may not otherwise be able to participate in SPRD summer camps, including the Jim Anderson Camp for Science and Nature, Survival Camp, and Summer Adventure Camp. Chris was an avid outdoorsman; he loved backpacking, skiing, and fishing.

He possessed the same enthusiasm and love for life that most young people have. What set Chris apart was his sense of compassion; he cared for all, particularly those who were less fortunate. The U.S. Marine Corps furthered Salisbury’s sense of compassion and helped guide it in a more controlled manner. This scholarship was created in his honor.

Lt. Salisbury’s father, Ralph Salisbury, who created this new scholarship in partnership with SPRD, said “Chris would be honored to have supported SPRD in its quest to educate and engage children in outdoor activities. We are hopeful to be able to expand support in other SPRD programs.”

Anyone interested in applying for SPRD scholarships can access the eligibility criteria and application at <https://sistersrecreation.com/scholarships/> or at the Coffield Center located at 1750 W. McKinney Butte Rd.

Wildfire plan would clear strips of land

By Brady McCombs
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Trump administration is proposing an ambitious plan to slow Western wildfires by bulldozing, mowing or revegetating large swaths of land along 11,000 miles of terrain in the West.

The plan announced this summer would create strips of land known as “fuel breaks” on about 1,000 square miles of land (2,700 square kilometers) managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in an area known as the Great Basin in parts of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada and Utah.

The estimated cost range for the project is about \$55 million to \$192 million up front and up to \$107 million annually. Wildfire experts say the program could help slow fires, but it won’t help with the most extreme fires that can jump these strips of land.

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