

Obituaries

Karen Roth

March 26, 1956 – August 6, 2019

Karen Roth passed away at home in Sisters on Tuesday, August 6, surrounded by friends and her partner of 21 years, Chris Rubio. Karen had been in treatment for cancer until early July when she went into home hospice care.

Karen and Chris moved to Sisters in 2006 from Davis, CA, continuing their work in education. While at UC Davis, Karen directed the Diversity Education Program — work she continued at Central Oregon Community College where she served as the director of diversity and inclusion before retiring in 2018.

She devoted much of her career to engaging people in ongoing learning around diversity and social justice. In addition, Karen taught a class on multicultural issues in education for future teachers at both COCC in the early childhood education program and at OSU Cascades in the master of teaching program. A master gardener, she worked with OSU Extension helping local gardeners find success in their efforts. A reiki master, she also taught reiki classes for community



learning, introducing dozens of students to this healing therapy.

Born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin in March of 1956, Karen is survived by her spouse, Chris Rubio of Sisters; her daughter, Jennie Konsella-Norene of Woodland, California; her three grandchildren; her mother, Sally Roth, of Viroqua, Wisconsin; a sister, Janet Vesbach; and a brother, Gary Roth, both of Ohio.

Karen requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Charles Cancer Center, specifically integrative therapies: <https://www.stcharleshealthcare.org/Our-Services/Cancer-Care/Integrative-Therapies?>. Alternately, donations may be made to St. Charles hospice care.

Information about services will come later.

County may ask voters to prohibit pot businesses

BEND (AP) — Deschutes County commissioners are considering a prohibition on marijuana that would go before for voters for a final decision.

The Bulletin reports that voters would essentially shut the door to anyone hoping to start a new marijuana business, but address the concerns of residents who feel the growing industry is disrupting

their way of life and curb the amount of county staff time spent on land-use appeals.

The prohibition is not expected to affect existing marijuana businesses.

The possible prohibition comes after years of land-use appeals and complaints from rural residents who say odor and other aspects of marijuana farms affect their quality of life.

Rescuers aid hiker at No Name Lake

Search and rescue volunteers came to the aid of a 74-year-old hiker who took a bad fall at No Name Lake on Broken Top last weekend.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Mary Ortmann of Surprise, Arizona, fell while descending the trail on Sunday afternoon, August 11, and sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

One Deschutes County Sheriff's Office deputy was able to make phone contact with a member of Ortmann's party to monitor Ortmann's status and help coordinate the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office search and rescue response. Eighteen DCSO SAR volunteers responded to the scene while Ortmann and her party began a careful

descent to help expedite the process of getting Ortmann to medics.

The volunteers met Ortmann part way up the Broken Top trail that leads to No Name Lake at about 5:15 p.m. and treated her on scene. Ortmann was transported via wheeled litter down to the Broken Top trailhead, where she was transferred into a DCSO SAR vehicle and taken down to the Todd Lake trailhead where a Bend Fire and Rescue ambulance was waiting.

Ortmann was transported by Bend Fire to St. Charles Bend via ground ambulance to receive further treatment of her injuries.

DCSO SAR volunteers returned to headquarters at approximately 8 p.m.



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Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue volunteers took an injured hiker out of the Broken Top area by wheeled litter.

Bomb hoax suspects face federal charges

Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel dismissed state charges against two of the three suspects charged in connection with a hoax bomb placed in front of the Deschutes County Courthouse earlier this month.

Charges were dismissed because Billy Williams, the United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, filed charges against them in Federal Court. Both suspects are facing charges of conspiracy to make a threat regarding explosive materials and false information and hoaxes.

"I appreciate the strong working relationship local law enforcement has always had with the FBI and United States Attorney Williams," Hummel said. "We always work collaboratively on cases with a federal nexus and decide after a thorough investigation which jurisdiction should ultimately handle the matter. We all agreed that the alleged actions of these suspects warranted resolution in federal court and this is why I dismissed the local charges."

The Bend Police Department and other agencies devoted hundreds of hours into identifying and arresting the suspects.

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