

There's a new sheriff in town

Captain Shane Nelson will take the badge as Deschutes County Sheriff as Sheriff Larry Blanton steps into retirement.

The Deschutes County Commissioners voted unanimously last week to appoint Captain Shane Nelson as Deschutes County Sheriff, effective July 1.

Captain Nelson will serve the remaining term of office for retiring Sheriff Larry Blanton, whose term expires January 2017. The four-year term of Deschutes County Sheriff opens for re-election in 2016.

Captain Nelson has been in law enforcement in Oregon for more than 20 years. Most recently, he served as the Operations Division Commander. He was born and raised in Bend and graduated from Mountain View High School in 1988. After graduating from Oregon State University in 1993 he moved back to Bend.

"The sheriff's office provides search and rescue, rural patrol, jail operations and investigation services to residents of the county," said Deschutes County Board of Commissioners Chair Tony DeBone. "Shane has a deep knowledge of each of these aspects of the office, and we are confident in his leadership. He will help to continue the positive and healthy public safety culture that exists in our county."

"I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the residents of Deschutes County as their ninth sheriff," Nelson



Captain Shane Nelson.

said. "Together with the excellent men and women that serve at the sheriff's office, I look forward to continuing Sheriff Blanton's legacy of providing proactive services and delivering the quality public safety our citizens expect and deserve."

Retiring Sheriff Larry Blanton said, "I'm very proud of the command staff (Captain Nelson, Captain Beard and Captain Utter) for helping me provide public safety and quality of life to the residents we serve at the sheriff's office. I would like to thank the county commissioners and administration for their assistance. Captain Nelson will make a great sheriff because he has the knowledge, the experience, and the support of the employees at the sheriff's office. It has truly been an honor for me to have the opportunity to serve as Deschutes County Sheriff."

Outlaws earn honorable-mention

By Rongi Yost
Correspondent

Sisters had four players earn honorable mention at the all-league voting last week, including seniors Boston Moore, Haylie Hudson, Cierra Mann, and junior Olivia Stewart.

Moore played at the guard position and was the Outlaws' best outside-shooter all season. Boston finished league with 143 points, which included 15 three-pointers.

Coach Julianne Horner said, "Boston has shown she can and will take the shot when she is open."

Hudson was the Outlaws' floor leader with both her voice and presence. Haylie was the Outlaws' best free-throw shooter and went 80 percent from the stripe, going 50-for-63.

Mann played post for the Outlaws, and Horner told *The Nugget* that her post-defense was stifling for teams to face.

"Cierra does a great job at keeping posts under their average points per game and limited Player of the Year Borigo from Cottage Grove (CG) to only six baskets each time the teams matched up, where normally Borigo

averages at least 10 buckets per-game. Cierra did an outstanding job of making the posts work for every basket they were able to shoot."

Stewart also was an honorable-mention selection. Early in the season, Olivia averaged five points per game, but when the Outlaws faced CG in the second round of league play she had a 10-point game. The following game she put up 27 points and then scored 13 against Elmira.

"Olivia really stepped up her game the second half of the season," said Horner. "Olivia has done an outstanding job from the guard position. I like how confident she has become shooting the three, as well as getting good looks from the wing position. She has worked hard to get to this point, and I am happy the league recognized her."

Horner told *The Nugget* that the Lady Outlaws are in a unique situation this year, and said that any of their players had the potential to have a great performance on any given night.

"At the league meeting, each team had a different view of who was the biggest threat against them for Sisters," stated Horner.

"Our two inside players, Haylie (Hudson), and Cierra (Mann) were both talked about in regard to how they played versus other posts, as well as our two guards, Boston (Moore) and Olivia (Stewart), being threats from the outside.

"On most teams, there are one or two players that we as coaches focus on to game-plan around, but we have on any given night any player who can be the game-changer. This year it was about our team, and how we tried to find the open player, not the 'one' player. I believe this speaks to who we are as a team and how it was truly a team effort. Due to that fact, these girls were all nominated, but none were the dominant name across the board."

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