

Sisters business at a glance

• **Backyard Bistro** food cart is now open at the courtyard at **Eurosports**. Chef Scott Summers prepares fresh, internationally inspired food featuring gluten-free, dairy-free, vegan and meat options. The cart is located at 223 E. Hood Ave. (corner of Hood Avenue and Fir Street).

• **Bronco Billy's Ranch Grill and Saloon** is now open for lunch and dinner Wednesday through Sunday,

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Fridays and Saturdays until 8 p.m.)

They will have happy hour Wednesday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m.

• **Three Sisters Floral** is now offering "Kelli's Kuppy Cakes" in two flavors weekly. This week's cupcake flavors are chocolate porter and lemon blueberry.

The shop is located at 411 E. Main Ave., across from *The Nugget Newspaper*.

Outlaws Football Camp set to roll next week

By Rongi Yost
Correspondent

The 2015 Outlaws Football Camp has finalized their dates; it will be held Tuesday, July 21, through Friday, July 24, on the football practice field, which is located behind Sisters High School (SHS). Times are set for 9 a.m. to noon.

Improvement in the fundamentals of the game, through both group and team drills, while stressing the importance of team concept, attitude, and work ethic, will be the camp focus this year. The camp will also include instruction and drills in the area of speed, agility, and quickness.

The camp will be directed by Randy Gardner and the coaching staff, and will

include members from both the high school and the middle school, as well as guest coaches from Linfield College. Scheduled speakers will include former Green Bay Packer Ken Ruettggers, current Linfield Head Football Coach Joe Smith, and SHS Head Football Coach Gary Thorson.

Camp is for players entering grades first through eighth. Campers will receive a camp photo and T-shirt, and various camp awards will be given, including the punt, pass, and kick champions, and fastest man.

Cost is \$75 and campers can call 541-549-2091 to register or register online at www.sistersrecreation.com. You can also sign up and register half an hour before start time on the day of the camp.

Session empowered liberals

By Jonathan J. Cooper
Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — Oregon will be the first state to automatically register drivers to vote and to give women access to 12 months of birth control at a time. Workers will get up to a week of paid sick leave. A controversial new global-warming initiative aims to reduce carbon pollution.

Evidence of the Democrats' expanded majorities was everywhere in the 2015 session that wrapped up this week. And while they didn't get everything they wanted — most notably, tax hikes for road construction — the liberal wing of the Democratic Party managed to break significant new ground on issues important to the left.

"This is the session I think people will remember as the year we put opportunity for working families first," House Speaker Tina Kotek, a Portland Democrat, told reporters an hour after the session ended Monday night.

The stage was set for Democratic successes in last year's election, when the party expanded its majorities in the House and Senate. The expansion empowered the party's liberal wing, which had been repeatedly stymied by more moderate Democrats willing to side with Republicans.

Even after the session was rocked by the stunning resignation of then-Gov. John Kitzhaber in February, Democratic leaders pressed ahead with what they called unfinished business — legislation that was stymied in previous years. It included an extension of the low-carbon fuel

standard, which forces oil companies to reduce the carbon emissions associated with their fuels.

Democrats mandated background checks on private gun sales, and voted to use driving records to automatically register eligible citizens to vote. They approved a bill giving all workers a week of sick leave, which must be paid leave in companies with at least 10 employees.

In each case, Oregon was one of the first states to adopt the policy.

The breakneck pace frustrated Republicans, who complained Democrats were rushing through partisan and controversial legislation to please their campaign donors. Throughout the five-month session, Republicans repeatedly invoked the memory of Cover Oregon, the failed health-insurance exchange that tried to be a national trendsetter but ultimately failed to launch a working website.

"I don't find anywhere in the constitution a requirement that Oregon be famous based on what bills we can get passed first in the nation," said Rep. Mike McLane, the top Republican in the House.

Liberals weren't universally successful.

A proposal to hike the

minimum wage went nowhere, and advocates have taken initial steps toward putting the question on the 2016 ballot.

Democrats failed in an effort to pay for road, bridge, airport and transit construction through higher taxes on gasoline, driver's licenses and vehicle registrations. Raising taxes would've required one Republican vote, and GOP lawmakers were united in their insistence that the low-carbon fuel standard be repealed first.

While Gov. Kate Brown and a group of legislators tried to reach a compromise that involved trading the fuel mandate for other carbon reductions, the effort fizzled amid intense lobbying by environmental groups and uncertainty about emissions data.

"No session is perfect," Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, said in a statement. "Every session has accomplishments and disappointments. This session was no different. In some ways it was tremendously successful. In other ways it was historically difficult."

Courtney was a top champion of the transportation efforts and of an unsuccessful bid to remodel the Capitol, both of which died for lack of support from House Democrats.



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