

Girls tennis loses tough match

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The girls tennis team lost 8-0 to Redmond on Thursday, March 17, in their first outing of the season.

Alana Lukens and Mykaila Hartman (No. 1 doubles) played in what proved to be the match of the day. It was a nailbiter from the start, with the first three games going to deuce. The duo finally fell in a match-breaker with scores of 7-5, 6-7 (3-7), and 5-10.

“I don’t think either team ever led by more than a game in either set,” said Coach Susan Fullhart. “This was a huge change for both Mykaila and Alana, who have never played doubles together. Alana played on the No. 4 team last year, and Mykaila played No. 2 singles. Mykaila was awesome from the back court. She kept the ball consistently deep, and set Alana up at the net, where she was absolutely tenacious. The girls lost some steam at the very end, and the cold was really effecting Mykaila. She pretty much lost feeling in her hands, which makes it hard to play. This was a great match, and I was frankly

surprised at how well they rose to the occasion!”

Mary Florian lost to Jessalyn Losa 4-6, 1-6, in No. 4 singles, but still played a great match. Florian was able to get a lot of balls back, and Fullhart noted that her consistent play from the baseline makes her a natural for singles play.

Fullhart said, “Even though we got clobbered, I was encouraged by — and proud of — the girls’ performances today. I predict that by the end of the season, when we’ve had a little more time on the court and have our line-up sorted out, we will be a force to be reckoned with.

“I knew we weren’t going to win a lot of matches, as we have had very little court time due to the recent weather conditions. And, we have 22 girls this year, and half of them are new to the team this year. That makes for a rocky start, but I see a ton of potential with this group. They are an amazing group of girls, and an absolute delight to coach.”

The Lady Outlaws will resume play with a match at Stayton on Thursday, March 31.

Aglow fellowship plans meeting

Aglow International, an interdenominational organization of Christian women and men, will hold an outreach meeting in Sisters on Saturday, April 2.

Aglow began in 1967 in Seattle, when four Christian women decided to meet for lunch to encourage one another in their faith, without denominational boundaries. From those four women, monthly luncheons began springing up all over the Seattle area, in other cities and states. Since then, Aglow has become one of the largest international women’s organizations in the world, with over 4,300 fellowship groups in the U.S. and internationally. Since 2004 men have joined Aglow under Men of Issachar.

At the grassroots level, Aglow consists of local groups who meet for mutual encouragement and support as they look outward with an eye to transforming their communities with purposeful acts of kindness. An estimated 200,000 women and men meet together each month through local Aglow groups — the heart of the organization. More than 21,000 Aglow leaders worldwide minister in their communities. An estimated 17 million people each

year are ministered to through Aglow groups.

Through prayer and evangelism, Aglow women and men offer practical gifts of clothing, food, friendship, and transformation opportunities as well as mentoring the generations. Aglow provides education and awareness bringing a Biblical perspective into today’s global needs.

Community meetings are called Aglow Lighthouse Fellowships. Aglow Lighthouses are designed to spiritually impact communities around the world. There are different types of Lighthouses — community, neighborhood, and workplace. The design of each Lighthouse differs; the foundation is the same. Each Lighthouse is led by qualified leaders who seek God’s heart for the community, are aligned with Aglow’s purpose and mission, attend area leadership training events and strive to attend events when possible.

A Community Lighthouse is a public gathering meeting regularly for refreshing, relationship-building, networking and community outreach. The Leadership Team consists of three to five team members who meet regularly to pray, see the heart of God for their community and plan outreach meetings. The goal is that the community be blessed.

Many people have gathered together in Sisters for several weeks to pray about establishing a Community Lighthouse in the Sisters area. An outreach meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Ponderosa Room at the Ponderosa Lodge in Sisters. The guest speaker will be Brenda Sanborn, Aglow Community Lighthouse President from Madras. The meeting will consist of food and fellowship, explanation of the outreach meeting and what will be happening in the future in Sisters with Aglow, praise and worship, and a message from Sanborn. There is no charge for this meeting; men, women, and teenagers are welcome. The meeting is sponsored by Madras Community Aglow Lighthouse Fellowship. For more information call Nancy Shaw at 541-699-9522 or email sistersaglow@gmail.com.

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