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Preschool offers enrichment activities for kids.

SPRD preschool taking enrollments

The Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) Community Preschool is currently enrolling for the Grasshopper (age 3 to 4) and the Dragonfly (age 4 to 5) classes. The Community Preschool, with both classes housed at Sisters Elementary School is a three-star rated preschool by Oregon State QRIS program.

Students have a structured portion of the day, which includes art projects, story-time, experiential learning and more. A new backyard play area with interactive toys, sandboxes and water tables lets little ones explore their creative side.

“Our kids love playing in the backyard, playing dress-up and learning new things every day,” said lead teacher Valerie Selig. “Our field trips to the pumpkin patch, local parks, businesses and the library allow us to get our

students out into the community and learn about Sisters, too!”

Being housed in Sisters Elementary School has its advantages. Students in the SPRD program get the chance to participate in school assemblies and are challenged to “be respectful, be responsible and be safe,” just like the students in the school. The school principal regularly drops into classes and says hello. With this support, students from the SPRD program can seamlessly transition to kindergarten when the time comes.

Parents can register their child for 3 to 5 days per week; half and full days are available. Days and times are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to register visit www.SistersRecreation.com or call at 541-549-2091.

Veterans power football squad

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Thirteen experienced, veteran players return to Sisters High School’s football squad this season. Seven seniors, Tanner and Tyler Head, Jacob and Johnny Gurney, Ryan Cook, Tucker Brink and Ben Saba will finish up their final year as Outlaws.

Tanner Head, a three-year starter and all-leaguer, will direct the team from the quarterback position. Tyler Head is also a three-year starter, and was an all-league player on both sides of the ball last year. Tyler will play at tight end and rover.

Jacob Gurney returns as an all-league linebacker and offensive lineman and Johnny Gurney returns as an all-league linebacker. Ryan Cook will be key for the Outlaws at linebacker, along with the Gurney brothers.

Tucker Brink will bring experience to the squad at the strong safety position. Ben Saba rounds out the senior players and will be part of a solid group of receivers for the Outlaws, along with Jacob Gurney, Tyler Friend, Christopher Luz and Korbin Sharp.

Jaden Condel, Tyler Friend, Christopher Luz, Zach Morgan, Chase Sproat, and Brady Wessel return as juniors, along with lone sophomore returnee Joel Miller.

Condel is a potential

two-way starter on the offensive and defensive line. Friend, according to Coach Gary Thorson, is a hard worker, who had a good off-season, and will be part of the receiver group. Luz will contribute on special teams, and also be one of the Outlaws’ receivers. Morgan is an all-league punter, and will be a weapon on special teams.

Sproat will compete at both quarterback and safety and should contribute on special teams. Wessel was an all-league center last year, and along with Miller, who started at defensive tackle the second half of the season last year as a freshman, will be a force at defensive tackle.

Eight additional players, seniors Will Miner, Kade Owen, Jake Welch, juniors Zack Gulick, Austin Lake, Ethan Morgan, Jacob Stevens, and sophomore Korbin Sharp, join the varsity team, and will lend depth to the squad.

Miner is a transfer running back, and will be an impact player for the Outlaws this season, while Owen and Welch should contribute on the offensive line. Gulick is a potential two-way starter on both the offensive and defensive line. Lake is new to the program, but has shown promise at tight end and defensive end.

Ethan Morgan is also

new to the program, and has shown promise at running back and the strong safety position. Stevens will help provide depth at linebacker and the running back positions. Sharp is one of the Outlaws’ hardest workers, and will see action as both a wide receiver and defensive back.

One of the Outlaws’ biggest goals this season is to increase leadership in the program. Coach Gary Thorson told *The Nugget* that although the Outlaws had a good season last year, they lacked leadership at times, which hurt them down the stretch when they needed it the most.

“I think we have some very good athletes and solid football players on this team, but what I have been impressed by so far the most is their commitment to focusing on the leadership, as well as their focus overall,” said Thorson.

“We’ve had a great week of doubles; one of the best I have seen a high school team have in terms of preparations and attendance, and I can’t help but think a great tone has been set for the season because of it.”

The Outlaws will start their season with a home game against Burns on Friday, September 2. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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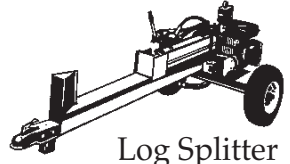
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