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Wendy Von Segren is the new Sisters Elementary School counselor.

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School has been without a counselor

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be teaching guidance lessons through social/emotional curriculum, where every class will have a 40-minute session with her once a week. In addition, she will conduct small group and individual counseling sessions.

"I am here to support students, families and staff," Von Segren said. "I want to be an integral part of the school — to help make changes and address needs of families and students."

Von Segren is proud to

be coaching students how to be "bucket-fillers," teaching students how to be kind with their words and intentions. She is using curriculum that is solution-focused in both individual and group settings where all students can come to school feeling like it is a safe and caring environment.

"The staff in Sisters across the district have been welcoming and helpful," she said. "I'm really looking forward to getting to know the community."

Classroom teachers and staff will have the ability to refer students to the counselor. Parents can also refer their student by filling out a parent referral form found at the front office.

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said while thanking everyone for being selected to the Outlaw Hall of Fame.

Chris Green had a somewhat ticklish assignment when he introduced his three sons for induction for their golfing exploits. Green said he didn't want to brag, but "there's probably no way I can avoid it."

And why not? Between them, the Green boys accounted for two state golf titles and three runner-up finishes during their years at SHS. The Greens were home-schooled until the family moved from Southern California to Sisters for the boys' high school years.

"Coming to Sisters was probably the greatest family decision we ever made," Jonathan Green said.

Inductee Jenny (Boswell) Melton was described by a former coach as the "heart and soul" of the girls track team. She was known as a hard worker who would train on her own in the morning before regular practice in the afternoon.

When she spoke, (Boswell) Melton gave a nod to fellow inductee Amy Cretsinger, whom she called "my mentor during my first year of high school."

Cretsinger was a cross-country and track standout at Sisters, going on to a successful track career at Weber

State in Utah. She called induction into the Hall "a humbling honor."

Mouser was introduced by soccer coach Rob Jensen, who said Mouser excelled in football, basketball and track, but also was outstanding in the classroom and in theater productions.

Mouser, who walks with a cane, strolled to the podium and entertained the crowd with some humorous remarks before turning serious.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for an old guy like me to come back to visit the town I love so much," he said. "It was a good time here, and I loved every minute of it."

Mouser added he was accepting the induction on behalf of his former SHS teachers, saying, "They're the ones who really deserve it."

Mouser explained he's thankful for teachers having instilled in him a lifelong love of reading.

Edwards, who died in October 2006, was superintendent and SHS principal during his tenure from 1949 until 1956. He was remembered Saturday as a community leader as well as an outstanding school official. He also was a conservationist who helped form Friends of the Metolius.

The final inductee to be honored drew the night's only standing ovation. Mary Flande, a 20-year Sisters

teacher and former athletic director, beamed at the reception.

Dennis Dempsey, who initially hired her as a teacher and coach, said Flande "was always there to do the little things for students and staff. Mary was always willing to help."

Flande emphasized that integrity, pride and teamwork were the qualities she wanted to help instill in Outlaw athletics. While others spoke of Sisters athletes' triumphs, Flande remembered some sad outcomes, too.

"I've seen tears," she said. "I've seen heartbreak. But through it all our kids competed with strength and with class."

Besides being treated to a walk down Sisters' athletic history, those attending the induction banquet also enjoyed a delicious dinner. The menu featured salmon in cream sauce with capers, tri-tip steak, green salad, homemade bread, rice pilaf, green beans and carrots, and a dizzying array of desserts.

An auction brought in more money for school programs, with tempting bid items such as seven nights at a Mexican resort. The festive evening also included vases of fresh flowers on white tablecloths, and photos of SHS athletes placed informally on each dining table.

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