

# Sisters Country birds

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In early spring the symphonious melodies of the male American robin (*Turdus Migratorius*) are heard over the entire U.S.

They begin mating in April and can produce up three broods by the end of July. The female builds the cup-shaped nest with grass, twigs, and feathers and a coating of mud for stability. Occasionally the male will assist in the gathering of materials. The nest is built in many places including drainpipes, in wreaths on doors, window ledges, and of course trees.

The female incubates 2-5 light blue eggs for two weeks and the chicks are fed by the male and female for two weeks before they leave

the nest. Worms, grubs, berries and caterpillars are the mainstays of their diet.

As fall begins the robins gather in large flocks to feast on many varieties of fruit. Juniper berries are a favorite food in Central Oregon with elderberries, hawthorn, honeysuckle, and dogwood berries stripped from the trees. The robins can get inebriated from the fermentation of older fruit.

The American robin is a member of the thrush family, which includes bluebirds. It was named after the European robin, which has a similar reddish breast. A group of robins is called a "round" or a "flock."

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# Outlaws volleyball team wins two

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The Outlaws team swept Ridgeview on the hardwood last week, with scores of 25-12, 25-13, and 25-9 on Tuesday, September 13. Two days later, they beat Sutherlin at home 25-20, 25-14, 25-10.

In Tuesday's match-up against Ridgeview, the Lady Outlaws' entire team got time on the court, and Coach Rod Jones was able to mix it up and experiment with several different line-ups.

Sisters dominated play throughout the contest, made quality touches, and cut down on their errors.

On Thursday, a big home crowd got behind the Outlaws in their win over Sutherlin.

Sisters had many good moments on the court, but still committed way too many unforced errors. The first set was tough, Sutherlin was competitive, and they made the Outlaws work for the win.

The Outlaws picked it up in the second and third set and took the match in three. Everybody on the team

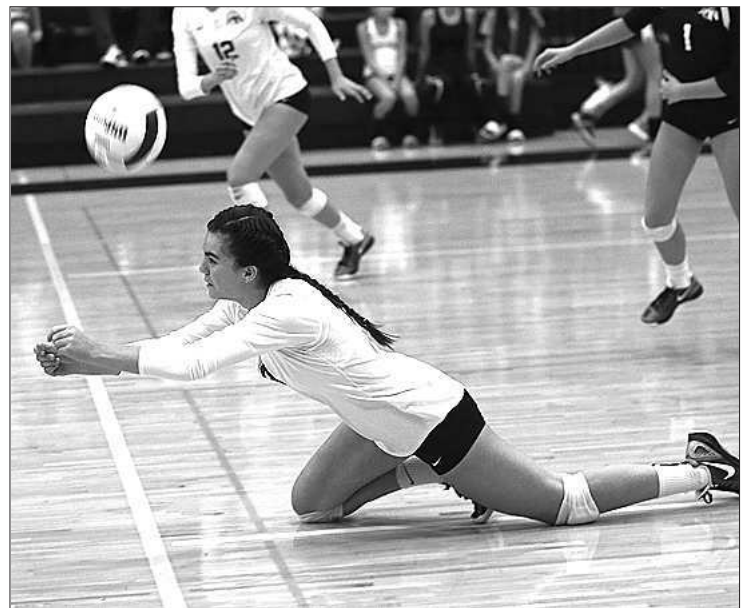


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Freshman Samantha Siva with a great dig against Sutherland.

played at least two out of the three sets.

Jones made special note of senior Emma Houck.

"Emma had a solid game swinging for us tonight, and she had an excellent game blocking," said Jones. "She had four or five solo blocks and just did a great job."

Jones added, "We're still making too many mistakes. We need to execute, and take

care of the ball better. These are a group of great kids and they're working hard. We're getting better and we're going to be good."

Sisters was to play at Sweet Home on Tuesday, September 20. On Thursday, September 22, the Outlaws will play at home against Elmira, and then they will host the annual Sisters Invitational on Saturday, September 24.

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