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## **Outlaws** are crowned state champions

By Rongi Yost Correspondent

The girls volleyball team steamrolled over their opponents to claim top honors at the 4A state tournament held in Forest Grove on Friday and Saturday, November 4-5.

Hawley Harrer was a dominant force in the Outlaws 25-19, 25-18, 25-16 sweep over the Hornets in the quarterfinals on Friday. The Hornets played hard, but were no match for the Outlaws, who were never in trouble. Everyone on the team got time on the court, and they all played well.

Sisters went on to defeat Banks in the semifinals with scores of 25-15, 23-25, 25-10 and 25-17. The No. 3-ranked Braves, who'd beat top-ranked Valley Catholic twice, were a much tougher opponent.

Sisters rose to the occasion and claimed a win in the first set. In the second set, the



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Outlaws celebrate the victory over Crook County that secured the state championship in volleyball.

Outlaws got themselves into trouble when they committed 14 unforced errors. After that, Sisters stepped it up and did what they needed to do to

close out the match.

Harrer lit up the court with her exceptional play. Hawley pounded the ball so hard the Braves were

unable to return it. The passers picked up their game and gave the middle players more

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## **Sisters** man wins national award

By Steve Kadel

Correspondent

A Sisters man is the national winner in a transportation design-and-build contest sponsored by Eastwood

Erik Himbert and a friend were guests of Eastwood last week during a three-day trade show in Las Vegas, where his selection as the DIY Challenge grand-prize winner was announced. Himbert's winning entry, a wheelchair that allows users to stand for periods of time, was displayed at the Eastwood booth and drew plenty of attention.

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## **Young families still** moving to Sisters

By Erin Borla

Correspondent

Sisters is a picturesque community, nestled in the mountains and surrounded by natural beauty. The community is supportive, helpful and rural — the picture of smalltown America. It's not hard to believe that people want to live here.

While enrollment numbers are down from projections in the Sisters School District, families are still moving to Sisters. Many have secured work before they arrive or are bringing work with them and some simply come with a dream in their heart.

The Deschutes County Planning Department website shows 10 new family home

dwelling permits this past September and the median home price is hovering around \$379,000, an increase of 8.41 percent over the last

Sara Brang — along with er husband and two boys, ages 6 and 7 — moved to Sisters last December from Marina del Ray, California.

"I was born and raised in Bend and have family in both Bend and Sisters," said Brang. "We visited in August of 2015 and my husband fell in love with the town. He was born and raised in California. We were both ready to leave.

"We may live in a small community, but the opportunities the community

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## Sisters to honor veterans

Sisters makes a special effort each year to honor military veterans on Veterans Day.

Local veterans organizations have hung flags along Cascade Avenue in honor of the Veterans Day observances on November 11. Local schools will offer ceremonies starting Wednesday, November 9 with a breakfast at Sisters Elementary school at 8:30 a.m., followed by a program at 9:15 a.m.

(Sisters Christian Academy observed Veterans Day on November 7.)

On Thursday, November 10, Sisters High School will host its annual observances, starting with breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by a program in the auditorium at 9:30 a.m. featuring U.S. Navy veteran and Sisters entrepreneur Dan Stewart as keynote speaker.



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Sisters is all set to honor its military veterans this week.

Sisters Middle School will host its program on the same day at 1:45 p.m.

Veterans Day in the U.S. derived from the observance of Armistice Day, which marked the cessation of hostilities in the First World War at the 11th hour on November 11, 1918. Many of the traditions of what would become Veterans Day after U.S. participation in the Second World War have their origins in Armistice Day observations.

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