

Class prepares locals to mentor children

Central Oregon Partnerships for Youth (COPY), a program of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, is offering a class to prepare volunteers to become mentors for children with an incarcerated parent.

After initial training and comprehensive background checks, volunteers are matched with children in Sisters that share similar interests and activities and commit to spending a few hours a week together for a minimum of one year. This time is often spent going to community events, working on homework, attending art programs, participating in sports, or simply hanging out and talking.

On Saturday, January 14, COPY will offer an orientation/training class. This six-hour class covers program policies, how to establish a mentor relationship, the impact incarceration has on families, and communication skills. There is no cost to attend. For additional details call 541-388-6651 or email COPY@deschutes.org Additional program information is available at the Sheriff's Office website at www.deschutes.org/copy.

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Local student featured in ad campaign

Nancy Montecinos, a student at Sisters High School, is being featured this week as part of a statewide public education support campaign, "The Promise of Oregon."

The "Promise" campaign, which officially debuted in November 2014, aims to create public support for K-14 education, to help meet the state's 40-40-20 goals and lift student achievement and graduation rates. The Promise campaign also showcases districts whose cutting-edge programs are preparing students for careers and college.

Montecinos is one of four students statewide who will be featured prominently this week on the campaign website, promiseoregon.org.

The website includes photos and videos of Oregon students who have completed the sentence: "I am the Promise of Oregon because..."

The campaign, coordinated by the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) is based on two defining principles: 1. Today's students are Oregon's greatest natural resource. 2. We as Oregonians must invest in our public schools so the next generation can reach its potential.

"We need to continue to dream bigger," said OSBA Executive Director Jim Green. "Public schools are the best investment we can make in our young people."

Oregon court reverses DUI conviction of wheelchair user

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Court of Appeals has reversed the conviction of a wheelchair user who had been found guilty of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

James Greene of Waldport was arrested in November 2012 after entering a crosswalk in a motorized wheelchair and striking the side of a moving pickup. Police determined he was impaired by alcohol and drugs, and a jury convicted him of drunken driving.

In his appeal, Greene argued that he should have been considered a pedestrian, not subject to the DUI law.

The state disagreed, pointing to a law that treats motorized wheelchairs like bicycles when they are driven on bike lanes.

In its opinion Thursday, the Appeals Court decided legislators only intended to have wheelchairs treated like bicycles in that narrow circumstance, and users should be considered pedestrians when in a crosswalk.

STABBING: Man arrested for attempted murder and assault

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stabbing incident occurred within the city limits of Sisters.

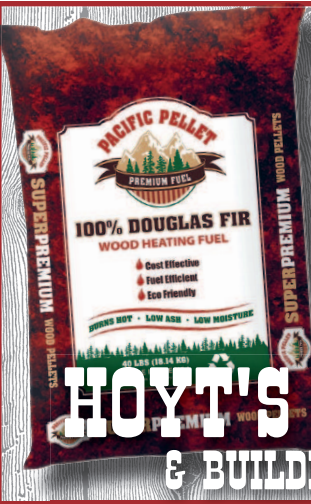
Deschutes County patrol deputies and detectives responded to the hospital and to the original scene in Sisters and conducted an investigation.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at the residence, located in the 500 block of South Pine Street in Sisters. According to sheriff's detectives, the investigation revealed that Peter Kanzig stabbed Kyle Benhower multiple times causing serious injuries.

Benhower was treated by SCMC staff and was reported on Friday to be in stable condition at SCMC.

"As a result of this investigation and evidence that was obtained, Mr. Kanzig was arrested and lodged at the Deschutes County Adult Jail on charges of attempted murder, assault in the first degree and unlawful use of a weapon," Sergeant Don Manning reported. Kanzig's total bail is set at \$360,000.

The investigation is continuing. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office is asking the public to contact the agency at 541-693-6911 if they have any information that pertains to this incident.



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