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Rylee Weber drives for two against Burns.

Girls basketball loses two on the hardwood

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The Lady Outlaws lost both their games this past week, but gained experience and skills on the court and look forward to league play. Sisters fell 47-28 at home against Redmond on Tuesday, January 3, and then lost 56-34 to the Highlanders at Burns three days later.

Sisters came out flat in Tuesday's matchup against the Panthers and just couldn't recover. Redmond consistently put the ball through the net and earned an easy win.

Rylee Weber led the Outlaws with 12 points, Alexa Steward scored six, and Hogan Hernandez added four.

On Friday, the Outlaws faced a well-coached Burns

squad. Coach Alan Von Stein told *The Nugget* he felt his players played with enthusiasm and did much better than they did on Tuesday.

Rheanna Salisbury was Sisters' leading scorer with eight points, and Weber followed with seven. Amanda Smith recorded six points, and Gracie Sundstrom added five.

Von Stein said, "The girls put four quarters together nicely, and outscored Burns 14-6 in the fourth quarter. Overall, I am very pleased with their performance."

Sisters was to play at home against Madras on Tuesday, January 10. The Lady Outlaws will kick off league play at home against Sweet Home on Friday, January 13. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:15 p.m.

Sisters Park & Recreation District hosts after-school activities

The Sisters Park & Recreation District After-School Program provides daily learning and fun to students from Black Butte School and Sisters Elementary School. The program was moved to SPRD's Coffield Community Center this year and students like the change. Kids can routinely be found having recess on the playground, engaging in group games in the gym, or working on a fun craft project in the classroom. Daily activities always include a healthy snack and time to exercise.

University of Oregon graduate Katie Lyda leads the program. Under her enthusiastic tutelage, students experience a wide variety of activities ranging from chalk drawings on the pavement to building gingerbread houses for the holidays.

During free-play students can be found painting, using beads to make necklaces, playing board games, or designing their future spaceship with Legos.

The SPRD After-School Program has become an essential stop for nearly 40 families in Sisters Country. The friendly and safe environment at the Coffield Center allows working parents the freedom to finish their jobs knowing that their children are having fun and are being well cared for. The program mirrors the Sisters School District calendar, which makes easy planning for busy moms and dads. New families are always welcome!

Nordic racers...



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Two high school skiers from Sisters participated in the 2017 Oregon Interscholastic Ski Racing Association Jamboree held at Diamond Lake, on January 7. Sam Thorsett (pictured) raced in the 4km skate event, finishing eighth in 15:01.3. Caitlin Schwab raced in the 4km classic event, finishing fifth in 25:29.9.

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Find someone who cares about your goals for the future. Your financial advisor should ask questions about your hopes, dreams and concerns. Find someone who not only discusses important financial topics, but also listens and understands your needs. The individual should help you feel at ease and communicate clearly.

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