

Outlaws take down Highlanders

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The Outlaws played with heart and determination in their first pre-season game of 2017, and posted a 32-24 road win over the Burns Highlanders on Friday, September 1.

Christopher “Pherry” Luz scored early in the game on a 90-yard punt return to give the Outlaws a 6-0 lead. Burns also scored a touchdown, and at the close of the first quarter it was even at 6-6.

Sisters found themselves down 12-6 at the half, but came back strong in the second half due to their strong offensive line, which included Jett Mingus, Brady Wessel, Casey Warburton, Joel Miller, Jaden Condel, Sam Mitchell and Matt Harris.

Jaden Condel, who plays right tackle, said, “The offensive line started off rough, but we began picking up blocks. Our team had so much heart and we all stuck together and fought.”

The Outlaws scored four TDs in the second half. Stevens opened the Outlaws second-half scoring and Luz ran it in for a two-point



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Christopher Luz runs for the score against the Burns Highlanders.

conversion. Stevens scored two additional TDs in the half and Luz scored one.

Luz said, “At first we struggled with communication and lost our fire, but then it began to turn around.”

Korbin Sharp finished the night with two interceptions, the final one on the goal in the closing 12 seconds, which clinched the win.

Sisters High School student Wyatt Hernandez reported, “This year’s team is senior-dominated, but everyone in the program has friendships that span back for years, which adds to a unique and valuable team chemistry. I think with the will, heart

and skill that this team has, they can accomplish anything they set their sights on. It should be an exciting 2017 for Outlaws football.”

New coach Neil Fendall told *The Nugget* that he was pleased with how the Outlaws competed in the second half.

“We’ve got a lot of new players in new positions this year and errors are expected,” said Fendall. “Ugly wins are more acceptable at the beginning of the year, but mistakes and errors will be fixed as we practice, and play games.”

The Outlaws will play at home against Cascade on Friday, September 8. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Event celebrates ‘Journey’s Flight’

“Journey’s Flight,” a book about the record-setting migration of one of our tagged monarch butterflies, is now released and there will be a public celebration on Saturday, September 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce building on Main Avenue.

There will be cake and punch, and many of the students who worked on the book will be on hand to sign copies of the book. Organizers also hope to have at least one butterfly to tag and release at the event.

“Journey’s Flight” is available at Paulina Springs Books or on amazon.com.

“A close encounter with a monarch butterfly always strikes me as somewhat magical — and reading Journey’s Flight is no different,” said

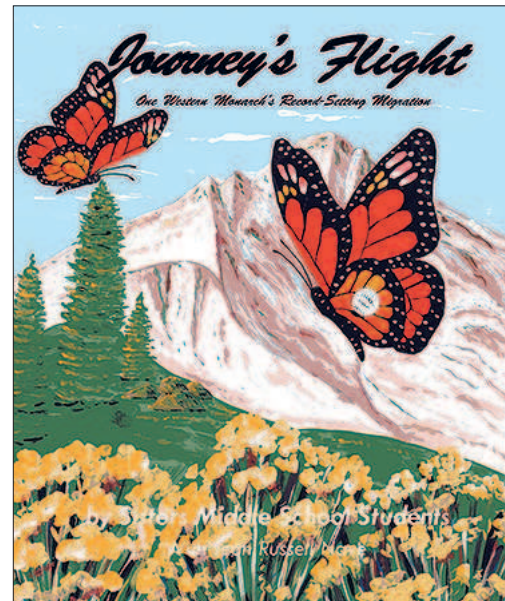


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“Journey’s Flight” recounts the remarkable migration of a monarch butterfly tagged in Sisters.

Melody Carlson, butterfly-lover and award-winning author of more than 200 books. “These unique stories of Journey’s adventures, on what seems an impossible migration path, are truly inspired. It’s not surprising that young people could capture the heart of a butterfly, and seeing their creative endeavors in the form of this wonderfully illustrated book is pure delight!”



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