

Sisters salutes...

Members of the Sisters VFW and American Legion held a successful fundraising raffle for a Remington Model 700 7mm magnum long rifle. Over \$500 was raised. The drawing was held September 4; the winning ticket belonged to a resident of Washougal, WA.

Ruth Raizin of Three Sisters Floral writes: I would like to say thank you and commend this community

for stepping up to support local businesses. Following our smoke-filled summer, Jim Cornelius wrote a strong editorial in *The Nugget* issue of September 13, "We are our own disaster relief program," and the community is answering the call. As a business owner, I've seen an immediate and encouraging response. So to Sisters-area locals: we notice, and you do make a difference.

Over 1 million fish evacuated due to Columbia gorge fire

PORTLAND (AP) — State officials say more than 1 million fish were evacuated from the Cascade Hatchery because of the threat of debris from a wildfire burning in the Columbia River Gorge.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said about 1.65 million coho salmon and 132,000 spring Chinook salmon were to be evacuated Friday and Saturday.

Officials say rain in the Columbia River Gorge over

the coming days could cause mudslides and increased debris in the water that could clog screens on the hatchery's water intake and cut off water to the fish.

About a million coho salmon will be moved to the Leaburg Hatchery where they will remain until they are released into rivers next spring. The remaining fish will be sent to the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, Willard National Fish Hatchery and Sandy Fish Hatchery.

Girls soccer ties Cottage Grove

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The Lady Outlaws played well in their league opener and finished the game in a 1-1 tie at home against Cottage Grove on Thursday, September 14.

Cool temperatures and a 6:30 p.m. start made for ideal conditions for both teams. Sofia Affatati scored at the four-minute mark for the Outlaws, with a nice assist from Brianna Bachmeier, and Sisters took an early 1-0 lead.

The game went back and forth, and with eight minutes left in the half the Lions were able to knock in a goal to even the score 1-1.

Sisters started to dominate play in the second half, and had three to four good opportunities to score. One of those opportunities was a fast-break through-ball, where Rylee Weber received a pass from Mirjam Ehrler. Weber dribbled the ball into the 18-yard box, but the Lions' keeper came out and made a huge save to keep the game level at 1-1.

Rheanna Salisbury, who plays in the goal for the



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Lady Outlaws battled to a tie in their league soccer opener.

Outlaws, did a great job and played extremely well, and finished with eight saves on the night.

Coach Jaron Jacobsen said, "Rheanna was quick to come off her line multiple times to clear the ball."

Two days earlier, the Outlaws fell 9-0 on the road at Henley.

Coach Jacobsen said, "The girls played hard in a very physical game. They have been improving, given the circumstances with all the smoke and indoor practices, and are looking forward to next week's games."

Sisters was to play at Sutherlin on Tuesday, September 19. The Lady Outlaws will host the Sweet Home Huskies on Thursday, September 21.

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