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Inge Wells is a Department of Justice attorney living in Camp Sherman.

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high school students in challenging situations. Melissa received her B.S. in Business Administration from UC Berkeley and her M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. Melissa has lived in Bend since 2003 and enjoys hiking, biking, skiing and helping Central Oregon maintain its incredible quality of life.

“The Land Trust is very fortunate to have Melissa and Inge join our Board of Directors,” said Executive Director Brad Chalfant. “Their professional

backgrounds, leadership skills, commitment to conservation, and their ability to connect us to our local communities adds significant depth to an already strong Board. Furthermore, as an organization that holds and cares for land forever, we look to our Board to provide the long-term guidance that will help our conservation projects stand the test of time. Melissa and Inge will help continue that long tradition.”

The Deschutes Land Trust conserves land for wildlife, scenic views, and local communities. As Central Oregon’s only nationally accredited and locally based land trust, the Deschutes Land Trust has protected more than 8,900 acres since 1995. For more information on Deschutes Land Trust, call 541-330-0017 or visit www.deschuteslandtrust.org.



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Melissa Kent is the CFO of a private investment firm.

Sisters salutes...

Sisters High School graduate Natalie Ambrose became the first player in Columbia University women’s soccer program history to be selected as the Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year on Tuesday, November 8.

According to www.gocolumbialions.com, Ambrose anchored the Columbia back line that produced nine shutouts and compiled a .779 goals against average this season. Ambrose started all seven conference games for the Lions, who compiled six shutouts and allowed just one goal in league play — on a penalty kick.

FORECAST: Should be cool and wet — but not terribly

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that time the Oceanic Niño Index (ONI) was 0.2, making the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) signal neutral.

The La Niña watch was updated on November 9, declaring that the ONI value is currently near negative 0.5, putting the ENSO on the cusp of the expected La Niña. There is now a 65-75 percent chance that La Niña conditions will continue at least through the 2017-18 winter.

The outlooks generally favor above-average temperatures and below-median precipitation across the southern tier of the United States, and below-average temperatures and above-median precipitation across the northern tier of the states.

Wintertime La Niñas usually tip the odds in favor of cooler and wetter conditions here in the Pacific Northwest.

The Oregon Chapter of the American Meteorological Society held its annual Winter Weather Forecast Conference on October 28 at Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland. Kyle Dittmer,

hydrologist/meteorologist for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in Portland, gave his outlook for the period December through February. Temperatures should be slightly cooler than normal in December and much cooler in February, but a shade above normal in January. Precipitation is expected to be normal in December and February, slightly above average in January.

Rod Hill, meteorologist for KGW TV in Portland, believes temperatures will be cold in December and February, slightly above normal in January. He thinks precipitation totals for the three-month period will be normal at best, and wouldn’t be surprised if it turned out on the dry side.

Though not in attendance at the conference in Portland, Pete Parsons of the Oregon Department of Forestry has issued his own forecast for the three-month period November through January. Parsons anticipates temperatures in November and December to come in somewhat above average, colder than normal in January. Precipitation levels

are expected to be above normal for the three-month period, with ample snow in the Cascades.

Parsons further projects that, unlike the past two seasons, the second half of winter will be colder than the first half.

The Climate Prediction Center’s revised outlooks with regard to temperature and precipitation came out on November 16. For the three-month period December through February, there is a 70 percent chance of below-normal temperatures in western Washington extending into extreme northwestern Oregon. Odds for cold temperatures fall to 55 percent in Central Oregon.

There’s a 55 percent chance of above-normal precipitation levels in Washington and northeast of a line extending from about Astoria to southeastern Oregon. The remainder of Oregon stands an equal chance of getting greater, less or normal amounts of precipitation.

For access to these charts, visit http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/two_class.php.

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