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Hailee Kennedy shows state-qualifying form in pole bending.

Two Sisters riders headed to state

Two Sisters High School athletes have qualified for the state OHSET (Oregon High School Equestrian Team) meet. Rebecca Rubbert, a Sisters High School senior, qualified for state in two equestrian performance events: Western Trail and In Hand Trail. Rubbert has competed in OHSET since she was a freshman.

These events are highly technical and require precision. The athletes earned their state berth in district competition on April 15. Hailee Kennedy, SHS freshman, qualified for state in Pole Bending. Pole Bending is a timed event that features

a horse and one mounted rider, running a weaving or serpentine path around six poles arranged in a line. The object is to run the pattern correctly as quickly as possible, without knocking down any of the poles.

“Rebecca and Hailee’s hard work and preparation has [sic] paid off. They are both deserving of state qualification,” said Coach Kerry Newell.

The Sisters OHSET team is part of the Central District and competed against 15 teams at three meets this year.

The state meet will be held at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds May 10-13.



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Rebecca Rubbert earned silver and bronze medals in OHSET.

Sisters to celebrate ancient arts

Sisters will mark World Tai Chi and Qigong Day on Saturday, April 28, with a gathering of practitioners at Creekside Park.

This annual event begins at 10 a.m. Sisters time. It begins in the Far East in Samoa and then continues for 24 hours throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America. There are celebrations in more than 80 nations around the world.

The purpose of the free event is to educate people about tai chi (tai ji) and qigong and the health benefits they provide.

The use of these ancient Chinese modalities is considered to promote increased focus and concentration, healing balance (physical and energetic), and spiritual and community connection.

Qi, or chi (“chee”), is vital life force or energy and is shared with all life.

There will be three

teachers at the event demonstrating their particular practice:

Joyce Burk Brown is certified in Soaring Crane Qigong and presently teaches privately and at LifeLoveYoga in Sisters; Blissful Heart Healing; and St. Charles Cancer Center in Bend. She may be contacted at 541-420-5875 or joyce52brown@gmail.com.

Dawn Song is certified in two different forms, has studied in China and has been teaching since 2007. Classes are held weekly in Sisters and Bend. Contact Dawn at dawnsong03@gmail.com or text 541-207-7266.

Irv Givot has been a chiropractic physician in Sisters for 25 years. In the 1990s he traveled to China with a group of doctors and studied clinical chi gong with Master Wan Su Jian on three separate occasions. He continues to occasionally use these healing techniques with his patients.

Dog attack victim: Right canines in custody

BEND (AP) — A woman mauled by two dogs in rural Deschutes County says the correct canines are imprisoned.

Joy Stanovich-Brown and a neighbor inspected a lineup Wednesday at the Humane Society of Central Oregon. The visit was necessary because the owner of the suspect dogs insists one of them was misidentified.

The Bulletin reports that Stanovich-Brown and the neighbor who rescued her are certain that a female boxer named Brandy is one of the attackers. The dogs fractured Stanovich-Brown’s right ankle, damaged the nerves in her right hand and left lacerations up and down her legs.

A county board will decide next week whether Brandy and a male boxer named Marshall should be killed.

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