

Outlaws riders saddle up for season

The Sisters High School equestrian team took part in the first of three district meets last month. The meet was held at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds; athletes trailered in their mounts on Thursday afternoon and got ready for three full days of competition.

The team is made up of 10 athletes, three returning from last year and seven new team members.

There is a high level of talent and commitment that is necessary to compete in equestrian events at the high school level: Not only do athletes have to condition themselves, but they are responsible for the care and peak performance of their horses.

Coaches Annie Winter and Julie Knirk were extremely happy with how the team performed, with many successes in a variety of events. They also commended the team spirit that each athlete showed and the supportive atmosphere that helped buoy each other up when things did not quite go as planned. The incoming winter storm meant that some of the gaming events had to be postponed until the next meet (March 15-17 at Brasada Equestrian Center).



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Jackson Robinson and Booker doing working rancher.

The Central District includes teams from Central Oregon plus The Dalles, Pendleton, Lakeview and Dufur; they had a long way to drive home in poor conditions.

Top-10 finishers included:
 Hunt seat equitation: Shea Robertson.

Dressage: Chloe Winter.
 Working pairs: Chloe Winter/Sidney Sillers and Bailey Knirk/Shea Robertson.

Team Versatility: Josie Berg/Bailey Knirk/Shea Robertson/Madi Larabee and Rheanna Salisbury/Jackson Robinson/Sidney Sillers and Hailee Kennedy.

In hand obstacle race:

Shea/Bailey/Chloe/Sidney and Josie/Madi/Hailee/Rheana

Trail: Shea Robertson.

Working Rancher: Shea Robertson and Jackson Robinson.

Reining: Shea Robertson and Sidney Sillers.

Team Penning: Hailee/Josie/Shea and Savy Salisbury/Bailey/Sidney.

Birangle: Bailey/Hailee and Josie/Savy.

Team Flags: Chloe/Sidney/Rheana/Josie and Hailee/Bailey/Madi/Shea.

Individual Flags: Madi Larabee.

Barrels: Madi, Bailey, Josie, Hailee.

Man arrested after he hit coffee stand with truck

A Eugene man was arrested for driving under the influence on Sunday after his truck hit the Dutch Bros. Coffee stand on Hood Avenue in Sisters.

According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, a Dutch Bros. employee called in a DUII complaint at Dutch Bros. Sunday evening, reporting that a black pickup was stuck in the snow and ice in the drive-thru. The employee also said the same pickup and driver had been recklessly driving around the parking lot at a high rate of speed prior to becoming stuck.

The employee advised dispatch the male driver, later identified as Richard Perry Alexander, 31, appeared to

be under the influence of alcohol. While Alexander was trying to get his vehicle unstuck, the rear driver side of the pickup struck and damaged the beverage tray on the outside of the drive-thru window. There were no injuries related to this incident.

Deputies arrived on scene and determined Alexander was driving under the influence of intoxicants. Alexander was arrested and transported to the Deschutes County Adult Jail where he was lodged on charges of DUII, reckless driving, recklessly endangering another person and criminal mischief.

Deputies at the scene were assisted by the Oregon State Police and Black Butte Ranch Police Department.

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