

TRACK: Several Sisters athletes earned berths at State

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earned the wildcard berth in the event.

The next event, the 400 meter, provided more fireworks as Brody Anderson ran the fastest time in the state this season (50.43) for first place, pulling his buddy Hayden Sharp to his best time ever as well to meet the qualifying standard in the event while finishing third in (50.93).

Skyler Larson earned a wildcard bid in the 110 hurdles with a personal best of 16.32 as he placed third.

“That was a nice surprise,” said his dad.

The Sharp brothers, along with Anderson and Larson wrapped up the state qualifiers for the boys with a second place finish in the 4x400-meter relay in a time of 3:35.81.

“With entrants in so many events it looks like we might be able to put together a top four team place at state and get a trophy,” said Larson. “Our distance guys, our jumpers and our sprinters can

compete with anyone.”

In final running events for the girls, Kate Bowen came back with another second place finish to earn qualification in the 1,500 with a time of 5:18.63.

Freshman Emma Singleton put the pedal to the metal in the second lap of the 800 meters to win in 2:29.31 to punch her ticket to state.

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“Emma ran with a lot of confidence,” said Nordell. “She made it look easy.”

“Hosting the District Meet is no easy task and I can’t thank all of the volunteers enough. They folks made the two days run so smoothly,” said Larson.

Larson’s focus now turns to the State Championships where he is confident the Outlaws will give it their very best.

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of pesticides to wildlife, particularly in the Metolius Basin. I am a member of the Metolius River Summer Homeowners Association (MRSHA). Our homes are within the Wild and Scenic River Corridor, a riparian ecosystem of breathtaking beauty and pristine habitat.

The Metolius River’s skies hold bald eagles, osprey and red-tailed hawks. River otters, hooded mergansers, sockeye salmon and rare bull trout swim in her cold, clear waters. Anna’s blue and swallowtail butterflies flutter along her banks. And, currently, newly leafed willows and old pines are hosting the return of black-headed grosbeaks and Western tanagers, resplendent in their bright mating plumage.

Within all this cacophony of life and diversity are chipmunks, golden-mantled ground squirrels and chickarees. Because they harvest and hoard seeds, these animals play a crucial role in seed distribution and are a key part of the system. In fact, all players are essential. As we humans, who are lucky enough to share the magical Metolius, we ought to be her stewards. And it’s up to us to protect the entire ecosystem. So it would seem obvious that poison has no place in this fragile environment.

Here’s the language in the special-use permit:

Authorized Officer Concurrence. Pesticides may not be used outside of buildings in the permit area to control pests, including undesirable woody and herbaceous vegetation (including aquatic plants), insects, birds, rodents, or fish without prior written concurrence of the

authorized officer. Only those products registered or otherwise authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and appropriate State authority for the specific purpose planned shall be authorized for use within areas on National Forest System lands.

Last fall, Ian Reid (USFS Sisters District Ranger) sent a letter to MRSHA spelling out the pesticide-use rules and, through e-mail, that message was passed along to the 108 homeowners. But in this case, the agency has a further responsibility — to follow up and monitor. Recently, I spoke about this with Ranger Reid. He suggested that identifying and removing bait traps could be incorporated into the annual property inspections. This is a great idea. Let’s get poison out of the Metolius Wild and Scenic River ecosystem!

Susan Prince

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To the Editor:

Our community is measured by the quality of our schools. Sisters School District has been fortunate to have Jeff Smith on the school board.

Jeff has provided years of thoughtful dedication to the education of our children and the needs of our teachers and school staff. Completely approachable and eager to listen to suggestions about improvements or concerns, Jeff Smith is a guy who can keep the lines of communication open between the community and the schools.

I urge the voters of Sisters Country to join me in voting for Jeff Smith for the Sisters School Board.

Kathy Deggendorfer



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Garrett Kersavage cleared 13 feet in a personal best for the Outlaws.

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