

FLIGHT: Program has turned out many young pilots

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Flight Science program at SHS has expanded to three classes, and Outlaw Aviation at the Sisters Airport has grown to three airplanes and three Certificated Flight Instructors (CFI). The classes have been offered at SHS for six years, and are taught by Sheryl Yeager, also a CFI. It's the collaboration between the organizations that makes the program so unique and successful.

"Outlaw Aviation is an exceptional operation. With the classes at SHS, and the flight instruction talents of Sam Monte, Walt Lasecki and Kristin Berg, it is the perfect combination that can put the right flight instructor with every student. It's no wonder that they are creating so many private pilots," said Brian Lansburgh, also a CFI.

"In the beginning when I didn't know anything about aviation, I started with the Flight Science class and the weekly evening ground school at the airport. Then as I advanced, the intensive one-on-one study time with Walt, and flight lessons with Sam at Outlaw Aviation prepared me for the written and oral FAA exams," said Schutte.

All the teachers at SHS support the students' commitment necessary for flight training.

"My other teachers were super understanding and supportive if I was late to class because I had been up flying," noted Perle.

The final test to earning a pilot license is a rigorous oral and practical in-flight exam which can take up to six hours.

"I was nervous at first, but then as I was able to answer the questions, I realized how much I really do know. Then

on the flight test, I just tried to focus on being smooth and precise," said Schutte.

"These two young adults have been dedicated to their training, even with rigorous academic and extracurricular activities of a high school lifestyle, and proven themselves victorious throughout. Well done!" said Sam Monte, CFI.

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When asked what advice Perle would give to students aspiring to become pilots, he said, "Set intermediate goals with dates on when you're going to achieve them. Don't procrastinate and leave everything for the end. And it's important to fly regularly, or else you forget and have to relearn skills."

"Both Luka and Trever have an exciting future ahead in aviation. Their flight training has given them valuable

life skills far beyond most high school kids. They've become responsible adults and proficient pilots over the last four years," said Sheryl Yeager, CFI and SHS Flight Science teacher.

Both Perle and Schutte have chosen to make commercial aviation their career path, and will be continuing their flight training at Central Oregon Community College (COCC) next year. They plan to continue instruction with Outlaw Aviation for their instrument and commercial pilot ratings while earning a degree in aviation. The current and forecast commercial pilot shortage ensures a profession in very high demand.

"They have a significant head start in the COCC program because they have already earned their private certificate, and will receive credit for those classes. They will also be eligible to interview with Alaska/Horizon Airlines for a sponsorship at COCC. Taking full advantage of the Flight Science program in high school was the smartest way to get started. We are very proud of both of them," said Walt Lasecki, CFI with Outlaw Aviation.

DECK: Restaurant is open for business

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potential to do a lot of damage to surrounding buildings and structures.

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District responded to 10 bark-mulch fires in 2018. Fire District personnel recommend creating defensible space around your home or business. Defensible space is essential to protect a structure from direct flame or radiant heat. Using non-combustible ground cover in areas susceptible to careless disposal of smoking materials is essential to creating a defensible space. These areas include along sidewalks, near business entrances, throughout apartment complexes, and other public spaces.

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Chief Roger Johnson said, "Bark mulch should never come in contact with a building or combustible material such as a deck or fence attached to a building.

Building owners should maintain at least three feet of clearance between buildings and combustible materials."

“Smoking materials should be disposed of into a non-combustible metal or clay container.”

Smoking materials should be disposed of into a non-combustible metal or clay container. Before disposing of materials, ensure they are cool to the touch. Fire officials recommend that business owners develop and enforce guidelines for smoking on their property. Smoke in areas away from things that burn such as bark mulch landscaping, combustible vegetation and planters.

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