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Hayden Sharp had longest play of night vs. Crook County.

Outlaws fall to Cowboys on the gridiron

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The Outlaws were defeated 7-0 by Crook County on Friday, September 20 — but they didn't make it easy for the Cowboys.

Crook County, in their previous two games, held both Cottage Grove and Ridgeview scoreless, with scores of 39-0, and 49-0, and they may have been expecting another easy victory. The Outlaws defense did an extraordinary job and held the Cowboys to just seven points.

The Cowboys scored their TD with 3:38 left in the first half. They recovered a fumble on the Outlaws 35-yard line and drove down the field for the score.

Sisters' defense played a great second half and held the Cowboys scoreless. In the final quarter, with just a few minutes left on the clock, the Outlaws had a 50-yard run by Hayden Sharp all the way down to the Cowboys' 12-yard line, but just couldn't punch it in, and Crook County recorded the win.

It was a rough night for the Outlaws offense, who would have several good plays in a row, but then would fumble the ball or suffer a penalty. They had three turnovers in the contest, and several penalties held them back offensively.

Ethan Martin did an outstanding job for the Outlaws. Martin was in attack-mode the entire game and was a terror on defense. Ethan finished the night with two tackles behind the line of scrimmage, two sacks, and seven tackles (five solo).

Coach Neil Fendall said, "Our defense knew what they (Cowboys) were going to run, and we broke them down a couple of times. And, our defense blew it up pretty nice in the red zone with a couple of sacks. We've had

two weeks in a row with pretty good defense, and we just have to get better on offense."

The Outlaws will host Sweet Home on Friday, September 27.

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To the Editor:

Thanks to Sue Stafford for bringing attention to the housing needs of seniors living in our community.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to age with dignity in their own home and community. Sisters Habitat for Humanity's strategy is to offer repairs and modifications in homes of qualified individuals through our Home Repair Program. Projects such as improving bathroom accessibility, stabilizing staircases and building a ramp afford older adults the opportunity to age safely in their homes by reducing certain risks.

The model is similar to the homeownership program, as we offer affordable home repairs to individuals that need assistance with 0% interest loans. To qualify, you must live in an owner-occupied home, meet financial guidelines, and be willing to contribute a certain amount of sweat equity to the project.

The process is easy! Please go online to our website — www.sistershabitat.org. Click on the Home Repair icon to read the guidelines. The pamphlet is also available at our office, 141 W. Main Ave. If you want to pursue the program or want more information please call the office to set up an appointment with Marie 541-549-1193.

We have completed several projects already

and have done everything from fixing a deck to making an entire bathroom ADA accessible. No job is too small or too large.

Marie Clasen, Habitat for Humanity, Family Services Manager

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To the Editor:

Hats off to Erik Pronold and his controlled, clear, calm, armed handling of the man who forcefully broke into his home in the middle of the night. And hats off to the editor for including very important details in the article about how, exactly, Erik handled the situation and kept it from escalating.

We can all learn from Erik's clear communication with the man, Lucie, dispatch, and the deputies.

If we are going to be armed homeowners (and thank God for that right), we must know exactly how we will respond should we find ourselves in such an alarming situation. I am proud of Erik for de-escalating the situation without anyone being harmed, while at the same time ensuring his family's safety above all.

I'm grateful a man like Erik is part of our community, and I pray the Pronold family is able to recover from the trauma of having someone breaking into their home. This story serves as a poignant reminder of why guns, in the hands of the right people, can be a really good thing.

Jordan Pope

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