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Rush and Eckert honored for hard work

"Ellie has been a vital part of our team's success this season," said Outlaws volleyball Coach Rory Rush. "Her high IQ on the court and competitive spirit make her a fierce competitor. Ellie has the job every game of making sure our offense is working, hitters are connecting with the ball and reading other teams' defenses so hitters can be successful. As a setter, you are rarely the one recognized on the floor, but the one involved in every play on the floor."

Ellie has established herself as one of the top setters in the Oregon West League, with her quick decisions and ability to

get the ball to her hitters. Ellie already has 440 assists this season. Her serving is tough and has provided the team with many serving runs in tight situations. She leads the team in aces with 43 so far this season. Ellie also stands out as an exceptional student at Sisters HS, maintaining a 4.10 GPA. She was part of Link Crew this fall,

participates in the health occupations class and supports her fellow Outlaws in other sporting events and activities.

"We are very proud of Ellie and all her hard work she puts in on and off the court," said Coach Rush. "Congratulations, Ellie on being Athlete of the Month!"

Jeff Husmann, head coach for the boys varsity soccer team, nominated senior Ethan Eckert.

"He is our only senior on the team and one of two captains and exemplifies what it means to be a captain in every sense,"



Husmann said. "Athletically, he is a very solid soccer player as the holding midfielder all year for us. He has great field vision and allows others to be the best players they can be. He is our assist leader. He is a mentor to the younger players on and off the field."

Academically, Eckert sets very high expectations for himself and does a fine job of balancing the student/athlete life.

"He is approachable by his teammates and able to effectively communicate his ideas with his coaches and peers," Husmann said.



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Fire district seeks input on services

The Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District is preparing to update its strategic plan and is seeking input from residents of the District regarding its services.

Strategic planning is a management tool that provides direction for an organization and helps build a shared vision with the community and employees. The plan will identify organizational priorities and establish goals and objectives to prioritize resources, allowing the District to focus its efforts on the most critical issues.

The District has operated within the framework of a customer-centered strategic plan since 2004, with the last update in 2016. Over 85 percent of the identified goals in the current plan have been completed. Various groups of personnel within the fire department will gather on November 13 to complete the update process, which will be facilitated by George Dunkel from Special Districts Association of Oregon. Surveys have been sent to all members within the organization, partnering agencies, and community residents.

Fire Chief Roger Johnson said, "Strategic planning for our organization is critical, and seeking input from the community and our partnering agencies is an important part of the process."

The survey will be available until November 8 at www.sistersfire.com/2019/10/fire-district-seeks-input-onits-services/.

To request a printed survey, contact the administrative office at 541-549-0771.



