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Outlaws runners take first District title

By Charlie Kanzig
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After a number of close calls this season, the Outlaws boys cross-country team finally got the best of the Philomath Warriors as the two teams battled hammer and tongs at the Oregon West District Cross-Country Championships held on Saturday, November 2 at Stayton.

Sisters edged Philomath behind the 1-2 punch of John Peckham and Will Thorsett and a timely season-best by Ethan Hosang.

“All seven of our guys ran great, but we really got a boost in particular from Ethan today,” said Coach Josh Nordell following the meet.

Sisters scored 39 points to edge Philomath’s 43 as both teams advanced to next week’s OSAA State Championships, where they will face off again to contend for the state title. The two teams are considered by many to be the top two teams in the state among 4A schools.

Newport finished third



PHOTO BY CHARLIE KANZIG

John Peckham set the pace from start to finish at Saturday’s Oregon West District Championships, leading his team to the District crown and a berth at State.

(62), followed by Sweet Home (110), Stayton (117), Woodburn (199) and Cascade (200).

Peckham (16:10) and Thorsett (16:19) broke away

from Stayton’s Ben Kirby (16:33) by the final mile to lead the Outlaws. Hosang pulled through with his best time of the year in 10th place (16:55) one place ahead of

Josh Liddell (17:00), the only senior on the varsity team,

Vicente Rebolledo completed the scoring for the

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Sisters had coldest October on record

The frost was on the pumpkin in a serious way in October.

According to preliminary data received by NOAA’s National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Sisters averaged much colder than normal during the month just past.

The average temperature was 38.8 degrees, which was 7.6 degrees below normal. This made for the coldest October on record. The previous coldest was 41.9 degrees in 2002.

High temperatures averaged 54.1 degrees, which was 8.5 degrees below normal. The highest was 71 degrees on October 8. Low temperatures averaged 23.5 degrees, which was 6.7 degrees below normal. The lowest was 5 degrees, on October 30.

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Demand is up at Kiwanis Food Bank

By Jim Cornelius
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Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank is vital to the food security of a significant segment of Sisters’ population. As the food bank moves into its busiest season, demand for its services is outpacing its funding.

Tom Hespe, who oversees the Food Bank project for the service club, told *The Nugget* that cash donations as of September were keeping pace with 2018, at just under \$32,000. However, food expense is up four percent at \$53,576 and the amount of monthly food distribution is up 3 percent at 118,489 pounds (9,874 monthly average).

The number of clients served is up significantly, among both families who have shelter (31 percent) and those who are homeless (34 percent).

What that means is that the Food Bank is in serious need of donations — especially cash donations — as it hits an especially busy time of year.

“This is not a marathon — it’s a sprint through the giving season,” Hespe said.

Cash donations are especially important.

“They’re No. 1,” Hespe said. “It allows us to be more selective about what we have on our shelf.”

“We have to buy 50 to

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Sisters celebrates one of its icons

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

George Sproat’s family invited the community to come to Takoda’s last Friday night to celebrate his 90th birthday with a surprise party. It was standing room only as young and old alike gathered to offer Sproat warm birthday wishes.

As Sproat was escorted into the restaurant by his daughter Tana, to be greeted with applause, smiles, and strains of “Happy Birthday,” he turned to Tana, saying, “I told you I didn’t want a party.” But a party he had, complete with birthday cake topped with a likeness of the birthday boy and mini-cupcakes and lots of pizza for the guests.

“George stories”



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

A gathering at Takoda’s paid tribute to George Sproat on his 90th birthday.

abounded, willingly shared and accompanied by smiles and laughter.

Two couples who have

been George’s neighbors for eight years recalled the time

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