

BASKETBALL: Lady Outlaws tuning up in preseason

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and this second game against Elmira. I thought we got solid play and performance from all of the girls. I was really, really proud of our play and effort, and we're looking forward to our next challenge.

"Hallie (Schwartz) was a strong leader at the point guard position, not only with her decision-making and floor play, but also with scoring 11 points. Payden (Pettersen) probably had her most efficient all-around game in her young high school career so far; she scored well for us and played aggressive on defense. Josie (Patton), RylieReece (Morgan), Josie (Aylor), and Gracen (Sundstrom) all continued to battle inside and controlled the boards."

Three days later, the Outlaws dropped their game against the Lady Hawks at La Pine in a final score of 29-46.

The contest was a tale of two halves. The Outlaws played very competitively and were on top 9-8 at the close of the first quarter. In the second period, Aylor scored four of the Outlaws' seven points, and at the half Sisters trailed by just two, 16-18.

In the second half, it was a physical battle down low. La Pine's physical play took over and they outscored the Outlaws 28-13.

Aylor and Sundstrom led the Outlaws with six points each, and Pettersen and Schwartz both recorded five points.

"It was a good learning experience for our girls as we continue to use our pre-season to prep for league," said

Brown. "I thought we handled their ball pressure early in the game very well, but in the second half their inside physical play made it difficult for us to generate much offense inside. I thought the girls competed well and played hard throughout the entire game."

Sisters was scheduled to play at home against Cottage Grove on Tuesday, December 17. The team will travel to Marshfield High School on Thursday to participate in their holiday tournament.

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— Brittany Brown

Blue Christmas service scheduled

Over 60 years ago, Elvis Presley crooned "I'll have a blue Christmas without you..." His love song touches the depth of sadness some people feel at Christmas when the emphasis on joy all around can magnify experiences of grief and loss.

For many in the Sisters community, this year will mark the first Christmas without a loved one, without a job, without a marriage, without a home, without stable health. The holidays may feel anything but merry.

In compassionate response, Sisters Community Church, 1300 W. McKenzie Hwy., will host its second annual "Blue Christmas"

service on Saturday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m. This time of worship is for anyone for whom the joy and gaiety of the Christmas season is muted by sadness, loss, and grief.


"The worship is quiet and contemplative, but not morose," said Pastor Steve Stratos. "Songs appropriate for the season will be interspersed with prayers and the comfort of God's promise that 'the people who have walked in darkness have seen

a great light.'"

The service includes music, readings, prayers, and a message of hope on the long-est night of the year.

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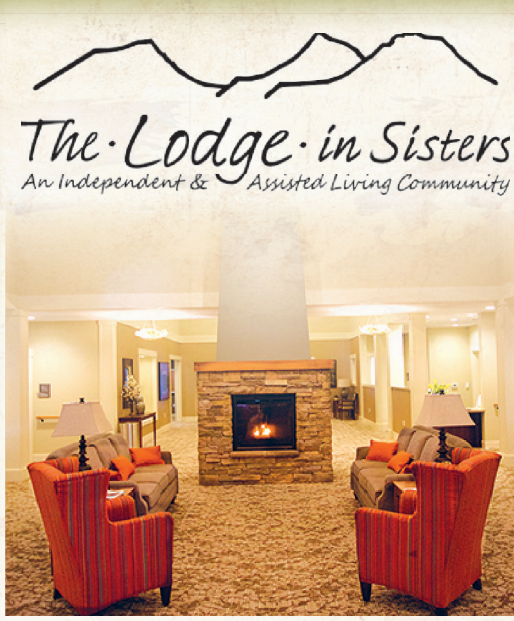
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