

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

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★★★ HALLIE SCHWARTZ ★★★ SAM NICKLOUS ★★★

Basketball players earn Athlete of the Month honors

Two Outlaws basketball players have earned Athlete of the Month status for the month of December. Athletes are chosen by polling coaches in the season's sports programs.

Hallie Schwartz and Sam Nicklous were both recognized for exceptional dedication and work ethic.

Outlaws girls basketball Coach Brittaney Brown said, "Hallie is a consistent leader and positive role model for our girls basketball program. She defines

hard work, commitment, and dedication.

"Due to her dedication and work ethic she has really elevated her game as a player. She is our starting varsity point guard, which is a new role for her," Brown said. "She has become our most consistent scorer and leads our team in a variety of statistical categories. Her teammates respect her because of her consistently positive attitude and look up to her on and off the basketball court. She is a true point guard from a leadership and skill standpoint.

Boys basketball Coach Rob Jensen praised Nicklous' commitment in the face of adversity.

"Sam has really stepped up and

improved his leadership with the team," Jensen said. "He is positive and encouraging and works hard through adversity. Sam played through illness and injury through the month of December and really showed some grit. He is very coachable and tries his best to execute game plans and do what is asked of him."



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Sisters Folk Festival begins building renovation

Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) has completed the purchase of the Sisters Art Works building and has begun renovations and upgrades in anticipation of the final stage of phase one of the Connected by Creativity Capital Campaign.

"We basically have 99 percent of the \$1.4 million goal secured," said Steven Remington, development director and co-chair of the capital campaign that began in August 2017. "It's been a great experience and simply astonishing how generous the community has been in helping us identify the resources to make this happen."

The building, located at 204 W. Adams Ave. in Sisters, was purchased from Frank and Kathy Deggendorfer, who pledged to sell the building to Sisters Folk Festival for the original 2005 purchase price of \$500,000. The sale closed on July 18 of 2019 and the building was appraised at \$1,450,000 at that time, making the Deggendorfer's equity gift to SFF \$950,000 – SFF's largest-ever gift.

The Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund jump-started the campaign with a grant of \$225,000 in November of 2018. By the end of 2019, the campaign had received a "top-off" grant of \$151,000 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Fund and a \$100,000 gift from the Duncan and Cynthia Campbell Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation, in addition to nearly 150 donations from SFF community

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