

Baseball team gets in some games

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Sisters High School baseball coach Kramer Croisant didn't want to have to wait until spring 2021 to get his team back together. They'd already lost the entire 2020 season — which would have been his first at the helm of the Outlaws' program — to COVID-19 shutdowns. So he took the proactive step to see if some fall baseball could be possible in the Central Oregon region.

"I caught wind that Marc Horner, the facilities manager for the Redmond School District, planned to start the Deschutes Baseball Academy, in part to facilitate some baseball games," said Croisant.

The idea came to fruition and teams from Sisters, Bend High, Mountain View, Summit, Redmond, Ridgeview and La Pine got on board.

The league gave the Outlaws the chance to play two to three games a week during the 3-1/2-week season.

"We ended up playing a total of eight games, seven of which were in Redmond and the final one at Vince Genna Stadium in Bend against Summit," he said.

Coaches volunteered their time and players got to take part at no cost, according to Croisant.

Eighteen of the 24 players Croisant has listed on the spring roster took part in the fall league.

Croisant witnessed more

than just baseball once he had the kids back together on a regular basis after being apart for so long.

"The kids and parents were both very grateful to be out playing or watching baseball again," the coach said. "Everything I heard from players and parents was that the experience was positive. We had a number of kids playing club baseball this summer and fall, but it was great to get the group back together to play with each other again."

The emphasis on the fall league was not on wins and losses, but on getting kids active and providing some experience, according to Croisant.

He said, "The team competed extremely well against larger, local varsity teams. We got to face some good varsity pitching which was a great opportunity for our younger guys. Overall, I think we went right around .500. I don't think anyone in the league was too concerned about wins and losses. We were all just trying to get kids playing time."

Looking ahead to the spring season, Croisant said, "I'm excited to get all of our guys back together on the same page. I can't wait to get back to practicing together and competing together. We have a group of players and coaches that really care about one another. I think this could be a pretty special spring for Outlaw baseball."

Croisant is assisted by Brad Linn and Shane Brady.

CORRECTION

The October 21 article "Davis to head local sheriff's detail" included incorrect information about his work history.

He first worked for the Monmouth Police Department as a reserve officer while finishing up his degree in law enforcement at

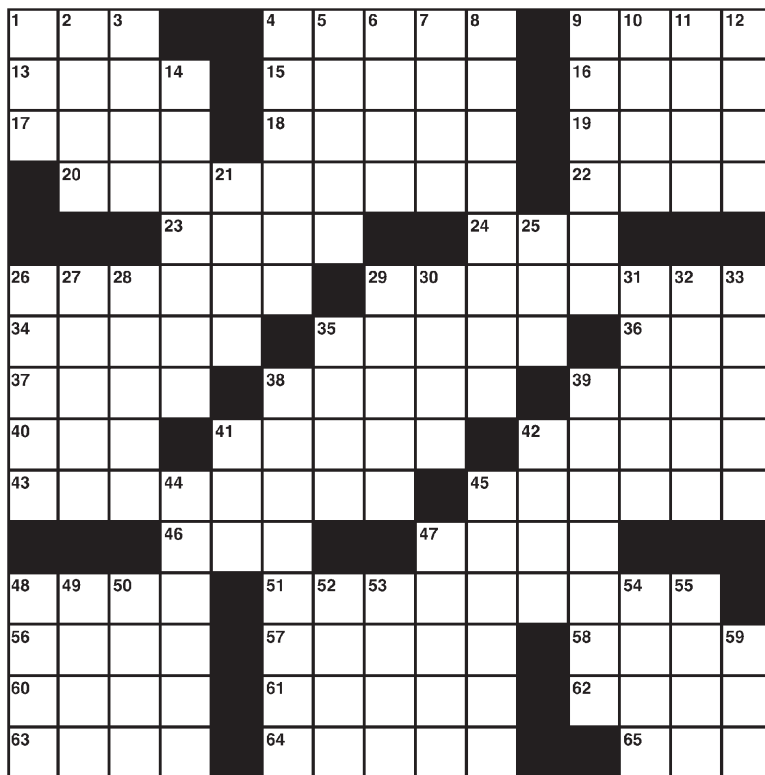
Western Oregon University. With the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office he has worked as a patrol canine handler with Ike, the German shepherd, who worked with him for six years. He spent 18-months as part of the SWAT unit, spent several different periods as a criminal detective sergeant and lieutenant.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
 1 Sorrowful
 4 West Point student
 9 Slaughter
 13 "___ is not to reason why..."
 15 Pueblo brick
 16 Largest West Indies island
 17 ___ milk; nonfat drink
 18 Ballroom dance
 19 Weather forecast
 20 Cowardly
 22 Minstrel's guitar
 23 Bewildered
 24 Prefix for paid or med
 26 Plant destroyers
 29 Nosy folks
 34 Detroit team
 35 Esau's twin
 36 Ms. McClanahan
 37 TV's "The Big ___ Theory"
 38 Confrontation
 39 Voter survey
 40 Tres minus dos
 41 ___ one's time; waits
 42 ___ T; early Ford
 43 In addition
 45 Funny ___; comic strips
 46 ___ Diamond Phillips
 47 Metal fastener
 48 Small storage building
 51 Make laws
 56 Heap
 57 Precise
 58 Word of disgust
 60 Money for the poor
 61 Support one's parish
 62 "There's no ___ thing as a free lunch"
 63 ___ of the time; usually
 64 Train track metal
 65 "Thou shalt not covet ___ neighbor's wife"

- DOWN**
 1 Scouring pad brand
 2 Diving birds
 3 Leak slowly
 4 Touch lovingly
 5 Big person
 6 Bowl-shaped roof
 7 Decreases; recedes
 8 Stirring utensil
 9 Drag; haul
 10 Part of a Hawaiian tour
 11 In just ___; very soon
 12 Ivy League school
 14 Beaming
 21 Gives a silent assent
 25 Carl Reiner's son
 26 Scrapbook
 27 Stringed instrument
 28 Hold in high regard
 29 More rational
 30 TV crime drama series
 31 Wear away
 32 Measuring stick
 33 Peddles
 35 "Hey ___"; Beatles song



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- 38 Small streams
 39 Quick-growing willow trees
 41 Startling word
 42 Postman's sackful
 44 Firstborn
 45 Baby blue or lavender
 47 Wall recess
 48 Inbox annoyance
 49 City at the base of Mauna Loa
 50 Shade trees
 52 Way out
 53 Fence door
 54 Tight, as a rope
 55 ___ A Sketch; drawing toy
 59 Not at all forward

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The Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) officially dedicated the Cindy and Duncan Campbell Gallery at Sisters Art Works in a brief ceremony on Friday. Duncan (center in photograph) and Cindy Campbell were instrumental in the capital campaign that allowed SFF to purchase the building as its headquarters. Cindy Campbell said it was an easy decision to support programs that provide the spark of inspiration for young people in the Sisters community.