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Two arrested in shooting incident near Sisters

Two 19-year-olds have been arrested in connection with a shooting incident that occurred in the forest outside Sisters on January 17.

In that incident, a mid-1990s Chevrolet Tahoe was shot multiple times by an unknown subject near a long-term camp in the area of USFS Road 1510 near the 450 spur, approximately five miles west of Sisters. The vehicle was in very close proximity to a tent that was being used for housing.

Since the shooting, deputies with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) have conducted numerous follow-up interviews and collected additional evidence. According to DCSO, deputies developed enough information to be granted a search warrant for a residence in Crossroads, west of Sisters.

Deputies reportedly located items of evidence

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Football in March...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Outlaws are back on the field in a season altered and delayed by COVID-19 restrictions. They fell to the Pleasant Hill Billies by a score of 20-6 on Friday night. (See story, page 5).

Sisters schools' schedules explained

By Charlie Kanzig
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Sisters middle and high school students began in-person learning in late January under Oregon's "hybrid model," while Sisters Elementary School has been operating largely in person since September.

For many citizens of Sisters Country, confusion and some frustration remains regarding the variations in the "hybrid" schedule among the three schools and the reasons for the differences.

The key reasons for the variations in the three schools' plans stem from the limiting factor of physical space in relation to the number of students enrolled. The current requirement for schools in Oregon is to provide 35 square feet per individual in the classroom. Until that requirement is changed or lifted, schedule adaptations will remain.

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Silicon Valley firm moves HQ to Sisters

By Bill Bartlett
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BlockScore is an identity data and anti-fraud solutions developer founded in 2014 and based in Palo Alto, California. They serve over 500 clients worldwide with more than 700 million unique IDs. It's not their technology per se making news in Sisters. It's their headquarters relocation to town that is attention-grabbing.

They are branded as Cognito, providing identity verification and sanction screening services throughout the world to ensure compliance and mitigate fraud. They are basically in the internet security business

using phone-number-based verification.

They were originally backed by some of the most influential investor names in Silicon Valley including Battery, Lightspeed, Digital Currency Group, and Combinator. Ten such investor groups participated in the \$2.3 million investment seed round. The fast-growing company is under the leadership of Alain Meier, CEO; Chris Morton, COO; co-founders; and Daniel Gollhon, VP of engineering. Justin Goodkind, director of partnerships and solutions, heads up sales and marketing and is based in Bend.

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Two escape serious injury in crash

Two Bend residents escaped serious injury when the Outlaw Aviation Cessna 172 they were flying went down in a field to the west of the runway at Sisters Eagle Airport on the evening of Wednesday, March 3.

The pilot, Madison Stieber, 23, received non-life-threatening injuries and was transported by private vehicle to St. Charles-Bend, where she was treated and released. The passenger, Connor Schaab, 24, received minor injuries and was evaluated by medics from the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District at the scene. Schaab was not transported to the hospital. Both Stieber and Schaab had

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PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

The Outlaw Aviation Cessna 172 was totaled in a crash west of the runway at Sisters Eagle Airport on Wednesday, March 3. The pilot and her passenger escaped serious injury.

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