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"It was fun," said fourth-grader Laken McKay. "We got to do a lot of things – drumming and dancing – and we got to meet someone new."

"I like the drumming and learning the hand positions – tone, slap, slam and bass," said third-grader Zach Montwheeler.

Alsény and his family are from Guinea, West Africa, and he is a member of the Susu tribe.

The family teach and perform for a variety of audienc-

es through Eugene's West African Cultural Arts Institute.

The Prairie City PTA and student and community fundraising efforts made the presentation possible with Sue Thompson, who teaches grades 4-5, making arrangements.

"The students enjoyed all of it," Thompson said.

Prairie City School elementary students enjoyed an interactive concert from visiting drummers last week.

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The event featured a cake-walk for adults through the stacks, and a cupcake-cookie walk for the children in the children's area. The upbeat music of The Four Seasons had the participants dancing in the aisles.

The centerpiece of the event was an auction of at least two dozen pies and cakes, home-baked by library supporters from across the county. Hal Smith, the auctioneer, pumped up the crowd for lively bidding that brought anywhere from \$20 to \$100 an item. The most unusual confection was a cake shaped

like a LEGO brick with Oreos for the knobs, and completely iced with green fondant.

Volunteers from the county's library advisory board and the nonprofit Grant County Library Foundation helped the staff prepare for the event, and serve a chili and cornbread lunch.

Librarian Vicki Waters said the event raised more than \$1,500, and the proceeds will pay for printers and other equipment needed for upgraded computers.

The event was a lot of fun, she said, and it brought some new people to the library.

"We were thrilled with the turnout – and the fact that we had all ages coming into the library to see what we have to offer," she said.



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Authors' names, taped to the floor, are the landing spots for the cakewalk among the stacks at the library. A separate children's cupcake walk featured children's book author names.



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Librarian Vicki Waters and volunteer Bonnie Britton serve up chili and cornbread.



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All ages crowded into the library to enjoy cakewalks, music, a chili lunch, and a pie and cake auction.

Attention, young artists!

Blue Mountain Eagle

WASHINGTON, D.C. – High school artists in Oregon's Second Congressional District are invited to enter the 2015 Congressional Art Competition, U.S. Rep. Greg Walden announced.

The annual contest, which began in 1982, showcases the talents of young artists.

To enter, students must submit no more than two pieces of art and a release form by April 21.

They should email jpeg photos of the art with the form to Lizzie Litzow at Elizabeth.litzow@mail.house.gov.

A panel of experts will judge the work and select the winner and runners-up. The winner's work is displayed in the Capitol for a year, and that student also receives airfare for two for a trip to Washington, D.C., to see the exhibit and attend a reception.

For more information, visit Walden's website at <http://walden.house.gov/art-competition>.

BEO seeks scholars

Blue Mountain Eagle

HEPPNER – Applications are now being accepted for 20 agriculture/business scholarships from Bank of Eastern Oregon

The scholarships, \$500 each, are available to graduating high school seniors in several Eastern Oregon and Washington communities, including John Day, Monument, Long Creek, Dayville and Prairie City.

Applicants must plan to enroll in college, in either business or agriculture programs. Selection will be based on scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

The deadline is Friday, May 1. This is the 23rd year BEO has sponsored the scholarship program.

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