

MONARCHS: Sisters butterfly made it to southern California

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Werts and her class learned all about the struggle of monarch butterflies last spring. They focused their energy into building and planting a monarch waystation at the middle school. The group received five caterpillars, of which only two became butterflies.

Both "Hope," the female monarch, and "Journey," the male, hatched on September 16. Werts, with help from Chris Jensen, tagged both butterflies, a process involving taking a small sticker with a coded number and placing it on the butterflies wings, and released them the next day.

"We took the male, Journey, to the garden around 12:30," said Werts. "We were hoping he would pause and fuel-up at the garden we planted. In reality, he just flew off. Over the baseball field and he was gone."

Werts' son Kellen was there at the release and commented about "all that work for nothing."

Well, it wasn't for



Journey with his tag.

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nothing.

Journey made it farther than any other monarch has made in his travels from the Pacific Northwest, and the longest trip any tagged butterfly has made from Bend.

"He is the Ashton Eaton of monarchs," said Werts.

The students were thrilled. Werts played the band Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" when they came into class to hear the news for

the first time.

There is still no news of the female monarch from SMS, Hope, but both students, staff and local butterfly experts are thrilled with the results from the students' hard work.

Many have tagged thousands of monarchs over their careers and never had a result like this.

"It's like winning the lottery," said Werts.

Redmond Airport offers travel tips

Redmond Airport (RDM) has seen a record number of passengers in 2016, and airport officials expect that to continue as travelers pass through the airport over the upcoming holidays.

Being prepared for travel on commercial airlines will make for a more efficient and pleasant journey.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) have provided a few tips and notices for travelers as they prepare to take flight to visit family and friends.

Passengers should arrive no later than 90 minutes prior to the boarding time of your flight. When you have a boarding document, proceed through TSA security screening as soon as possible. Boarding lounge amenities include a children's play area, a coffee shop, a family-friendly restaurant and a full-service bar. The restaurant and bar are located upstairs on the second floor and open daily at 10 a.m.

The curb at the terminal is for active loading and

unloading only, no parking, no waiting due to federal regulations. Parking citations are \$50 and avoidable by using the pay parking lot or the cell phone waiting area.

Be prepared for potentially cold, wet, snowy, icy conditions. Consider appropriate outerwear including footwear and have an ice scraper in your vehicle. These conditions may add additional time arriving to the airport.

TSA carry-on restrictions are in effect for liquids, gels and pastes. They must be in containers that are 3.4 ounces or less; those items must fit in one quart-size clear bag, one per passenger. Jams, jellies, peanut butter and toothpaste are examples of gels/pastes.

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