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Marlys Krein

Scholarship honors Marlys Krein

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IN HONOR OF HER GRAND-mother, the late Marlys Krein, Jenny Krein has set up a \$500 scholarship for graduating seniors who exemplify Marlys's well-known spirit of volunteerism.

Marlys was a super volunteer who contributed extensively to the community, in everything from youth sports to calling bingo for senior citizens. She also took on perhaps the most demanding volunteer task in town: staffing the homeless warming shelter on overnight shifts.

She may have been best known for her 62 years of volunteering for Red Cross blood drives, where she worked in the canteen serving donuts.

Jenny, the daughter of Bob and Joy Krein, herself benefitted from receiving scholarships when she graduated from high school in Heppner. So she saw a scholarship in her grandmother's name as a way to give back, to honor her grandmother's contribution and recognize the volunteer efforts of a graduating senior.

Jenny, who lives in Tigard with her husband and two children, has seeded the scholarship with \$1,000 and will continue to fund it as long as she can. She said donations to the Marlys Krein Memorial Scholarship fund are welcome.

Tax deductible donations can be made out in Marlys' memory to the North Wasco County School District 21 Scholarship Foundation and mailed or dropped off at The Dalles High School, 220 E. 10th St.

The local scholarship packet is due for seniors on March 2, and scholarship awards will be made on Senior Scholarship Awards Night, Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Jenny said in the social media era, people may post about their volunteer efforts and follow it with, "#volunteer and #giveback. My grandma didn't have social media and it can seem like people just want everybody to know what they did. She just did it because it was the right thing to do, and she didn't need that recognition."

But she got it anyway, being named the outstanding volunteer of the year in 2011 by The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Marlys and her late husband Art, who died in 1995, moved to The Dalles in 1950. Marlys worked for 17 years at JC Penney in the shoe department and was known as the "shoe lady."

She was a ticket taker at baseball games, becoming a familiar face to athletes who played Hustler, Babe Ruth and The Dalles High School baseball.

Marlys also delivered Meals on Wheels, volunteered at a local nursing home, was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, chaired the Girls State program for

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Supported by a live band, The Dalles High School's drama department presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" during a dress rehearsal Wednesday night. Performances began Thursday, Feb. 20, and continue next weekend. Below, Joseph (Jacob Vallie), in back at left, runs into trouble in Egypt. Mark B. Gibson photos

Technicolor Dreams

TDHS presents popular musical 'Joseph'

By Mark Gibson
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The Dalles High School presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a musical comedy with music composed by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics written by Tim Rice. Performances are Thursday and Friday, Feb. 20-21, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. The show continues next week with performances Thursday and Friday evening, Feb. 27-28, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoon, Feb. 29, at 2 p.m.

All performances are at The Dalles High School Auditorium (220 E. 10th St.) Tickets are \$10 for

adults and students, \$8 for senior citizens and children 12 and under.

The performance is directed by Lowry Browning, head of the high school drama department, with musical direction by Corin Parker, music specialist at Chenoweth Elementary School.

The musical features a range of musical styles, classic to modern. A children's choir made up of third through fifth graders from Chenoweth Elementary, will also be on stage for the performance.

The music is challenging, said Parker, but that isn't a problem. "They just learn it and go for it; I don't give them another option," she said. "If you don't tell them it's hard, they don't know it's hard."

The play features almost no spoken dialogue.

Browning said production has been underway since Dec. 2, with well over 300 hours put in by the



directors planning and organizing the show, as well as working with the students.

Costumes are by Kathy Vawter, who said she spent about 600 hours creating them.

The colorful, full-scale

production is an opportunity for theater students to learn new skills, work on their stage presence in an ensemble, and for younger actors to work with and learn from older

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Bonham takes on leadership role

Special session is his first as caucus deputy leader

By Gabriel Bravo
 The Dalles Chronicle

The Oregon Legislature swung back into action in February.

With Democrats holding the majority of the House of Representatives with 38 members, Daniel Bonham, Republican house caucus deputy leader and 59th district representative, is part of the minority with 22 members.

Bonham was appointed as the 59th district representative in November 2017 and finished former Rep. John Huffman's term. Bonham won re-election in 2018 and plans on running again this year. Last September, he was appointed as deputy leader of the Oregon House Republican caucus. Bonham said he was told he had until December to figure out what his job as deputy director consisted of and January to acquaint himself with it.

"Most of my focus as the deputy leader is, I'm recruiting and fundraising," Bonham said. "My primary job is to grow that group, take us from 22 to say 25, hopefully more than 30 someday, to where we actually get to control a little more of the policy process in the building."

With his most recent

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Rep. Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles)

responsibility and as owner of Maupin's Stoves and Spas in The Dalles, Bonham said he does feel overwhelmed at times but knows how to overcome that feeling.

"It's a lot of work but it's fun," Bonham said. "I didn't realize how much work it would be taking on a role with the campaign arm on top of the policy work that I do. I'm still very active in doing constituent work and trying to engage in policy discussions. Being a state representative and owning a business is a lot of work to begin with, and this other layer can be overwhelming at times. But the key is to surround yourself with good people and have a very loving and understanding family."

Two policy initiatives that Bonham is focusing on are House Bill 4122, commonly known as "Ezra's Law," and House Bill 1530, also known as the carbon cap-and-trade bill.

House Bill 4122 proposes a mandatory 25-year sentence for abusers who intentionally cause permanent physical and/or cognitive injury to their victim (Related story page A3.)

Such injuries were inflicted on



Oregon's 59th district representative and Republican party caucus' deputy leader, Daniel Bonham, speaks in the 2019 legislative sessions. Submitted photo

a four-year-old Madras child in November 2017. Josue Mendoza, then boyfriend of Ezra Thomas' mother, was watching him while she was at work when Mendoza severely beat the child. The injuries Thomas sustained now have him in a wheelchair, with a tracheal tube

and limited mobility.

"I think, even though he survived and thus it is not murder, you can make an argument that his life has been destroyed," Bonham said. "Where's the consideration in that."

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