

If I were the mayor of Elgin ...

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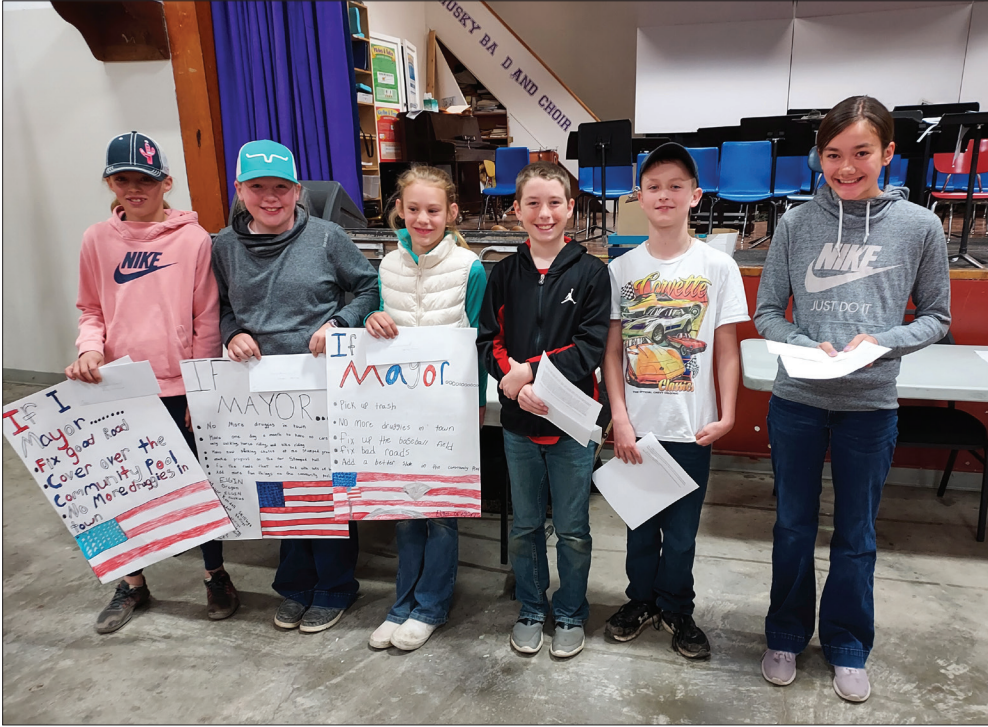
ELGIN — Stella Mayfield School fifth and sixth grade students recently participated in the Oregon Mayors Association’s “If I Were Mayor” contest, hosted by Risa Hallgarth, mayor of Elgin.

Fifth graders made posters and sixth graders wrote essays responding to the question of what they would do as mayor to make Elgin an even better place to live.

The top three posters chosen among the fifth graders were Harley Myers (first place), Kinley Williamson and Kendall Skillings. In the sixth grade essay contest, the top three were Ethan Power (first place), Garrett Bolen and Kloe King.

The poster and essay from Stella Mayfield’s first place winners have been sent to Salem, where they will be judged in the statewide Oregon Mayors Association contest.

According to the OMA



Risa Hallgarth, Contributed Photo

The top winners in the “If I Were Mayor...” contest at Elgin’s Stella Mayfield School pose with their submissions in April 2022: from left to right, fifth graders Kinley Williamson, Kendall Skillings and Harley Meyers, and sixth graders Garrett Bolen, Ethan Power and Kloe King. The first place selections in each grade level were submitted to the statewide Oregon Mayors Association contest.

website, state-level first place students will win

\$500. Second and third place winning students will

be awarded \$300 and \$100, respectively.

Flora School Days ‘Back in the Saddle Again’ June 4

Wallowa County Chieftain

FLORA — The historic Flora School is “Back in the Saddle Again” this year, after taking time off for the COVID-19 pandemic. The school will be open for its traditional School Days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4.

Visitors are urged to come, see, learn and live in the past including dressing in an “Old West” style, according to a press release.

Part of living in the past begins early, as the forge will be fired up and ready for the third-annual blacksmith contest at 8 a.m. Dutch oven implements are the focus of this year’s blacksmith contest.

The tools will be auctioned off at the end of the day along with a presentation of winners. Dick Phillips, a Walla Walla, Washington, blacksmith from days gone by, will judge this year’s competition.

All metals are provided. For more information, call or text Nathan Thompson at 509-876-7812.

Demonstrations of pioneer skills generally start at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 or 4 p.m. Some skills and



Wallowa County Chieftain, File

Pioneer demonstrations and activities are featured during Flora School Days in 2019. The annual event helps raise money for the Flora School restoration project and to highlight the folk arts. The school moved the celebration online during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the June 4, 2022, event is “Back in the Saddle Again.”

activities scheduled include grafting heirloom apple trees, story time, town tours with draft mules, cleaning

cast iron after lunch and sewing bean bags, to name a few.

One of the highlights of

IF YOU GO

Flora is about 35 miles north of Enterprise, just off Oregon Route 3. The Flora School, built in 1915, is on the National Register of Historic Places. Now known as the Flora School Education Center, the schoolhouse, at 80974 College Lane, has been restored as a pioneer arts education center.

the day is the Camp Chili Cookoff. Contestants should be signed up, pay a \$5 fee and be ready to cook at 11 a.m.

They must be done by 2 p.m. For \$1, visitors can taste-test each chili a vote for the winner of the contest. Contestants may only have the beans cooked prior to the start.

For more information about the cookoff, call or text Shannon Wiedeman at 541-263-0132.

Flora School Days is part of an ongoing effort to raise money to restore the school building to its 1915 glory.

For more information, visit Flora School’s website, www.floraschool.org, Facebook page, Instagram or YouTube channel, email floraschool@tds.net or call 541-828-7010.

HONORS

Academic achievements of local students, near and far

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Students from La Grande attending out-of-state universities, as well as students studying at La Grande’s Eastern Oregon University, earned academic honors and degrees this spring. The hard work of the following students was recognized in reports from their universities.

Andrew Peasley graduated from Utah State University, in Logan, Utah, with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. The 2022 graduating class includes graduates from summer and fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters.

Since its founding in 1888, Utah State University has evolved from a small agricultural college to a multi-campus research university.

According to the press release, USU “fosters the principle that academics come first by cultivating diversity of thought and culture, and by serving the public through learning, discovery and engagement.”

Angelina Karpenok, also studying in Utah, was honored among Dixie State University’s 111th

graduating class. The May 6 ceremony in St. George, Utah, celebrated the achievements of the institution’s largest ever graduating class.

Dixie State University is an open-enrollment teaching institution that offers more than 200 academic programs. The press release stated the university is committed to an “active learning, active life” approach to education.

According to a May 5 announcement, four Eastern Oregon University students — Roland Victor Balajadia, Leah Batchelor, Sierra Howard and Lara Insko — were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

DEATH NOTICE

Sarah R. Alexander

La Grande

Sarah R. Alexander, 70, of La Grande, died May 28, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



June 4 — JOSEPH BRESHEARS: 1 p.m. graveside service, Wallowa Cemetery.

June 4 — DENNY LEWIS: 2 p.m. celebration of life, Mount Emily Building, Union County Fairgrounds, La Grande.

June 8 — HELEN COCHRANE: 11 a.m. celebration of life with lunch and music, Union County Senior Center, La Grande.

June 11 — HOWARD BAILEY: 11 a.m. memorial gathering and lunch, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

June 11 — BOB POLLOCK: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Pine Valley Fairgrounds, Halfway.

June 18 — RODNEY MCKEE: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Blue Mountain 4-H Center, 66501 End Road, Summerville (casual dress preferred).

June 18 — GERRY KEFFER: 11:30 a.m. celebration of life and lunch, Island City City Hall.

June 23 — DAN KRAMER: 2 p.m. memorial service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

June 25 — LARRY HANEY: 1 p.m. graveside military service and celebration of life, Wallowa Cemetery.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, MAY 27

11:43 a.m. — A person on the 600 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande, waved down an officer for a non-injury vehicle accident involving a tree branch. An officer took information.

1:18 p.m. — A caller on the 63500 block of Bond Lane, La Grande, reported a dog bit a person. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and took a report.

3:40 p.m. — Emergency services in La Grande responded to Second Street and C Avenue for a vehicle crash involving an injury. Police took a report.

5:26 p.m. — A caller reported a downed cable was creating a traffic hazard on the 400 block of Adams Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and removed the cable from the road.

8:01 p.m. — A resident on the 100 block of Willow Street, La Grande, reported telephonic harassment. An officer responded and counseled the subject of the complaint.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

5:10 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2700 block of Island Avenue on a report of a person who may have been experiencing mental illness. Police counseled the person, who then left.

9:21 a.m. — A resident on the 100 block of Willow Street, La Grande, reported telephonic harassment. An officer made contact and issued a warning.

9:29 a.m. — Local law enforcement responded to Safeway, 2111 Adams Ave., La Grande, on a report of a fight and warned two people for disorderly conduct.

9:44 a.m. — A caller on the 300 block of Third Street, Union, reported a dog biting someone. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and took a report.

3:02 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the 2200 block of May Lane, La Grande, for a vehicle crash. Union County

Sheriff’s Office arrested Christopher Stampke, 34, of La Grande, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

6:58 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1800 block of X Avenue on a report of a dog bite. An officer made contact and took a report.

10:14 p.m. — Union County sheriff’s deputies responded to Spring Creek Road, La Grande, on a report of a disturbance. The parties separated.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

5:34 a.m. — La Grande police took a report for a fire on the 2900 block of Third Street.

1 p.m. — A Union County Sheriff’s Office boat patrol on Pilcher Creek Reservoir, North Powder, cited two Baker City men, one 27, one 30, for second-degree criminal mischief.

3:26 p.m. — A caller on the 100 block of West Chestnut Street, Union, reported a dog bite victim was at Grande Ronde Hospital, La Grande. A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded and took a report.

4:05 p.m. — A resident on the 71700 block of Catherine Creek Lane, Union, reported the theft of tools and a battery and attempted theft of a trailer. A Union County sheriff’s deputy made contact and logged information.

4:37 p.m. — A Union County sheriff’s deputy responded to GrandeScapes Nursery and Landscaping, 11001 Island Ave., Island City, on a report of theft from the nursery during the night. The deputy took information.

5:38 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to a site on Interstate 84 outside La Grande near the Oregon Department of Transportation weigh station for a fight. The parties separated.

8:21 p.m. — Emergency services responded to a report of a fire on Robbs Hill Road, La Grande.

1st Thursday of the month starting June 2nd



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