



EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY TOP STUDENTS - Selected as Students of the Month for April at Evergreen Elementary School in Cave Junction are (rear from left) Kayla Johnson, Roger Hults, Devan Elmer, Rhiannon Quall, Emily Crutcher, Dylan Wilson, Andrew Keith, Mikiah Davis, Hannah Kanig, Mariah Nolan; (front) Taya Stewart, Miliya Stewart, Latecia Torres, Josh Nelson-Webbe, Zak Vineyard, Keven Smith, Joss Vawter, and Ariel Allen. They were chosen based on scholarship and other factors. (Photo by Shane Welsh)



James E. Leuenberger

Leuenberger seeks court seat May 18

Former Idaho Deputy Attorney General James E. Leuenberger is running for Oregon State Supreme Court position 4 against incumbent Rives Kistler on the May 18 election ballot.

Leuenberger, who has been a private practicing attorney for the past 12 years in Portland, feels the appellate courts have been deciding cases in secret for years. He said the proper function of any court is to interpret the law, not to create the law.

“My opponent supports the status quo, I support the Constitution,” he said. “Laws are to be written by the people, not by the courts.”

- Shane Welsh

I know only one truth: work alone creates happiness. I am sure only of that one thing - and I forget it all the time.

- The Journal of Jules Renard (Braziller)

ODOT spans bridge gap to make needed repairs

The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) signed a contract recently with Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners, a private-sector firm that will manage the \$1.3 billion state bridge replacement program.

The contract marks a major milestone in ODOT’s rapid implementation of the Oregon Transportation Investment Act of 2003.

“This is a good program for Oregon,” said Gov. Kulongoski. “The people of this state will see major improvements in our infrastructure and a major boost for our economic recovery.

“These bridge projects will provide jobs in construction and many supporting industries. Construction workers need concrete and steel, but they also need food, lodging and other services that generate business.

“I applaud ODOT for moving so swiftly in getting OBDP on board so that the work can get started.”

Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners (OBDP) is a joint venture formed by HDR Engineering Inc. and Fluor Enterprises Inc. OBDP will provide day-to-day support to the OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program, ensure quality projects at least cost, manage services and supplies, and provide reporting for the program.

The firm, based in Salem, will manage engineering, environmental, financial, safety and other as-

pects of the largest transportation construction program in Oregon since the interstates were completed in the 1950s and early ‘60s.

Passed by the 2003 Legislature, OTIA III uses revenues from increased motor vehicle and trucking fees to finance \$2.46 billion in transportation projects.

The act provides \$1.3 billion for state-owned bridges on major freight routes, \$300 million for city- and county-owned bridges, \$371 million for city and county pavement maintenance and preservation projects and \$500 million for projects that add capacity to the transportation system. OTIA III builds on OTIA I and II, which provide a combined \$500 million for projects throughout the state.

When added to the infrastructure improvements funded with other resources, construction volume will increase to \$4.78 billion in the next 10 years. All told, transportation construction will sustain more than 8,900 family-wage jobs per year.

Construction tasks outlined in the first work order will go through the 2006 construction season. OBDP will outsource all design work to other firms.

The work order includes OBDP taking over management of 74 bridges in various stages of development. The first work order includes managing approximately \$250 million in bridge construction work.

Transportation safety aim of special month in state

Gov. Kulongoski proclaimed May “Transportation Safety Awareness Month” for Oregon.

In his proclamation, Kulongoski cited a number of ways Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT), law enforcement and communities in Oregon contributed to a safe transportation system.

“The governor’s proclamation helps us highlight the hard work that goes on every day of the year,” said Troy Costales, administrator of the ODOT Transportation Safety Division.

“Oregon has experienced a great reduction in traffic deaths and injuries during the past four years largely because of the efforts of our partners in law enforcement as well as citizen volunteers.”

Among the safety-related activities slated for this month:

- *Child safety seat clinics.
- *Traffic safety talks at schools.
- *A major law enforcement blitz for seatbelts and child passenger safety.
- *“Drugs, Drinking, Driving, Don’t” program for college and high school students.
- *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Day.

To date, the traffic fatality count is down about 10 percent from the same time last year.

As of April 21, the fatality count was at 109, compared to 121 for the same date in 2003.

“That is good news for now and we hope the trend continues,” said Costales.

GP transient found dead; cause sought

An anonymous person phoned law enforcement to report a dead body in a field near Agness Avenue in Grants Pass.

On Thursday, May 6, Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety received a call from a person who said that while walking through a field, they smelled an odor. Upon investigation, the person located a partially decomposed body.

Officers responded to the scene where they discovered Rome M. Dearman, a 6-0, 200-pound, 45-year-old Caucasian male, possibly a transient who last had been seen two weeks ago.

The cause of death will be determined by the state medical examiner. More investigation is planned.

Treasures of Summer

Greek Barbecue & Great Entertainment
Benefit Auction for RCC Student Scholarships

SATURDAY, MAY 22 - 3 TO 7 P.M.
Outdoors - fountain area, RCC Redwood Campus
(in case of rain the event will be held in Student Center)

Tickets: \$15
Price of ticket includes entertainment, raffle ticket and bidding number
(available through RCC cashier at Redwood & Riverside Campuses or by phoning 956-7095)

Getaway Packages:

- *One-week stay at the Tennis Club in Palm Springs - airfare included!
- *Hot Springs Resort
- *Oregon Coast, Sun River
- *Britt, Shakespeare, skiing trips
- *Eugene romance package
- *Portland shopping trip
- *Magical treehouse visit
- *Wildlife trip to Upper Klamath Lake
- *Jacksonville Christmas stay

***Original artwork & prints**
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*Metal, rock & wood sculpture
*Two pairs of llamas
*Furniture, stained glass
*Antiques, collector's items
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BULK FOOD SALE

Wednesday through Tuesday
May 12 through May 18

\$2.78
per lb.

Dried
APRICOTS

\$1.14
per lb.

13-Bean
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\$3.58
per lb.

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or
1 X-Large Ultimate Veggie
\$17.95

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- G. K. Chesterton -