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LBMS Principal Rachael George thanks volunteers Gary and Joyce Seitz for their school sport support.

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“There’s absolutely no guarantee that we’ll receive any more funds next year,” Padgett said. “This funding was an extension and there’s no expectation for future payments to be attached to any future legisla-

tion.” “This money will only allow us to function at the level of services we are at right now,” said County Commissioner Keith Heck. “It’s not additional money and is not intended in any way to take the place of poten-

tial levy money. These funds will not increase jail capacity, won’t buy additional patrols, it only allows us to keep functioning at this bare bones level.” Ironically, the O&C extensions that Oregon’s legislators have had to fight harder for each year have come through just before local elections on public safety levy’s, leading some voters to believe that the O&C money will always be there to bail the county

out, Heck said. “People should not be lulled into thinking this funding will continue annually,” said County Commissioner Cheryl Walker. “Keep in mind that the county used to receive \$12 million annually, and this just will not continue.”

\$4.8 million of this funding is intended for general purposes, and as it has it has for the past seven years, per county board mandate, will be utilized for public safety. Another \$482,000, comes from federally- dedicated Title Three funds, which come with criteria for specific projects, including fuels reduction, Search & Rescue and community wildlife protection.

The county also received just under \$1.5 million a few weeks ago from the Dept of Agriculture, via the Forest Service. That money went straight to the 2014 public safety budget, and will be divided among the sheriff’s office, the

DA, and Juvenile Justice, for the 2014 budget.

“This is good news for cash-strapped counties that are struggling to pay for vital county services like law enforcement and jail beds—and we are glad these critical payments are finally reaching the O&C counties, some of which are on the brink of insolvency,” said Congressman Peter Defazio. “But we need a long-term solution.”

State law enforcement officials also caution against reliance on future O&C funds for public safety, and note that as more counties are edging closer to dealing with serious budget shortages, that the additional Oregon State Police presence Josephine County has relied on these past few years will greatly diminish as many of these officers will be assigned to prop up dwindling law enforcement resources in other counties.

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LBMS Principal Rachael George recognized Gary and Joyce Seitz. Gary manages Ol’ Joe RV Campground. In autumn 2013, the park owner donated \$1,500, which was matched by the Microsoft Employee Donation Program for a total of a \$3,000 gift to the Family Advocate (FA) program at LBMS. The FA mission is to help fund student scholarships for sports, which pays for fees and physicals and helps to provide students with clothes and shoes. The donation was in honor of the dedication Gary and Joyce have given to LBMS through volunteering with sports programs and running the basketball clock.

Willa Gustavson was also feted for her many years coordinating the Start Making A Reader Today program at Evergreen. In his comments, Regal noted she began volunteering in 2006 and became coordinator in 2008. During her tenure, 534 students have been through the program, 5,906 books have been awarded to the children to keep and 7,362 hours of student and volunteer reading have occurred.

In a later interview, Jennifer Staton, assistant manager for the Jackson / Josephine counties’ SMART programs

stated: “I was happy to have the opportunity to attend the volunteer recognition. Willa has been such an important part of the SMART program, volunteering over 2,130 hours at Evergreen Elementary. She is a joy to work with and everyone at SMART appreciates her hard work and efforts!”

LBMS Athletic Director and Dean of Students Chris Jelderks read a list of the volunteer coaches which the school thanks for their service including: Football: Vincett Becker, J.V. Culbertson, Jesse Dugas, Tony Hess; Boys’ Basketball: Ryan Bruner, Tony Hess, Beau Lindsey; Girls’ Basketball: David Scott, Jesse Tree; Track: Molly Kitchens, James Nelson; Volleyball: Renee Jolley; and Wrestling: Beau Lindsey and Matt Miller. He also thanked Tony Smith for a \$1,000 donation for wrestling gear and the I.V. News for funding the lettering on the wrestling mats.

During proceedings, the board approved a \$620,000 purchase of new curriculum for the entire system. The books and materials for the current curriculum are over 14 years old. The new curriculum will be in use for the next eight years.

They also approved gradually reduc-

ing the current number of credits needed to graduate high school from 27 to 24, to match other school districts. The reason given by Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dave Valenzuela was that the extra three credits are for electives, and due to budget constraints, fewer electives are actually being offered.

During the public comment period, Dr. Christine Perala Gardiner asked the board to find more ways to incorporate fresh, local produce into cafeteria offerings. Parent Monet Talty added that her son is gluten-intolerant and more gluten-free options would be appreciated.

Other activity included passing a resolution to observe Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5 – 9. Also, Officer Cory Krauss invited the board to attend a Nexar School Safety Program demonstration being organized by the Josephine County Sheriff’s Office.

Upcoming school events through the end of the year include: Evergreen Family Super Science Night 5 to 7 p.m. April 29; and Elementary Jog-A-Thon 9 to 11 a.m. May 15.

2014 graduation times are 7 p.m. June 4 for IVHS and 6 p.m. June 10 for the LBMS Moving- On Ceremony.

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