

Dayley advances to State Geographic Bee



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

JEREMIAH DAYLEY, on the HRMS campus, enjoys U.S. geography questions most, but is preparing for global questions.

Jeremiah Dayley gained his geography chops the classic way.

"I have some atlases around the house, and I subscribe to National Geographic," said the Hood River Middle School sixth grader, who is a semifinalist in the 2015 Oregon National Geographic State Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek, March 27 in Salem.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 27th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth-through eighth-grade stu-

dents throughout the state to determine each school champion. Last month, school champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the state Bees.

"It's quite an achievement for a sixth grader," and the first time the school has had a semi-finalist, said HRMS principal

Brent Emmons. This year, 53 HRMS students participated, up from about 30 in past years.

Each state champion will receive \$100, the "National Geographic Atlas of the World, 10th Edition," a medal, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 11-13. The national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the Society. The national champion will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, to the Galápagos Islands, where he/she will experience geography firsthand through up-close encounters with the island's unique wildlife and landscapes. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Visit www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee for more information on the National Geographic Bee.

National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD will air the 2015 National Geographic Bee

Championship final round, moderated by award-winning journalist Soledad O'Brien, on Friday, May 15, at 8 p.m. ET. The final round will be aired later on public television stations. Check local television listings for air date and time in your area.

How would you fare as a Bee contestant? At the school Bees this year, students had to answer such questions as:

Balboa Park, with more than ten museums, performing arts centers, and gardens, is located in which southern California city?

San Diego
Taylor Swift performed songs from her album Red last summer in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of which Asian country that borders the South China Sea?

Malaysia
Disney's blockbuster movie Frozen is set in the fictional land of Arendelle, which was largely inspired by the country of Norway. Norway is located on which European peninsula?

Scandinavian Peninsula

This Week at HRVHS

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| Monday, March 9 | Ski team awards, 6 p.m. @ Cafeteria | Friday, March 13 | "The Madwoman of Chailot" (winter play), 7 p.m. @ Bowe Theatre |
| Tuesday, March 10 | National Honor Society induction, 7:30 pm @Bowe Theatre | Saturday, March 14 | Learn by Doing Track Clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. @ HRVHS
Fashion Club Meeting, 10 a.m. @ Room B-2
"The Madwoman of Chailot" (winter play), 7 p.m. @ Bowe Theatre |
| Wednesday, March 11 | Wrestling team awards, 5 p.m. @ Cafeteria | Sunday, March 15 | No activities scheduled
All games and activities (home and away) can be found at www.HRVHS.com |
| Thursday, March 12 | Choir performance, 12:15 p.m. @HRMS
Smarter Balance Information Night, 6 p.m. @ Bowe Theatre
HRV football meeting, 7 p.m. @ Room H-15 | | |

Page contest coming to an end at library

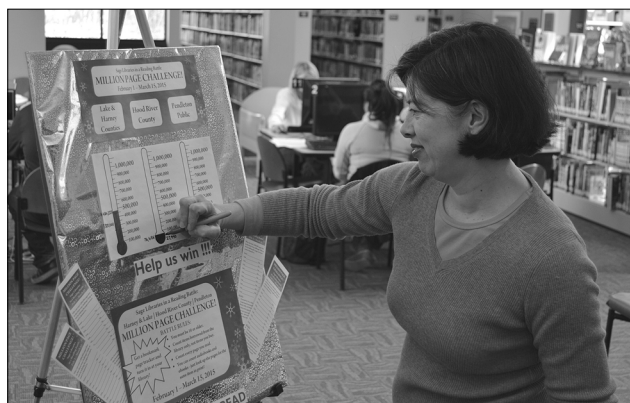


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MICHELE DEARING, Collection Department Specialist, updates the Million Page Challenge board.

Michele Dearing, Collection Development Specialist for the Hood River County Library District, updated the Million Page Challenge board at the Hood River Library Thursday afternoon. And we've got sad news, Hood River County — we're in last place.

The Hood River Library District was challenged by the Pendleton Public Library and a combined team of the Harney and Lake County libraries to a three-way race to see which library's patrons can reach one million pages first. The contest started Feb. 1.

As of Thursday, Hood River County has read 76,486 pages,

putting us in last. Pendleton is in second with 171,296 and Harney/Lake in first with 484,223.

Books, audiobooks, newspapers and magazines all count in the contest. The catch: They must be read or checked out from the library, and participants must be 16 years or older to qualify.

Assistant Library Director Rachel Fox said patrons are encouraged to fill out their Million Page Challenge bookmarks (or write the number of pages read on any sheet of paper) and regularly turn them in for tabulation to any county library branch. The contest ends March 15.

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Hood River artist Lindberg taught a bookmaking class in the cafeteria, where students used visual imagery — and watercolors — to express their thoughts and feelings. Every day the students would journal about the previous day's experiences.

Joining Lindberg in the cafeteria-turned-art-studio was Pam Springer of High Prairie, Wash., whose students molded clay into birdhouses. Charlene Fort, of Hood River, and Stephanie Johnston, of The Dalles, brought their glassmaking experience to the school's library, helping students make colorful designs on glass

tiles. Tim Snyder, owner of Underground Music Station in downtown Hood River, turned the Old Gym stage into a music room with a bucket drumming class.

And those are only four of the week's offerings.

In the past, Mid Valley participated in an Artists in Residence program, but that would involve only one grade at a time. With Arts Week, all students are engaged all week. And even though they chose different classes (students identify their top three choices from the list and are placed accordingly), they are seeing what their classmates are doing, too.

"There's an exchange with the kids, I did this, I did that," McCauley said. "They're getting the rest of the experience."

Art Week classes run an



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DANIELA GARCIA works carefully to create a sunflower motif on her glass tile Thursday during her Art Week class, taught by Charlene Fort and Stephanie Johnston, two Gorge-area glass artists.

hour and a half daily, with school staff running additional classes to round out the program. Staff purposely chooses

a wide variety of activities for the students to pick from so everyone can find something that interests them.



PHENIX CARTON, Brycen Lauritsen, Oscar Zarate and Kyah Ferrel create one-of-a-kind custom birdhouses during their clay art class with Pam Springer, a Washington artist who resides in High Prairie.

CGCC

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The combined savings of the three approaches is estimated at just under \$1 million for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

"The college will align operations to existing resources, while continuing to provide the high-quality educational services the community has come to expect," Toda said.

He noted that community college enrollment is down across Oregon due to improvements in the state's economy.

"The Columbia Gorge has not been immune from this common trend," he said. "Community colleges indisputably foster economic growth. In doing so, we are now, to some degree, victims of our own success."

Statewide enrollment is down approximately 20 percent from the height of the (2008-11) recession."

Revenue forecasts for the coming year anticipate flat tuition, level enrollment, a "less than adequate" in-

crease to \$535 million for the state-wide Community College Support Fund and a slight increase in property tax receipts, Toda said.

The college is working on next year's budget, which will be considered first by the Columbia Gorge Community College Board of Education budget committee and then by the board itself. Positions are currently open on the budget committee, and the board is seeking applicants from Wasco and

Hood River counties: Interested people can send a letter of interest with qualifications and contact information to Tiffany Prince, assistant to the president and CGCC board, at 400 East Scenic Dr., The Dalles, OR 97058. Deadline for consideration is March 13. Oregon law requires the college adopt a balanced budget, and a variety of cost-cutting scenarios will be considered during the upcoming budget process.

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