

Elks honor 'Students of the Year'

The 19th annual Elks Student of the Year ceremony was held in the Elks Lodge ballroom on the evening of May 31. Les Perkins, local businessman and County Commissioner, was the guest speaker. He talked about the value of community service and how the benefits of helping others within the community are long lasting and beneficial in many different ways.

This year's winners were Caitlyn Fick and Madison Graham, first place, receiving \$1000 each. Diana Lachino and Scottie Zeigner, second, received \$600 each and Ibetta Sanchez and Jessie Carr, third, received \$400 each. The other monthly winners were Anneke Virk, Mason McDowell, Christina Garcia, Megumi Hosaka, Annelise Acosta, Joy Bell, Lucy McLean, Breanna Weekly, Kylie Webb, Nancy Funez, Hannah Berry and Stanley Ocheskey.

"I would like to especially thank Linda Sanders for her help with the Student of the Month program," said George Johnson, chairman. "She has done a great deal to help this program over many years and I could not have gotten it done without her help. She has tireless energy and thankfully finds time to help with this program."

"I would like to thank ER John Buckley, Trustees Bear Trotebas and Wes Hadley, esquire Jean Hadley, secretary Bill Cross, Loyal Knight Gordon Leigh and PER Mike Frahm for their support, help and attendance at the dinner. Thanks also to Gary Griffith and Chef John for their help in the kitchen. My many thanks to Gordon Leigh for taking pictures; he does an outstanding job behind the camera."

Johnson continued, "This year's students, like past years, are an outstanding group of young people. They have a career path outlined and are prepared for their next journey. We wish them well and thank them for what



FIRST PRIZE WINNERS in this year's Elks Students of the Year ceremony were Caitlyn Fick, left, and Madison Graham. The two won \$1000 scholarships.



MONTHLY WINNERS gathered at the Elks Lodge May 31 for the ceremony. From left, top, Madison Graham, Scottie Zeigner and Stanley Ocheskey; Caitlyn Fick, Lucy McLean and Jessie Carr; Anneke Virk, Nancy Funez, Kylie Webb and Hannah Berry; and Joy Bell, Annelise Acosta and Ibetta Sanchez. Not pictured are Diana Lachino, Christina Garcia, Mason McDowell, Breanna Weekly and Megumi Hosaka.

they have done in the community."

Johnson thanks all members who contribute to the program and those who play in and support the annual golf tournament,

whether as a member of a team or through sponsorship. He also thanks Meadow Outdoor for their donated use of the billboard through the month of July that honors the winners.

"You allow us to recognize and honor these fine young students each year, and without your support, the programs would not survive," Johnson said. "Thank you."

HRCSD announces spelling winners

Each year, the Hood River County School District conducts a spelling contest. The winner of each school then participates in the district level spelling contest, which was held on Friday, May 29. The finalists are:

Division I: K-5 Grade
1st Place, Sean Counihan, May Street Elementary School, 5th grade

2nd Place, Jacob Kaplan, Westside Elementary School, 5th grade

Division II: 6-8 Grade
1st Place, Jane Filiault, Hood River Middle School, 8th grade

2nd Place, Kelsey Stewart, Wy'east Middle School, 8th Grade

Division III: 9-12 Grade
1st Place, Natasha Needham, Hood River Valley High School, 11th grade

All first place winners are eligible to compete in the state spelling contest on September 5, 2015. The state contest will be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds during the Oregon State Fair.

The first place winners of

each school that participated in the district spelling contest are:

Division I: K-5 Grade
Bradly Lopez, Cascade Locks School, 5th grade

Sean Counihan, May Street Elementary School, 5th grade

Stephanie Reyes, Mid Valley Elementary School, 5th grade

Hailey Stuben, Parkdale Elementary School, 4rd grade

Jacob Kaplan, Westside Elementary School, 5th grade

Division II: 6-8 Grade
Jane Filiault, Hood River Middle School, 8th grade

Kelsey Stewart, Wy'east Middle School, 8th Grade - Tied for 1st Place

Nicholas Lawrence, Wy'east Middle School, 8th Grade - Tied for 1st Place

Division III: 9-12 Grade
Natasha Needham, Hood River Valley High School, 11th grade, 1st Place

Cleo Koerner, Hood River Valley High School, 12th grade, 2nd Place

Workshops set for bird and pollinator habitats

Learn to create habitat around your home at the Hood River Watershed Group's upcoming Backyard Habitat Workshop on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

While touring local backyards, native plant cultivator and nursery operator Drew Merritt, wildlife biologist and gardener Cathy Flick, landscape architect Jurgen Hess, and gardener Sheila Ford Richmond will cover techniques for creating habitat on-the-ground, managing water on your property, and the benefits of backyard habitat for both landowners and birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.

Space is limited, so register today with Hood River Community Education at www.hoodriver.k12.or.us/coe or by calling 541-386-2055. Class cost is \$15 and includes copies of "Landscaping with Natives: Columbia Gorge", "Fire-resistant Plants for Home Landscapes," and more.

For more information, contact Megan Saunders at megan@hoodriverswcd.org or 541-386-6063.

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Corrections

The June 6 edition of the Hood River News gave incorrect information on admission to The History Museum of Hood River County. The admission fee is \$5 for adults; members, active military, and children 10 and below are free.

The Hood River News strives for accuracy at all times. If we make a factual error, we welcome readers to let us know about it by calling the news department at 386-1234.

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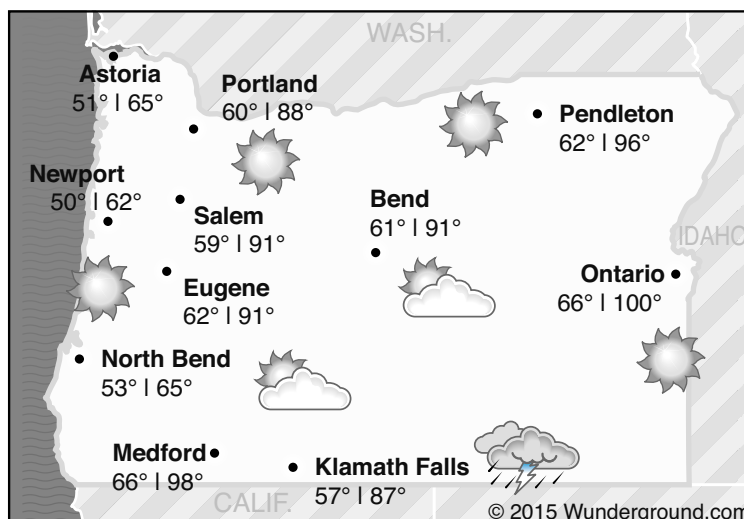
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Date	Forecast	Daytime / Overnight High / Low (°F)
Today June 10	Sunny	83° / 58°
Thurs. June 11	Sunny	88° / 59°
Fri. June 12	Sunny	81° / 55°
Sat. June 13	Sunny	86° / 58°
Sun. June 14	Sunny	87° / 57°
Mon. June 15	Sunny	78° / 56°
Tues. June 16	Sunny	78° / 54°

Oregon Weather Map



This week's Forecast

Sunny, with a high near 80. West wind 9 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.

Humidity 69%
Wind Speed NNE 1 G 3 MPH
Barometer NA
Dewpoint 59°F (15°C)
Visibility NA
Last update 08 Jun 8:00 am PDT

Actual High / Low

AGRIMET HOOD RIVER OR
Lat: 45.6842 Long: -121.5181 Elev: 510
<http://uspest.org>

June 1 - 70/57
June 2 - 65/54
June 3 - 68/54
June 4 - 77/48
June 5 - 88/51
June 6 - 90/55
June 7 - 92/58

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