



Anna Reeves, 14, of Spokane wins a confidence building exercise called the biggest beak where participants try to steal a piece of masking tape off of another's nose Tuesday at the BAAD Tournament in Mission.

BAAD: Had players discuss their goals, fears

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reservation, become a doctor, then come back and help his people. The Gates scholarship allowed him to go to medical school, but after two years and feeling suicidal, he told his mother he wanted to rap for a living. She supported him, he said, and now he is living his dream. Waln and Winder had players pair up with someone from a different team, and each had to tell the other person three life goals. The partners then introduced each other to the group and shared those goals out loud. Gracie wants to be a zoologist. Paige hopes to play in the Women's National Basketball Association, as did several others. Tonya wants to be a writer.

Then the players had to talk about fears and challenges they may face in achieving their dreams. Winder, who is from the South Ute Reservation, Colorado, said she lost a close friend to suicide, so she deals with not always being there for people who may need her. And she also said she fears the unknown. "I'm always just afraid of the bottom falling out when things are going good," she said. Players then talked about their fears. Many admitted they were scared of not being good enough or smart enough. Winder said only through admitting and naming their fears could they hope to overcome them. "Don't let anyone tell you (that) you can't do what you want to do," she said. The presenters also treat-

ed the players to short performances. Waln rapped a cappella, and Winder let rip with her poetry. Jabber Davis, 43, is a father and coaches one of the teams in the tournament. He said he watched who paid attention to Waln and Winder and who seemed to be there because they had to be. He said some of the youth would benefit from this, while he was not so sure of others. Positive messages like these matter, he said, and he hoped it has positive effects. As American Indians, Waln and Winder said they seek to motivate and invigorate the younger generations. "I think of it like we're here to ignite little fire everywhere we go," Winder said. And with the right fuel, those sparks may turn into blazes.

FILM: Crew will make documentary out of camp footage

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Over the course of the camp, the camp attendees also got the chance to act, make stop motion movies, provide narration for a scene and make movie set dioramas. Bonnie Day, the center's outreach coordinator, said the idea was conceived in collaboration response to the Pendleton Real West film festival. As a part of the camp, the students not only participated in the process of movie making but were also the subject of a movie. The center enlisted class instructor Katie Pearce and Pendleton High School film club members Theron Hern and Will Sitz to make a short documentary about the camp. The trio filmed hours of footage with the intention of trimming it down to two to three minutes while also adding an original score. Pearce, who has done previous video work with the center's Rock & Roll Camp,



Analie Carnes grimaces as Cassidy Ann Naughton fake pulls her hair during this week's Lights! Camera! Action! Film Camp at the Pendleton Center for the Arts. Actor/instructors Jessica Moran and Austin Larsen stand by to give suggestions.

said the film participants are eager subjects compared to their teen counterparts. She hoped that once the campers were exposed to the film-making process, they may start using free software like iMovie or Windows Movie Maker to make their own films.

Deep into the second day, many of the campers said they enjoyed the breadth of subjects they were opened to. Kimberly Peck, 11, said the camp opened her eyes on all the factors that go into making a movie. "There's just so many ways to do it," she said.

PARKS: Council approved an inter-fund loan of \$115K to pay for restrooms, parking, improvements

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But Smith said the problem was happening now, and with warm spring weather increasing people would probably be spending even more time at parks over the next 30 days. In the end the council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance and make it effective immediately. In other business the council also passed several budget adjustments. Smith told the council that some actions, like declaring an inter-fund loan, now call for a resolution after the council adopted a new inter-fund loan policy to increase transparency. The council publicly approved an inter-fund loan of \$115,000 from the general fund to the reserve fund to pay for restrooms, parking and other improvements

at Victory Square Park. It also created accounts in the reserve fund to put away money for utility rate stabilization, a skate park and to move the entrance to Public Works from Northwest Fourth Street to Elm Street to accommodate the expansion of Sunset Park. Other adjustments made in the supplemental budget included accepting the \$2 million grant for a new senior center, the inter-fund loan to pay for the new water slide at the pool, and adjustments to various departmental funds to account for unexpected personnel costs, maintenance, etc. "In here lies some of the things we have worked the longest on and they're finally getting funded," councilor Jackie Myers said before the council approved the package of resolutions. On Monday the council

also approved two annexations. The first was for an empty 0.16-acre lot at 1855 N.E. Second St., where owners Clyde and Betty Noble would like to pay to connect the property to the city sewer line. The second was annexation of 20 acres of property off East Airport Road that the city purchased as part of the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center project, and the re-zoning of the property from Future Mixed Commercial/Industrial to Commercial. City planning director Clint Spencer said the city held the public hearing on the matter in 2014 but had to wait on Umatilla County to co-adopt the changes. Contact Jade McDowell at jmcowell@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4536.

SCHOOL: Lawmakers drew extra \$20M for the fund from \$60M not yet allocated in Oregon budget

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But it is less than the \$7.5 billion some administrators say is needed to maintain programs, or the \$7.85 billion some advocates testified for earlier this month. A slight addition Meeting with reporters before the vote, House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, said that lawmakers drew the extra \$20 million for the fund from \$60 million not yet allocated for programs such as early childhood education, high school and college completion, and school-to-work programs. Of the \$20 million, \$5 million will go into the formula among schools, \$12.5 million for programs for English learners, and \$2.5 million for students to qualify for free lunches instead of reduced-price lunches under a federal program. She and Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, say the early vote will assure schools of a minimum amount. "When they start their

budget deliberations in April, they will know we have guaranteed a floor that maintains the investment we made this biennium," Kotek said. "We feel certain this is what districts deserve." At the same time, Kotek said, "we know this is not a game-changing budget" that moves schools toward reduced class sizes and other initiatives. Courtney got testy at times when he talked about other state services that have yet to be funded in agency budgets. "We still are going to lock some people up," Courtney said. "We still need the state police more than ever, especially in some counties with no law enforcement. We've got human resource programs that take care of the most vulnerable people in our society, many of whom are children also struggling with school." Possibility of more As a concession, the school-aid budget will contain a trigger that earmarks for school aid 40 percent of

any additional tax collections projected for 2015-17 in the next economic and revenue forecast, which is due May 14. Buckley said last week no other large budgets are likely to emerge from committee until after that forecast. The most recent forecast projects a "kicker" refund of almost \$350 million for the current cycle, but that determination will be made in the Sept. 1 forecast after the cycle ends. If there is a "kicker," the money will be credited against 2015 individuals' taxes due in April 2016. The current estimate is about 5 percent of tax liability, which would make it one of the smallest since the 1979 law that created it. Excess amounts from corporate income taxes go into the state school fund as a result of a ballot measure that voters approved in 2012. View complete spreadsheet here The Capital Bureau is a collaboration between EO Media Group and Pamplin Media Group.

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