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2017 CRYSTAL APPLE AWARDS



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Physical education instructor Justin Funderburk jogs with a group of second-graders at Athena Elementary School on Monday in Athena. Funderburk and the rest of the 2017 Crystal Apple winners listed on Page 8A.

They call him Mr. Fun

P.E. teacher recognized as exemplary educator

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

To make it easier for his younger students to pronounce his name, Justin Funderburk allows kids to call him Mr. Fun.

"I try to keep it fun, but I'm not sure I always live up to that," he said.

Whether fun or not, Funderburk was recently recognized for something else by his peers and superiors — an exemplary teacher.

A K-8 physical education teacher for Athena Elementary School and Weston Middle School, Funderburk was one of several recipients of the 2017 Crystal Apple Awards at a ceremony at the

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Physical Education instructor Justin Funderburk oversees a class of second-graders playing tunnel tag on Monday at Athena Elementary School in Athena.

PENDLETON

Horses, dogs take stage at Cattle Barons

Auction part of events to raise scholarship money

By GEORGE PLAVERN
East Oregonian

Dan Roeser rode Sanjo Gold calmly and confidently into the Pendleton Round-Up Pavilion Saturday, ready to show what the 7-year-old palomino gelding was capable of doing.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

A cowboy shows off a horse during the Western Select Invitational Working Horse & Dog Sale during Cattle Barons Weekend at the Pendleton Convention Center.

It was several hours before the Western Select Horse and Working Dog Sale would begin inside the Pendleton Convention Center — part of the annual Cattle Barons Weekend — and ranchers huddled inside the pavilion for a preview of the animals in action. Some scrawled notes in their programs as the horses ran alongside steers for a live roping demonstration.

Roeser, who runs Roeser

Ranch in Marsing, Idaho, has been training horses for 40 years and taught a number of local cowboys the finer points of horsemanship. He regularly attends Cattle Barons Weekend, now in its 10th year, which helps raise scholarships for local students looking to pursue a career in agriculture.

Along with Sanjo Gold, Roeser also brought a second

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Students awarded scholarships

As part of Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend, a number of local students received college scholarships to pursue a career in agriculture or animal sciences.

Scholarship award winners included:

- Lucas Oil Protect the Harvest scholarship (\$1,500) — Kolby Currin, 18, Heppner High School
- Pendleton Cattle Barons scholarship (\$1,500)
 - Kolby Currin, 18, Heppner High School
 - Makenzi Hughes, 19, BMCC
 - Brady Cope, 18, BMCC
 - Terrel Platt, 20, Colorado State University (from Pilot Rock)
 - Tanna Osmin, 17, Hermiston High School
 - Wyatt Paschal, 17, Hermiston High School
 - Eric Nelson, 20, BMCC

Cascadia summit helps area leaders prep for disaster

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

When the Cascadia earthquake devastates the Pacific Northwest, the government has a plan. The question is where Eastern Oregon communities will fit in.

"Are we going to be the responders or the victims?" Irrigon city manager Aaron Palmquist asked.

Palmquist was one of the city leaders, educators, first responders, religious leaders, health care professionals, business owners and others who gathered in Pendleton on Friday for a Cascadia preparedness summit to discuss that very question. After listening to speakers from state and federal agencies, break-out groups met to discuss what steps their organizations could take to increase emergency preparedness.

Some of those plans can be put through a trial run in August, when as many as a million people are expected to flock to Oregon to experience a total solar eclipse on Aug. 21.

The flood of people who will descend on small Eastern Oregon cities then will in some ways mimic the refugees from the west side of the state who will flood into the same areas after Cascadia, overwhelming resources like hotels and gas stations. Communities and businesses are encouraged to use the lessons learned from the eclipse to strengthen their ability to respond to refugees from

Cascadia. "We're treating the eclipse like a disaster, and activating the emergency coordination center as an exercise," Oregon Office of Emergency Management director Andrew Phelps said.



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Phelps

The picture Phelps and other speakers painted of Cascadia's aftermath is one where Eastern Oregon may escape much of the bridge-collapsing, building-demolishing physical power of Cascadia but will still be without services such as electricity, cell phone service, landlines, internet connections, banking and fuel for weeks that will in many cases stretch into months.

In those conditions, it will take a while for government resources such as food and medicine to reach communities, and the priority will be sending those resources farther west to the areas of destruction. That means Eastern Oregon families should make it a goal to build up supplies to be able to shelter in place for two weeks without assistance, and then possibly to help neighbors who can't afford to build up that kind of resource. For those who want to be prepared but don't have the financial resources to stockpile food and water, Phelps encouraged them to learn survival skills like first aid so they can contribute in other ways during a disaster.

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— Andrew Phelps, Office of Emergency Management director

"You are all the first

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TIME TO VOTE

Tuesday is the last day to vote in the May 2017 election. Ballots are due at 8 p.m. at one of the following locations:

- Courthouse Room 18, Basement, 216 SE 4th St. (opens at 7 a.m.) or at the curbside box
- Hermiston City Hall, 180 NE 2nd St.
- Milton-Freewater City Hall and police station, 722 S Main Milton-Freewater
- Nixy'aawii Governance Center, 46411 Ti'Mine Way, Pendleton
- Umatilla City Hall, located at the back alleyway entrance 700 6th St.
- Stanfield City Hall, located at the front entrance 106 S. Main St.
- Pilot Rock City Hall, located at the front entrance 144 N Alder Pl.
- Athena City Hall, located at the front entrance 302 E Currant St.

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