

Heppner FFA fares well at state

The Heppner FFA Chapter found lots of success during the Oregon FFA State Convention, held in Redmond.

Fifteen members participated in many sessions that recognize members' accomplishments. Coby Dougherty and Beau Wolters earned the Oregon FFA State Degree, the highest honor at the state level. In addition, Dougherty was a finalist in the state for the Star in Ag Placement Award.

In addition, FFA advisor Beth Dickinson said Alex Lindsay was a candidate for an Oregon FFA State officer. He participated in many interviews and problem-solving situations.

"We are all very proud of the way he represented himself, our chapter and community," Dickinson said.

Participants must win at the district level to advance to state for proficiency awards. Lindsay won the Blue Mountain FFA District Outdoor Recreation and the Grain Production Placement; and the Wildlife Management winner was Ethan Akers — with Akers' application moving on to the national level.

Kenneth Troxell, Keegan Gibbs, Matt Orem and Justin McAninch competed in the Farm Business, Management Career Development Event. Also, McAninch and Troxell competed in Manufacturing Art.

Suzy Cason, Charles

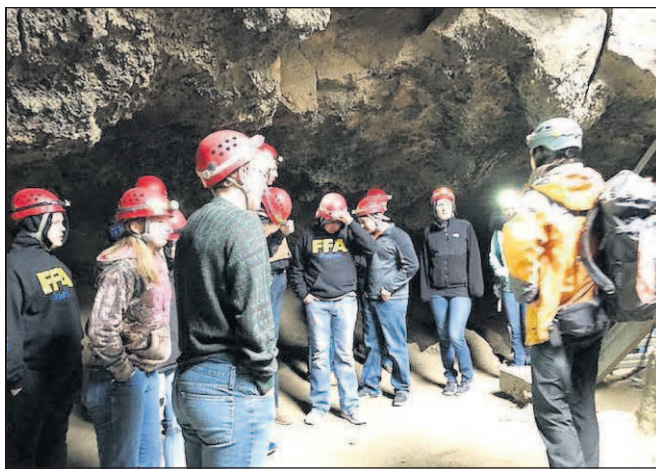


Photo contributed by Beth Dickenson
Heppner FFA Chapter members participate in a spelunking activity in Bend during a trip to the Oregon FFA State Convention in Redmond.



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FFA Chapter members pose for a photo with the National FFA vice president while at the Oregon FFA State Convention in Redmond.

Cason, Tiffany Akers, Roy Collins and Sage Ferguson competed in various areas of Photography. Ferguson placed first for the Wilco Gift Card competition, receiving a \$250 gift card

as well as having her picture on gift cards for the store. In other areas, Cason (second) and Ferguson (second) won banners for their photos and Akers won a second place banner for her

beaded artwork of the FFA emblem.

Orem competed in Animal Systems for Agriscience with a project on heifers, selective breeding and EPDs from various bulls. As the state winner, he has the opportunity to compete at the national convention in the fall.

Chapter officers competed at the district level and all were able to move on to the state level to compete. Historian Suzy Cason created a digital scrapbook that placed second at districts and earned a bronze award at convention. Tyler Carter, the reporter, created the chapter scrapbook and won second at districts and a silver at state. Treasurer Jaiden Mahoney was responsible for organizing the treasurer's book, earning second at districts and a silver at state. Chapter Secretary Jacee Currin was responsible for creating the secretary's book, receiving second at districts and gold at state.

Lindsay, Wolters, Ethan and Tiffany Akers, Tresslyn McCurry, Mahoney, Gibbs, Currin and Gibson McCurry created the National Chapter application. Heppner FFA was selected as a Gold Chapter that will compete at the national level and is in the top nine chapters in the state.

For more information about Heppner's FFA program, contact Dickinson at elizabeth.dickenson@morrow.k12.or.us.



Photo contributed by Roy Jones
Rich Scheele receives an award from Cay-Uma-Wa Club president Karen Malcolm after placing first in the March 21 Cay-Uma-Wa and Pendleton Toastmasters clubs' combined International Speech Contest.

Toastmasters members speak out

A pair of local Toastmasters International members will participate in this weekend's Toastmasters E2 contest.

Rich Scheele, who placed first, and Mary Halfmoon, who came in second, during the Cay-Uma-Wa and Pendleton Toastmasters clubs' combined International Speech Contest, earned the right to advance to the competition. It is Saturday at 1 p.m. in Room 134 at

the Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center/Blue Mountain Community College in Hermiston. Rounding out the top three, Roy Jones placed third during the March 21 event.

Toastmasters focuses on assisting people in the development of leadership and public speaking skills. For more information, including where to find local clubs, visit www.toastmasters.org.

Virtual school attends paint party

Several students who attend the statewide online public charter school, Oregon Connections Academy, and their parents recently participated in a creative and educational field trip to Jeny's Heart With Art in Pendleton.

During the April 12 Paint Party in Pendleton, artist Jeny Stone provided participants with step-by-step instructions so they could try their hand at a fun spring painting project. Students learned how to paint on a canvas using basic shapes with different brush sizes, different strokes and different colors.

Oregon's largest virtual public charter school, ORCA hosts dozens of field trips each year across the state. The tuition-free school offers students the flexibility to learn at home with a curriculum that



Photo contributed by Oregon Connections Academy

Lance Quigg and other students who attend Oregon Connections Academy, an online public charter school, participate in an April 12 field trip to Jeny's Heart With Art in Pendleton.

meets rigorous state education standards. Instruction is provided from state-certified teachers experienced in online instruction, as well as support from trained counselors, principals and administrative staff.

For more information, visit www.connectionsacademy.com/oregon-online-school.

Special Olympics celebrates 2017 sports season

Athletes, volunteers and fans involved with Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 recently celebrated the 2017 sports season.

The April 10 event, held at The Arc Building in Hermiston, included the presentation of awards announced by communications manager Kristi Smalley. Those recognized included Justin Winter (Male Athlete of the Year) who always maintains good sportsmanship and a positive attitude; Jennifer Williams (Female Athlete of the Year), with more than 10 years of participation, she consistently shows support for her fellow athletes; Jessica Sexton (Volunteer of the Year) has helped coach three different sports and stepped up last year as the first Unified Partner in Bocce; Winnie Burnett (Coach of the Year) is the head coach for the track and field program based in Pendleton; Boardman Pool and Recreation Center (Business of the Year), who allowed Special Olympics athletes to train for powerlifting this past winter and this fall will support an aquatics program; and Dalton Schneider (Youth Volunteer Award), who was recognized for his commitment in supporting the athletes, including by utilizing his photography skills.

Special Olympics provides year-around training and athletic competitions for people of all ages with intellectual disabilities. There is no charge to participate.

The current sports season offers training in track and field, Bocce and golf. If interested in participating as an athlete or volunteer, call Angela Schneider at 541-314-0166.



Photo contributed by Kristi Smalley
Boardman Pool and Recreation Center facility director Scott Green, second from right, accepts the Business of the Year award from Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 athletes (back) Jonathan Kinsel, Daniel Tucker, Lyall Arey, (front) Jillian Smalley, Jennifer Williams, Misty Larsen and Mary Jones.



Photo contributed by Kristi Smalley
Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 presented awards to celebrate the 2017 sports season. Those recognized include Jessica Sexton, Winnie Burnett, Jennifer Williams, Justin Winter, Misty Larsen (accepting on behalf of the Boardman Pool and Recreational Center) and Kristi Smalley (holding Dalton Schneider's award).

THANK YOU

Positive article well received

Thanks for the front page article in the April 13 paper (Dysfunctional body can't cage indomitable spirit of Irrigon man.) We need to hear more positive things about our local people.

Bravo Jose Adan Guardado, grandparents, and friend Laurie Ellis. You're all wonderful Oregonians.

I think I need a T-shirt.

Pam Chatley
Pendleton

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

APRIL 12, 2018

CORREA — Rebecca Correa and Mitchell Correa of Echo: a girl, Emersyn Estephana Correa.

APRIL 14, 2018

BARNES — Rebekah J. Holton and Austen M. Barnes of Pendleton: a girl, Audrielle LeeAnn Barnes.

APRIL 16, 2018

DRAKE — Tiffany Crawley and Travis Drake of Pendleton: a boy, Dameon Allen Drake.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

APRIL 11, 2018

AYALA — Selena M. Longoria and Juan L. Ayala of Hermiston: a boy, Adriel Ricardo Ayala.



Photo contributed by Michele Madril
Employees from the Pendleton School District participated in the PSD Wellness Walk April 14 at Community Park.

Wellness Walk steps out for spring fun

A beautiful spring day was enjoyed by Pendleton School District employees as they participated in the PSD Wellness Walk.

The April 14 event, held at Community Park

in Pendleton, included about 50 employees, who strolled around for more than an hour. Maria Davis, secretary of the PSD Celebrations Committee, helps in planning staff-wide activities. She partnered

with the American Heart Association for the event.

"Superintendent Chris Fritsch wants our district to be healthy and to model a healthy lifestyle for our students with events like this," Davis said.



Pet of the Week

Olivia is a 7 year old long-haired tabby who loves other cats and doesn't mind other dogs. Olivia loves being brushed and praised like the queen she is! Come meet this sweet girl at PAWS! She comes spayed, up to date on vaccines, and loaded with many more years of love to give.



Olivia

202 Pets Adopted in 2018!

Visit Olivia at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws
Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm
517 SE 3rd ST, Pendleton
541-276-0181
Check out the PAWSABILITY Thrift Store

Pendleton Book Co.
125 S. Main St.,
Pendleton
541-276-9292