

PHS student gets congressional nomination to military academy

Walden selects 10 Oregon students

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A Pendleton High student and nine other Oregon seniors received the nomination of Rep. Greg Walden for acceptance into U.S. service academies.

Kirk Liscom plans to enter the United States Naval Academy in the fall.

Liscom played linebacker and fullback on the PHS football team for four years. He has wrestled for three years and serves as president of the senior class.

Liscom has been eyeing a military career for a while now.

"I think it's a great thing to serve your country," he said. "It's a noble job. Going to the naval academy, I'll not only get a great education, but will have a chance to give back."

The senior got a taste of academy life last summer when he attended a summer seminar at the campus in Annapolis, Maryland. He and other students toured the campus, participated in physical fitness activities and sat in on classes.

Liscom said he will follow the legacy of other family members who served, including his grandfather who was a Marine. He also credited PHS football and wrestling coach Wesley Armstrong, a veteran, for inspiring him to consider a military career.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Kirk Liscom, a senior at Pendleton High School, is one of 10 Oregon students nominated by Rep. Greg Walden for acceptance at one of the country's military academies.

Other students recommended by Walden include Clay Keller, Baker City; Jackson Clough, Benjamin Roberts and Levi Schwarz, Bend; and Dana Jung, Medford and Brandon VanMeter, and Nolan Britton, Klamath Falls.

The 10 students were recommended to Walden by his Service Academy Nomination Board, composed of retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Paula Brown; Col. Jeff Smith, Oregon Air

National Guard; Lt. Col. Travis Lee, Oregon Army National Guard; Retired U.S. Navy Commander John Howard, and retired U.S. Army Lt. Col Kirk Mickelsen.

A congressional nomination is not a guaranteed ticket to acceptance by a service academy, but Liscom was thrilled to receive notice he had gotten nominated.

"I don't even know how to describe how excited I was," he said.

U.S. academies include the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Only the U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a congressional nomination for appointment. Although the tuition is covered by taxpayers, academy graduates must commit to five years active duty after graduation, plus three more years in the reserves.

Man falls into Milton-Freewater dump



Photo contributed by East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District

Emergency workers and others helped a man Saturday after he fell into the dump near Milton-Freewater. The East Umatilla County Rural Fire Protection District reported the 59-year-old man lost his footing around 10:30 a.m. at the open dump at Humbert Refuse and Recycling, 54841 Highway 332, Milton-Freewater. "He fell several stories from his truck to the bottom of the dump," according to the statement from the fire district. "Several medics, firefighters and a couple of civilians came to the aid and moved the person." The district also reported the man was conscious the whole time, and a helicopter ambulance flew him to an area hospital.

BRIEFLY

Trailer explosion displaces Stanfield residents

Two adults escaped from a trailer in Stanfield that caught fire on Saturday afternoon.

Michael Gregorio Bermejo and Elai Borstad, both 25, were inside the RV trailer at Stanfield RV Park, on 355 S. Main St., Stanfield, when the vehicle caught on fire. They escaped by breaking a trailer window, and both suffered critical burns and injuries.

Both were flown to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland. Both remain in the hospital, in serious but stable condition. Two puppies were also found in the trailer, and appeared unhurt.

Officers have still not identified a cause, but collected evidence inside the trailer which will be forwarded to the state crime lab for testing. Stanfield police Chief Bryon Zumwalt said there was no foul play suspected "by anyone who wasn't in the trailer at the time." He said the trailer could potentially be used, but he would consider it totaled. He said there wasn't extensive fire damage, but the explosion created a mess.

Stanfield police are continuing to investigate the issue, and were assisted by Hermiston Police Department, Umatilla County Fire District and the Umatilla County District Attorney's office.

Bird club plans potluck, photographer's presentation

PENDLETON — Local photographer Debbie McIntosh will present an expose on the "Amazing Birds of Galapagos Islands" during the upcoming Pendleton Bird Club meeting.

The public is invited to attend Thursday at 6:30 p.m., beginning with a potluck dinner, at the First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton. Those attending may bring a dish to share. McIntosh's presentation starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Lorna Waltz at lornawaltz@gmail.com.

Forum seeks public's input on school funding

PENDLETON — The Oregon School Boards

Association hosts a forum Thursday night in Pendleton on stable funding for Oregon schools.

The association in a written announcement stated members of the audience will be able to ask questions and offer their preferences when it comes to how the Legislature should prioritize the needs for increased school funding. The association also will invite attendees to be part of its ongoing campaign, Oregonians for Student Success.

The forum is 7-9 p.m. at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton, and will start with a 14-minute video the Oregon School Boards Association produced on the issues facing the Legislature. You can view that video here: <http://bit.ly/osbalisten>.

Local school board members also will attend, including Joshua Goller from the Hermiston School District, Dave Krumbien with the Pendleton School District and Scott Rogers with the Athena-Weston School District.

Coalition seeks volunteers to count homeless population

PENDLETON — The Home 4 Hope Coalition is seeking volunteers to count the local homeless population.

Anyone interested in helping with the point-in-time count needs to sign up at tiny.cc/pitcountsurveyor and go through an orientation.

Home 4 Hope also has scheduled orientations for count volunteers at offices of CAPECO, the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon:

Tuesday
10-11 a.m. at CAPECO in Pendleton, 721 S.E. Third St., Suite D
2-3 p.m. at CAPECO in Hermiston, 1565 N. First St., Suite 1

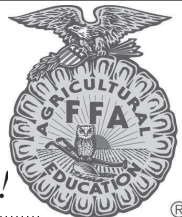
Wednesday, Jan. 16
10-11 a.m. at the Pendleton offices
2-3 p.m. at the Hermiston offices

Tuesday, Jan. 29
10-11 a.m. at the Pendleton offices

If the schedule does not work for you, please contact Home 4 Hope at home4hopecommunity@gmail.com. For more information, visit home4-hope.weebly.com/

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Mom & Baby Support Group



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This support group is Free and specifically geared toward Moms and Caregivers.

We provide Free snacks, support, breastfeeding help and baby weigh ins.



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