



Staff photo by Jessica Pollard
Skyhawks STEM Sports Camp participants play an icebreaker game with the coaches at Sandstone Middle School.

Skyhawks: Sports Camp provides space for at-risk youth

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More than 15 different businesses and organizations donated to the effort, including the Hermiston School District, which offered Sandstone Middle School as a place to host the camp. Sullivan said the district is also offering free breakfast and lunch to children in the area at the school this week.

Made to Thrive currently serves 267 children in Hermiston, and organizers of Skyhawks STEM Sports Camp are hoping to reach more of them every year.

"We'd like to be able to

do this on an annual basis so we can track if we get the same kids year after year, and to be able to find a way to measure the impact that it has," said Teresa Best of New Hope Community Church, who is also part of CASA.

Kriss Dammeyer, who founded Made to Thrive, said the coaches at camp were starting to learn more about the lives of the kids participating. She said some are facing poverty, foster care, and incarcerated parents.

"This is bringing tears to my eyes, these kids have been labeled so many different things," Dammeyer

said. "We're proving a lot of people wrong right now."

Wednesday was a particularly notable day at Skyhawks STEM Sports Camp, because the children received gifts from community partners, including ice cream courtesy of Helados La Michoacana in Hermiston. At the end of the camp this week, all children participating will receive a soccer ball courtesy of Skyhawks.

As kids file into the gym on Wednesday, their camp T-shirts are still crisp white, but Dammeyer said they won't be for long.

"It's just really special," Dammeyer said.

Fire Station: Under budget and almost move-in ready

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Glenn Graham said crews on Wednesday moved the department's 1885 fire bell to the new station No. 1. The engraving on the bell is sharp, he said, and the company that made the bell remains in business. The bell has been a part of the department since its founding, when the old city hall building in downtown Pendleton housed the fire department, complete with the bell in the tower.

"It's in really great shape," he said, "and they're thinking of trying to put it back into service at

the fire station."

If that happens, the bell probably would serve a ceremonial function, he said, rather than the regular call for emergencies.

Berardi said the department also is keeping its familiar phone number — 541-276-1442 — which rings now at the new station.

"We're that far along," he said.

The city of Pendleton has not undertaken a project of this scope for a public building since the 1990s. During that span, voters passed bonds to turn the old Helen McCune Junior High School into the city hall, recreation

center and city library, and to build the aquatic center. City finance director Linda Carter said the city paid off the city hall bond in fiscal year 2014 and made the last payment on the aquatic center bond in fiscal year 2016.

"It was paid off when they started going out for the next bond," she said.

The city has other debt, such as the local improvement district for the Sunridge Estates development. And the city used TPAC funds to pay for the renovation of the Convention Center. But the only general obligation bond the city is carrying is for the new fire station.

Invoice: GOP gets billed for missed work

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spokeswoman for Courtney, D-Salem. "If they refuse to pay, they will be sent through the regular debt collection process."

The decision to send out invoices is a change for the Senate's Democratic leadership. When Republicans walked off the job on June 20 — in a nine-day standoff over a bill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions — Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, indicated she'd seek to garnish lawmakers' pay by \$500 for each day they didn't appear for a floor session.

"The fines shall be collected for forfeiture of any sum that becomes due and payable to the absent member, including salary and per diem," Burdick said, reading from a formal motion on the Senate floor.

But that approach was apparently impossible. Asked about the change Wednesday, Currie told OPB: "If anyone said that the Senate would be 'docking Republicans' pay' for the walkout, they were in error. It's not legally possible to dock them."

Currie could not offer details Thursday about what provisions of Oregon law made docking mem-

bers' pay illegal.

The Office of the Legislative Counsel, which provides legal advice to lawmakers, declined to answer an inquiry on that matter, or to discuss what mechanism allowed Senate leadership to fine lawmakers in the first place. An inquiry to the Legislature's human resources director was not immediately answered.

Democrats have suggested in the past there is precedent in other states for such fines.

Word that invoices would be arriving appeared to be news to Republicans.

"As far as I know, no one has been issued any invoice in the Senate caucus office," said Justin Brecht, a policy analyst for the Senate Republican office. "An invoice is different than what the Democrats announced — deducting pay from (Republicans') legislative paychecks."

The second Republican walkout in as many months was a way to delay a vote on House Bill 2020, which would have capped carbon emissions in Oregon and charged companies for their pollution. The bill wound up dying in the frenetic final days of the legislative session.

GOP senators' nine-day departure from the Capitol denied the Senate the quo-

rum needed to conduct business. The 11 senators were not fined for the first floor session they missed, and Democrats canceled one planned session after they received threats from militia members, meaning the fines were only for seven days.

Republicans have received scrutiny for how they plan to pay those fines, even as they have hinted they will fight them in court.

On June 26, a coalition including labor unions, Basic Rights Oregon and Planned Parenthood, filed complaints with the secretary of state's office and Oregon Government Ethics Commission. The complaints sought formal rulings that Republicans could not pay off their fines using campaign money or a crowdfunding effort that raised more than \$40,000.

State officials said this week the complaints are still being scrutinized to see if they have merit. Senate Minority Leader Herman Baertschiger Jr., R-Grants Pass, told reporters last month his members did not plan to use outside cash to pay the fines.

"We're all using our personal funds," he said.

Baertschiger did not return an inquiry about potential legal challenges to the fines.

Writing: Program's revived curriculum will focus on wilderness ecology

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on fiction, non-fiction, or poetry. The revived curriculum focuses on wilderness, ecology and issues specific to Western communities.

Fishtrap, founded in 1988, has a long history of concentrating on those same issues. McNerney says it was a natural to explore how the two groups could complement each other.

Under the agreement, MFA students will spend two residency weeks at Fishtrap, learning from high-profile guests like Pulitzer-finalist Luis Alberto Urrea, one of the Fishtrap headliners this year.

For David Axelrod, the English department veteran who leads the EOU MFA program, this is the culmination of long negotiations.

"There are a lot of reasons to want to be here," Axelrod said. "I think we can provide a lot of educational opportunities."

EOU has been on a mission, under the leadership of



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Fishtrap, the annual gathering of writers in Wallowa County, draws writers and writing teachers from around the West.

President Tom Isko, to reverse a decline in enrollment and expand degree programs, and take a more prominent place at the table in rural affairs.

Nate Lowe, EOU's dean of arts, humanities and social sciences, says, "Our hope is that by creating more access and opportunity from grade school to graduate school for clear thinking and good writing in and about the West, our communities can find ways to address those most persisting global issues."

But McNerney has even higher ambitions. As the talks between the two sides progressed, she recalled someone suggesting northeastern Oregon could become the literary hub of the Pacific Northwest.

"I think that's very possible," she hoped.

The partnership was sealed with a signing ceremony, featuring a reading by Oregon poet laureate Kim Stafford, one of the co-founders of Fishtrap.

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