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Ruggs Ranch owner says Klein was a 'good kid'

Jonathanpeter Klein worked at the ranch near Heppner since January

By BRYCE DOLE

East Oregonian

HEPPNER — The agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation couldn't tell John Flynn too much,

only that they were there because of "people that were at the Capitol," he said.

Early on Tuesday, March 23, agents had been snooping around the headquarters of Ruggs Ranch, a 100,000-acre hunting preserve outside of Heppner in Morrow County that's described on its website as "Where World"



Class Bird Hunting & Luxurious Lodging Meet." The agents told Flynn they were waiting for a friend who was out hunting. Flynn, the ranch owner, didn't recognize the name they provided.

He asked them to leave.
Shortly after, Flynn's employee called and said the agents had moved to another part of the property. Flynn drove over to tell them they were trespassing. The agents told Flynn they were awaiting

orders from their boss, he said.

The FBI later told Flynn they had arrested one of his employees

— Jonathanpeter Klein, who, along with his brother Matthew Klein, was accused of storming the U.S.

Capitol on Jan. 6.

The two brothers were the first Oregon residents to be charged for being directly involved in the insurrection intended to prevent Congress from certifying the election of President Joe Biden. Federal authorities say the Kleins were caught on camera storming the building. Now they face a slew of federal charges

federal charges.

The Klein brothers are among the more than 300 people who have been charged in connection with the riot. Authorities reportedly believe that at least 100 more people could be charged.

According to the FBI, Jonathanpeter Klein is a self-described member of the Proud Boys, a far-right group widely known to engage in violence at protests and whose leadership has come under

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Lisa Hauner, a librarian with the Oregon Trail Library District, adds a new book to the library's online catalog while working at the district's Irrigon branch on March 16, 2021.

Career highlight

Lisa Hauner receives special Cataloger I certification

By TAMMY MALGESINI For the East Oregonian

RRIGON — Lisa Hauner morphed a love for reading into a career in library sciences. In her first year with the Oregon Trail Library District, she identified her niche — Hauner wanted to be a part of a system that makes it easier for patrons to find what they are looking for.

And now she's absolutely thrilled after recently attaining Cataloger I certification.

"Achieving Cat I is the highlight of my life," she said.

Kathy Street, library district director, said among the district's branches there are four full-time staff and six part-time employees. Hauner's skills, Street said, are invaluable as she's the only staff member that catalogs throughout the district, which includes branches in Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon.

"Having a cataloger of that level is important to our library district in many ways," Street said. "I can catalog easy records, but it definitely is not my specialty."

In addition to her cataloging abilities, Street and Stephanie Case, the Oregon Trail Library District board chair, said Hauner delivers even more to library



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A collection of books and movies in English and Spanish awaits cataloging at the Irrigon branch of the Oregon Trail Library District on March 16, 2021.

patrons. Along with her longevity and institutional knowledge
— Hauner has worked in each of the branches — she has an engaging personality.

"Lisa is the usual joyful welcoming face at the Irrigon branch and I regularly hear how she captivates the patrons and

is very helpful," Case said. "I always enjoy seeing her when I go into the library."

Street agreed, saying the district's libraries often provide social connections for area residents. People often stop by the Irrigon branch just to visit with Hauner, sometimes even

bringing snacks for her.

Turning the page with library district

As the summer heat was waning in 2009, Hauner was finishing up with her associate's

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Settling into a new routine

Students share perspectives on high school reopening

By ANTONIO SIERRA

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — One of the first things math teacher Michael Bittdorf noticed after Pendleton High School reopened its doors to all students on Monday, March 29, was the lower volume.

While Bittdorf joked that he wouldn't mind if it stayed quieter, the high school's new atmosphere was described as strange by several students before school on Wednesday, March 31.

The state's social distancing

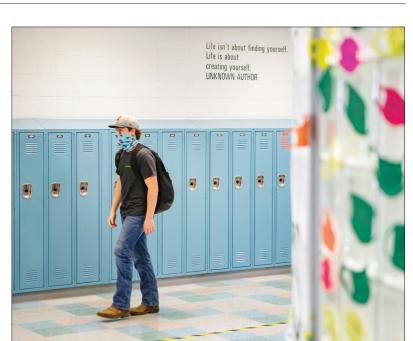
requirements means only half of the student body can attend school on any given day, leading to smaller class sizes and less boisterous halls. The muted tones carried over to classes as they started for the day, with most classes quiet as instruction started.

That's not to say students aren't excited to return to in-person school after a year of distance learning.

Sophomore Sammantha Wilks said online classes exhausted her as she spent hours in front of a computer screen attending class only to turn around and spend more time online doing homework.

Returning to school in-person has been invigorating for Wilks, who disagrees with some of her peers' assessments of the school's

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A student walks to class at Pendleton High School on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

