

BIG READ NOVEL'S AUTHOR SPEAKS



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Luis Alberto Urrea, author of the 2015 Big Read book "Into the Beautiful North" chatting with admirers at the Big Read Finale at the Hurricane Creek Grange Hall on Feb. 8. The packed house finale featured a dinner catered by La Laguna restaurant of Enterprise. Urrea also lectured on the book and the Hispanic experience as well as answering audience questions and signing books.



Courtesy photo

Josi Coggins, currently a 4th grader at Enterprise Elementary School, is photographed last summer with a cabbage she grew that eventually led to a \$1,000 scholarship for her. Josi, daughter of Kim and Kreg Coggins of Enterprise, was recently announced as the 2014 Oregon State Winner of the national Bonnie Plants' 3rd Grade Cabbage Program. Her cabbage weighed 21 pounds!

Big cabbage earns \$1,000

ENTERPRISE — Third grade student Josi Coggins, of Enterprise Elementary School, grew a 21.6-pound cabbage last summer and is being awarded a \$1,000 savings bond courtesy of the Bonnie Plants Cabbage Program.

From among 2,748 third graders from Oregon who participated in the Bonnie Plants program this past year, the giant cabbage grown by the daughter of Kim and Kreg Coggins randomly was selected as winner by the Oregon Agriculture Department.

A program that loosely launched in Alabama, where Bonnie Plants became a business in 1918 and has expanded to become a nationwide plant wholesaler, the Bonnie Plants Cabbage Program

launched nationally in 2002 and had more than 1.5 million third graders from 48 states participate in 2014.

Participating last year in the program were 26 third graders from Enterprise (including Coggins), 21 third graders from Wallowa, and 18 third graders from Joseph.

According to Joan Casanova, spokesperson for Green Earth Media Group, no one from Wallowa County previously has been picked as winner from the state of Oregon in a program where winners from each state are awarded \$1,000 savings bonds.

The significance of the cabbage over any other plant for the competition is simple: The first plant that Bonnie Plants sold in 1918 was the cabbage.

Student raising funds for disabled veteran

By Rich Rautenstrauch
Wallowa County Chieftain

For the second straight year, Enterprise High School junior Andrea Butterfield is working with Operation Help Our Veterans and the Nine Line Foundation, raising money through her FCCLA project for a particular veteran.

Andrea first became involved in the plan when her brother Mychal sent her some T-shirts while he was stationed in Afghanistan. The T-shirts were part of the Nine Line Foundation's apparel program. Andrea inquired further, researched the whole program and became in-

involved from there.

With some help from some friends, she set up a table at the high school basketball game, last Friday evening, between Enterprise and Cove. She sold Nine Line T-shirts, cupcakes, and caramel corn. She also sold raffle tickets for a quilt made by Brenda Widener. At halftime of the game Andrea appeared before the crowd and put together the Miracle Minute. In this act of unselfishness, bags are passed to the crowd for one minute with the audience providing cash donations.

Butterfield said the Nine Line T-shirts were donated by the charity organization.



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Enterprise FCCLA junior Andrea Butterfield sells baked goods and T-shirts during a basketball game to raise money to help a veteran who was injured in the Iraq war.

Funds raised this year by Butterfield are to help Sgt. First Class Mark Holbert, of Virginia. Holbert stepped on a pressure-plated IED in 2010 and lost both of his legs. The money raised will be used to build a home for Holbert

that's fully handicapped-accessible.

Andrea will continue with her project through Feb. 21, when she will make another presentation at this year's district wrestling tournament being held in Enterprise.

Joseph FCCLA raising money for swing set

JOSEPH — The Joseph Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) are spearheading a

project to raise money to purchase and install a set of commercial grade swings for the playground at Joseph Charter School, which doesn't have a swing set.

Satori Albee and Isabelle Tinglestad, FCCLA chapter president and vice president, are leading the fundraising efforts. They have researched different product options and discussed safety and logistic factors with school administration and have selected an eight-swing unit that they hope to install this spring.

The cost of the project will run approximately \$3,500. The chapter has already contributed over \$700 and is organizing several more fundraisers to help finance the swings. In March they will host a "Kids Night Out" at the school where elementary students will be invited to come for an evening of food, games and activities. Additionally, they are organizing a challenge for elementary classrooms to encourage the students to help raise money for their playground through

read-a-thons, bake sales and other projects.

Albee and Tinglestad are also asking the community to donate towards this effort. Donations can be dropped off at the JCS office or mailed to "Playground Project", Joseph Charter School, P.O. Box 787, Joseph, OR 97846. All donations are tax-deductible. Anyone with questions about the project can contact chapter advisor, Marla Dotson, at 541-432-7311 or email at marla.dotson@staff.joseph-charter.org.

A big THANK YOU to everyone that made our Benefit dinner to start our journey in our forever family through open adoption! Special thanks to Laina Fisher, Kasha Tippet, Jeny from Subway, Carmen Ranch, Skip & Cissy Shelton, Lee Daggett, Julie & Kimberly Botts, Diana Fisher, Phyllis Johnson, Jason & Marty, and my parents Clifford & Denise Rhodes and the band Last Call.

Also all the people that made donations towards our auction and that made goodies.

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The pattern used is easily recognizable to our pilots. The people in Imnaha really stepped up and improved our response plan."

A humble Shari Warnock downplays her own role, saying that more people worked harder and put more time into the project than she did. She thinks they deserve recognition. She also said, "It's really nice when we come up with a plan where we can help ourselves. We know if the helicopter comes in here it is usually a family member or a really good friend who needs help."

In addition to the individuals already mentioned in this article, helpers in the project included Ken Stein and Ed Grover from Imnaha, Stangel Industries, the Hi-Lo Ranch, Corey Miller Fencing (providing help with the welding), Banes Electrical, Joseph Hardware, and anonymous donors who deposited money into a can at the Imnaha Store and Tavern.

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