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Lee Carlsen of Hermiston drives his three hitch across Larry Waters' dandelion crop May 7 at the 18th annual Lee Scott Memorial Plowing Bee.

# Plowing bee sunny fun

By Kathleen Ellyn  
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Teamsters from Enterprise, Joseph, Pendleton, Irrigon and Hermiston participated in the 18th annual Lee Scott Memorial Plowing Bee at Juanita and Larry Waters' farm east of Joseph the weekend of May 7-8.

Both days were bright and covered in sunshine, and drivers and spectators alike were able to enjoy the event in shirtsleeves.

Saturday's group was small — just Lee and Dona Carlson from Hermiston with their award-winning small team of Fjords and Haflingers, and Larry Waters' team of big Belgian mules Billy and Bob, driven Saturday by Shawna Arbogast of Enterprise.

The group grew to five teamsters Sunday — Vicki and Randy Leonard of Pendleton hauled out the three big Belgian cross mules Vicki originally bought from Caro-



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**Billy and Bob, Larry Waters' Belgian Mules, take a well-earned break after starting the plowing with teamster Shawna Arbogast at the 18th annual Lee Scott Memorial Plowing Bee.**

lyn Witty of Enterprise; Brian Cook of Irrigon brought two of his big, gray mules; and Bill and Lorre Meyers of Hermiston hauled out their Percheron-type team for the event. Larry drove his Belgian mules Billy and Bob on Sunday.

It was the year of the equipment breakdown, Juanita Waters said, with teamsters pitching in to show their abilities as mechanics when Shawna's sulky plow broke

on Saturday and a tire blew on her forecart on Sunday.

They were not as successful at search and rescue when a wallet went missing out in the 2-acre plowed field. That wallet had been turned under and disced and had the spike tooth harrow run over it, so finding it was not likely. And if the teamster who lost it thought it was a sure way to seed a "cash crop" ... well, fingers crossed on that.

The event is a fundraiser for scholarships at the Wallowa Lake Horse Camp Adventures, and this year Kerry and Doneva Bolen of Hermiston cooked the dinners that funded those scholarships.

The evening music was a special treat with Bill Myers on fiddle and Cissy Falcon Johnson of Pendleton both singing and playing guitar.

"It was fun because both of those two know the old music," Juanita said.

The free public event is held every spring, usually on the first weekend of May.

# Governor inks Good Neighbor Agreement

## Agencies to work together on forest issues

By Kathleen Ellyn  
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Oregon Gov. Kate Brown on March 29 signed a Good Neighbor Authority Agreement (GNA) with U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester Jim Pena, Oregon Department of Forestry State Forester Doug Decker and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Curt Melcher. A GNA improves efficiency by instructing various agencies to work across jurisdictions to provide creative and collaborative methods of restoring and managing public forestlands and watersheds.

And work across agencies has begun, with several operations in the planning stage.

National forests account for nearly 60 percent of all forests in Oregon. Wildfire risk, habitat connectivity, species recovery and sustainable wood products and job creation are among the challenges and opportunities facing these public lands.

"The social, economic and environmental issues tied to public lands go far beyond (agencies' individual) boundaries," Gov. Brown said. "(It) is an important new tool that brings these issues together and pro-

motes collaboration. We can get farther by working together than apart."

According to spokesman Tony Anderson of Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) the first project resulting from the GNA likely will occur near Lakeview, where ODF will perform pre-commercial thinning in the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

The ODF Northeast Oregon District Office (located in Wallowa) is actively exploring ideas with the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, including opportunities on Lower Joseph Canyon and East Face.

Projects could include unit layout, prescribed burning or administering small timber sales.

The work would be done by a combination of seasonal workforce (mostly seasonal firefighters) and private contractors. The state will strive to employ local contractors as much as possible, Anderson said.

More than 10 other states have signed a Good Neighbor Authority Master Agreement. Oregon uniquely chose to have the governor sign the agreement, which allows all state agencies to partner with the U.S. Forest Service, working across jurisdictions, rather than a segmented process where each agency only focuses on their respective jurisdictions.

"The GNA and this state-federal partnership allows for pool-

ing of funds and staff to kick off more projects and work, quicker," Anderson said.

The vision in Oregon is to use the GNA to achieve holistic restoration, including thinning and habitat/aquatic aspects, according to Anderson, who said several other projects are being actively discussed.

ODFW, ODF, U.S. Forest Service and public stakeholders are collaborating on the 40,000-acre East Face Project, which includes the state's Elkhorn Wildlife Area. Forest improvement projects on federal, private and state lands is intended to promote forest health, reduce fire danger and improve wildlife habitat to benefit big game and other wildlife species.

"The work will open the canopy to improve shrub browse for big game while creating and retaining thermal and hiding cover areas. It should also help reduce big game damage to private land," Anderson said.

To learn more about Oregon's forest collaboratives, visit the following sites:

• <http://oregonforestry.wpengine.com/archives/984>

# County's FCCLA students shine at state

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Joseph Charter School sent 17 students to the Family, Community, Career Leaders of America state convention in Portland on April 5-7.

Of the 15 students competing in Students Taking Action for Recognition events, the following students qualified for nationals:

- T.J. Grote, Emma Hite and Kade Kilgore, gold medal, Illustrated Talk — junior category
- Johnelle Suto and Annie Story, gold medal, Illustrated Talk — senior category
- Natalie Williams, silver medal, Career Investigation
- Money Walters, Renee Seal and Tori Suto, silver medal, Chapter Service Project Display
- Kana Oliver, Tyler Homan and Annie Duncan, silver medal, Chapter Service Project Portfolio

Madison Bailey and Haven Johnson, silver medal, Environmental Ambassador

Tucker VanWinkle, silver medal, Job Interview

VanWinkle, Story and Seal were elected to the state FCCLA offices of Vice President of Development, Vice President of Peer Education and Vice President of Membership, respectively, for the 2016-2017 school year.

Isabel Tingelstad served as vice president of Peer Education and Johnelle Suto served as secretary for the 2015-2016 year.

The students toured the Wheat Marketing Center and the DoubleTree Hotel food services operation. Principal Sheri Kilgore attended as did parents Jeanie Story and Kim Tingelstad.

**Enterprise sending six to nationals**

Enterprise FCCLA came home with gold, silver and bronze medals from the State Leadership Conference in Portland, and six of the medalists will represent Enterprise at the National Leadership Conference in San Diego in July.

Students who qualified for nationals:

- Mackenzie Gray and Andrea Butterfield, gold medal, Chapter in Review
- Rachel Frolander, gold medal, Chapter Service Project
- Momina Junaid, gold medal, Illustrated Talk
- Bette and Eyreus Rooney, silver medal, Entrepreneurship
- Katelynn Sidoti, silver medal, Career Investigation

Adagia Latta and Shane Lund, silver medal, National Programs in Action

Paul Stangel competed in Career Investigation and received a silver medal, and Hero Peters competed in Life Event Planning and received a bronze medal.

Mackenzie Gray also served as the Oregon State FCCLA President for the year of 2015-16.

Butterfield, Bette Rooney, Eyreus Rooney, Lund, Latta and Frolander will represent Enterprise at nationals.

Fundraising efforts for this trip are already in effect, including Little Caesar Pizza Sales through May 19 (can be purchased from students or at the school) and a canned food drive (located outside of Wallowa Grain Growers in Enterprise).

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This group of researchers will be using the energy of distant earthquakes to make an image of what lies beneath our region.

**Wed, May 18th • 6-7:30pm**

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