

County farmers market begins organizing

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Although the May 26 opening of Wallowa County Farmers Market seems a long way away, organizers were already in action hosting the second-annual Wallowa County Farmers Market Vendor Symposium at Fishtrap House April 8.

About two dozen prospective market vendors traveled through morning snow to attend.

The purpose of the symposium was to teach new, prospective and current vendors marketing skills, booth display, arrangement, salesmanship and other skills. Presenters included a panel composed of author Kristy Athens, pillow

maker Beth McBee and silversmith Anne Robinson. Joan Gilbert served as the keynote speaker with a presentation focused on marketing, signage and booth display.

“We had unexpectedly high attendance, and we had several people with new products and new ideas they want to try out for the market, which is really cool for local businesses,” she

said. She added that several people had expressed interest in produce, which fits in with a possible co-op booth.

Adam and Johanna Osborn moved to Wallowa County two years ago and attended the symposium with an idea for creating home décor and furniture.

“We recently started this as do-it-yourself decorations for

our house and realized this is something other people might enjoy,” Adam Osborn said.

Johanna Osborn said that she had read about the symposium on social media and immediately recognized the potential for their products.

“It was really helpful to network and see that people are really enthusiastic about our idea, we’re going to give

the market a go,” Adam Osborn said.

With the success of the symposium, Carol Bartlow is looking forward to the upcoming season. “I think this symposium will get people’s creative juices flowing, and now that they have a lot of information on how to go about it, they can go home to learn how to apply what they learned,” she said.

Joseph FCCLA reaps rewards for project presentations

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The Joseph Charter School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter have returned laden with gold and other precious metals from the 2017 State Leadership Conference April 4-6 at the Lloyd Center Dou-

ble Tree Hotel in Portland. FCCLA is a nationwide Career and Technical Student Organization that provides personal growth, leadership development and career preparation opportunities for students. The JCS chapter has 49 members and is active throughout the school and community.

“Some of the projects Joseph students have been involved in this year have supported Safe Harbors, Creating Memories for Disabled Children, the Joseph City Park Playground Renovation Project and the Senior Living Center in Enterprise. We also sponsored the Joseph School Carnival,” said FCCLA advisor Marla Dotson.

Joseph had three students who served as state officers and ran the meeting: Tucker VanWinkle, Renee Seal and Annie Story. Three students were also elected to serve

EVENTS CATEGORIES AND RESULTS:

Gold Medals and qualifying for National Competition:

- Chapter Service Project Display Sr - Kade Kilgore, Emma Hite and Natalie Gorham. They made new medical kits for JCS sports teams
- Chapter Service Project Display Jr. - Sabrina Albee and Alaya Moore. Their project was working with senior citizens at the Senior Living Center in

Enterprise.

- Illustrated Talk - Johnelle' Suto. Project on Skin Care and Skin Cancer prevention.
- Chapter Service Project Portfolio - Kai Oliver and Kana Oliver. Joseph City Park Playground Renovation
- Promote and Publicize- Aji Priajmoto and Ayano Shimizu. For their work promoting FCCLA

Gold Medal Winners

- Illustrated Talk - Isabelle Tingelstad and Ellyse Tingelstad. Their project informed students about the 3 keys of healthy living.
- Chapter Service Display - Renee Seal and Tori Suto. Creating Memories Camp for Disabled Children

Silver Medal Winners

- Life Event Planning - Maddie Bailey, Haven Johnson and Aaron Borgerding. For sponsoring the JCS Carnival.



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This week's athlete of the week is Enterprise High School track athlete Karli Bedard.

The sophomore student's star shone at the Rivers Edge track meet at Umatilla, helping the WHS girls to a first-place finish with two of her own in the 300-meter hurdles and high-jump. Bedard also ran as a member of the second-place 4x400 relay team.

Bedard also competes in cross-country and volleyball for the school and is an FFA member with a 3.73 GPA.



Karli Bedard

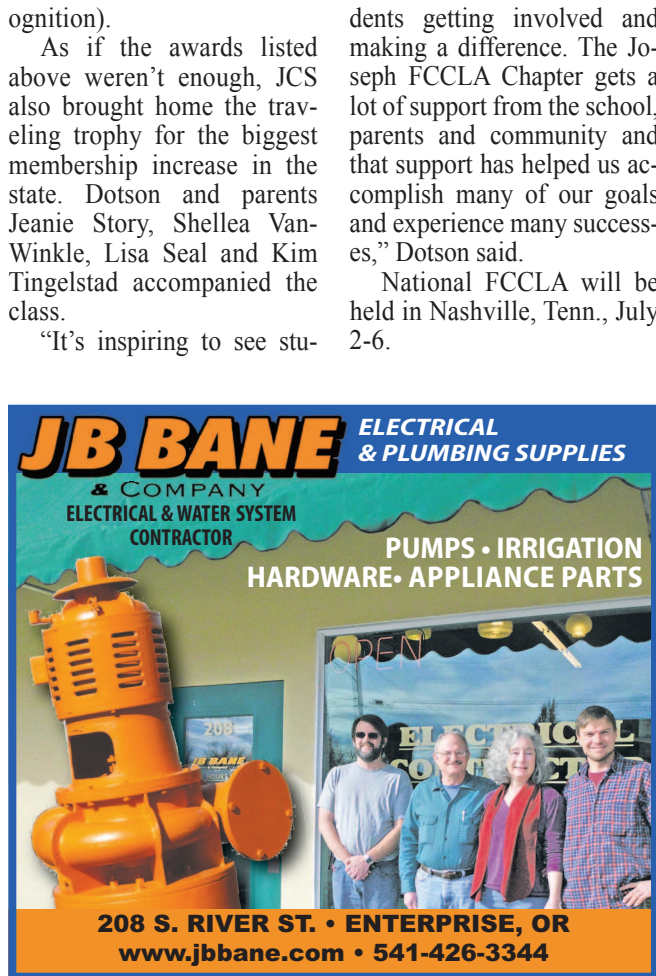
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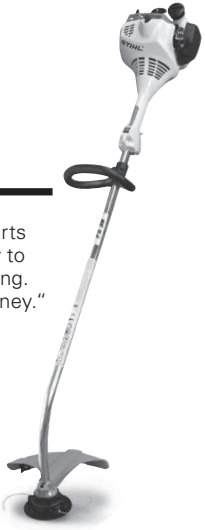
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