

HONOR ROLL | Enterprise Jr. and Sr. High School • Fourth Quarter Honor Roll - 2016-2017

SEVENTH GRADE

Sophia Espinoza (3.95), Jada Gray (3.95), Alona Yost (3.95), Bailey Vernam (3.94), Joanna Wells (3.90), Rosie Movich-Fields (3.89), Asiya Salim (3.85), Jackson Decker (3.81), Jesse Duncan (3.81), Zach Knapp (3.78), Kierra Naisbitt (3.78), Kodie Kiser (3.62), Tyler Estes (3.61) and Gideon Gray (3.57).

(3.95), David Salim (3.95), Casidee Harrod (3.94), Aubrina Melville (3.93), Grace Collins (3.89), Flynn, Nave (3.81), Chaya Garland (3.78), Charlie Evans (3.71), Arian Latta (3.67), Brianna Micka (3.61), Trace Evans (3.57), Katrina Haines (3.53) and Zarie Bathke (3.44).

NINTH GRADE

Deedee Duncan (4.00), Natalie Goldsmith (4.00), Anna Moholt (4.00), Tishrei Movich-Fields (4.00), Emrie

Thorne (4.00), Kaylie Melville (3.95), Katie Olson (3.95), Sydney Rouse (3.95), Foster Hobbs (3.89), Ella Anderson (3.86), Drew Widener (3.86), Gracie Niezen (3.81), Wesley Johnson (3.76), Beth Anderson (3.71), Jadon Garland (3.71), Zion Mark (3.66), Shyla Jenkins (3.62), Ashlyn Gray (3.52) and Jacob Falk (3.38).

10TH GRADE

Adagia Latta (4.00), Sarah Everts (3.95), Jake Coggins

(3.94), Lexie Gassett (3.89), Shane Lund (3.86), Justus Even (3.78), Darby McTee (3.71), Riley Masters (3.67), Karli Bedard (3.57), Hero Peters (3.52), Deidre Schreiber (3.52) and Gianna Espinoza (3.33).

11TH GRADE

Gracie Carlsen (4.00), Rileigh Gray (4.00), Flylie Hayward (4.00), Sebastian Hobbs (4.00), Jimmy Wells (4.00), Rachel Frolander (3.95), Eliza Irish (3.95), Cole Farwell

(3.90), Heidi Niezen (3.78), Reece Christman (3.76), Madison Plew (3.67), Blaze Lepper (3.39) and Ashley Exon (3.33).

12TH GRADE

(6 classes or more excluding TAs) Whitney Evans (4.00), Kacie Melville (3.95), Wade Isley (3.90), Autumn Landowski (3.90), Gwen Jensen (3.72), Claire Beck (3.62) and Sarah Aschenbrenner (3.52).

VETERANS

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Grant, Lake, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler.

The numbers tell the story. From October 2014 to September 2016, a total of 529,199 miles were logged — which accounts for about half of the nationwide total reported by Oregon and all the other states participating in the VA-funded program.

Oregon's drivers also

tracked more than 9,000 trips, spent in excess of 20,000 hours on the road and served 2,279 veterans during that same period.

Mitch Sparks, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs director of statewide veteran services, credits the program's success to ingenuity.

"This program's success is directly due to the outstanding management of each county's transportation system and their ability to creatively transport veterans by partnering with

other transportation networks and overcoming weather, distance and other adverse circumstances," Sparks said.

The program has reduced the strain on state and local safety net programs that would otherwise be responsible for bridging the gaps in serving vulnerable residents in highly rural areas.

However, he noted the VA grants go only so far in meeting the high level of need that exists.

Guentert said the grant funds last only about seven

or eight months — not the full 12 for which they are intended. After that, her organization has to begin to draw on other funds closer to home — like a biennial allotment they receive from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

"We truly appreciate the VA grant, and the veterans love it," Guentert said. "It's just that the need is so great."

Veterans who would like more information about the Highly Rural Transportation Program should contact Wallowa County.

TRAINS

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Approval for the relocation of the train for the summer has been obtained. The Friends of the Joseph Branch, the volunteer group that operates the train and maintains the rolling stock, has already scheduled rides from Wallowa into Enterprise for later this summer.

"WURA inspected the track last Monday and determined it's feasible to move the train," said Ed Spaulding, president of the Friends of the Joseph Branch. "They've got plans to send engineering fellows down to look at these bridges, too. We'll have another inspection in a few weeks."

The two 100-year-old bridges along the track between Minam and Wallowa may need repairs to accommodate hauling passengers, but the rules for transporting an empty train are less stringent, and the July 22 deadline date is looking solid.

"We've published the new train routes," said Janet Dodson of the Friends of the Joseph Branch. "We'll be running out of Wallowa toward Enterprise two times a day on Aug. 5 and 19. We designed these short, inexpensive trips (about 2 hours) so they were budget-conscious for families and shorter for the kids. People already visiting in Wallowa County will be able to hop on the train for a short fun train ride toward Enterprise and back."

Meanwhile, Vemco of Enterprise is preparing to move the historic Lostine train station to Wallowa City property.

"We haven't signed a contract, yet," said Lowe. "We're figuring out how to get the money. We're working with grantors who feel we have a really good chance to get the funds to both move and restore that building."

The designs for the industrial style "Welcome to Wallowa" signs to be placed at each end of the town have also been completed, and another public meeting will be scheduled for viewing, Lowe said.

The two wooden signs, to be custom-made by artist Steve Arment of Lostine, are around 10x10-foot.

"We need to get our design information to Oregon Department of Transportation so that they can help us figure out a good place to put them," said Lowe.

And finally, the Wallowa Historical Society is also making progress on its move to the U.S. Forest Service site in Wallowa. The historical society secured nonprofit status and signed a contract with the city. Members of the society met June 10 at the site to examine the structures and make plans.

"We made a timeline on what we want to accomplish," said member Mary Ann Burrows. "Volunteers have been up there cleaning up the grounds and we're assessing what needs to be done to move

into the office building."

A big part of the revitalization plan included connecting to the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland site east of town to provide hiking and historical outings for tourists.

Mary Hawkins, office manager for the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland site, reported that the 110-foot Minam historic steel truss bridge was installed at the Nez Perce Homeland site last fall and two grant sources, the Nez Perce National Historic Trail (U.S. Forest Service) and Recreation Trails Program (Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept.) will reimburse for trail improvements. Part of the Nez Perce Historic Trail funding will also include educational kiosk on homeland grounds.

Two approaches to the big steel truss bridge will be installed soon. A 10-foot wide steel ramp fabricated by Stangel Industries and Machine Shop of Enterprise will be a trail approach on one side and another historic bridge that once crossed Bear Creek (removed in 2007) will be used as approaches to the relocated Minam bridge. The work relocating the Bear Creek bridge will be done by Henderson Logging of Wallowa.

The county originally purchased both the Minam and Bear Creek bridges in 1911

and they were part of the old highway alignment. When such bridges are decommissioned, they must be relocated and preserved by the state.

A third historic steel bridge from Union County will also eventually cross a new Wallowa River channel for native fish habitat currently still in the design phase. Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and the Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries are working to design a fish habitat channel.

A "Vision to Action" process originally planned to involve the entire community would have built on core projects: connecting downtown to the Nez Perce Homeland site with a new bridge crossing and paths, bringing Eagle Cap Excursion train service to the town, relocating the historic train depot to the town, redevelopment of the historic U.S. Forest Service compound now owned by the City of Wallowa, and inclusion of the Bates Mill site as a community historical and park center.

Since the mill is privately owned, it was decided to postpone the community workshop until the already-approved parts of the plan were completed.

Visit Wallowahometown.org to learn more about the new short rail rides out of Wallowa, visit eaglecaptrainrides.com.

TRASH

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County commissioners attended all meetings at which their presence was requested to provide full information and answer questions.

Although concerns were similar in each city, councils took slightly different approaches.

Joseph City Council added the trash discussion to its regular June 1 council agenda immediately after receiving the news from the county and made a decision that night.

Rahn's presentation of options and willingness to create open contracts that could be modified as needs were discovered were key in helping the council make a swift decision.

"It may be a temporary solution, but we hope it's permanent," said Mayor Dennis Sands.

The proposal accepted from Rahn calls for a fee of \$8 for one can of refuse and

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lowa transfer station will have the same schedule as the Joseph station, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. to noon. The cost will be \$8 for the first can and \$4 for the second.

All cities expressed a desire for recycling services at their transfer sites, but no such services are currently available.

A sheet outlining various costs for yard debris, 50-gallon loads and other services at transfer centers is available at city hall in both Joseph and Wallowa.

The county has decided to continue to service the two remote communities of Troy and Imaha for now.

"What those communities work out is yet to be seen," said Commissioner Todd Nash. "I'd like to meet with anyone in the community who would like to talk to me about solutions."

Brian Rahn said that his company would be more than happy to service those communities if the demand was there but that it would be an expensive undertaking.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's athlete of the week is Enterprise Police Department officer George Kohlhepp. The EPD officer, 46, is a dedicated horseman in his spare time, and despite his "advanced" age, competed in the Saddle Bronc event at the Mountain High Broncs & Bulls rodeo held June 17 in Enterprise.

While Kohlhepp started off with a good ride on a fine horse, he was bucked off about six seconds into the battle. Nonetheless he arose from the turf smiling and pleased with his efforts. He intends to compete in the same event at next year's rodeo.

George Kohlhepp

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