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We are excited to welcome Katherine Hale to our Elderberry Team as our new Director of Nursing.

Katherine is a resident of Deadwood, OR. She has been working in the Florence community for 18 years. Prior to coming to our community she worked in the Pharmacy industry for 10 years. She has a combined 18 years of caregiving, med aid and administration experience. When she is not helping others Katherine loves to garden, read and spend time with her family and dogs.

With the addition of Katherine, Elderberry now has three on-site Oregon state licensed administrators, with a combined 60 yrs of healthcare experience. Each of the administrators have started out being caregivers in their early careers and advanced up the ladder. They understand the process from A-Z and each have their own valuable set of specialties. What does this mean for our residents and the community? Superior resident service. Elderberry is not a large community, we specialize in personalized care in a home-like environment. With three knowledgeable administrators you can be assured your family will get the best care.

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WLAD Board Director Rick Yecny spoke about his appreciation for Abel's work.

"We're so lucky to have been able to find you and get your services in a time when we really needed some leadership," he said. "Under your leadership, we haven't been status quo. We've been able to move ahead, and I think that's a tremendous testimony to your leadership. So, we want to say thank you for everything you've done, and the time we've gotten to know you."

SVFR Board Director John Carnahan echoed Yecny's comments, saying, "You came in to kind of a mess, and you've helped with that. Now we can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

In other news from Thursday's meeting, Alan Burns was sworn in as an interim board member of SVFR after the unexpected resignation of Woody Woodbury in March. Burns, a former city councilor and mayor of Florence, as well as a long-time business owner in the community, is running unopposed for position 3 of the board in the May 21 Special Election.

Finally, Abel gave an update on a pro-



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SVFR Board Director John Carnahan swears in interim board member Alan Burns.

posed third entity being considered by SVFR and WLAD. A first draft of the proposal was sent to the district's attorney for review.

"It came back with a whole bunch of red ink, which was not surprising," Abel said. "I did meet with (SVFR Board Director) Ron Greene and Rick Yecny to discuss where we were with that, and I respond-

ed back with 20 different notes clarifying. I spoke with the attorney today, and she said that she should have the next part by Monday."

The boards of directors for SVFR and WLAD now meet jointly once a month, with additional budget meetings planned. For more info, visit westernlaneambulance.com and svfr.org.

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"The Lewis and Clark unit lends itself to many academic objectives in all domains," Halpin said. "This was in a sequence-of-events framework that encouraged the studying of state testing objectives in a fun and historical way."

For the literacy requirement, students read nonfiction books showing different points of view. They also learned the timeline of the historic expedition.

"Have you heard of the Louisiana Purchase?" Noah asked during his presentation. "In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson bought land for a bigger country. He chose Meriwether Lewis to lead the expedition across the new territory. Part of his mission was to seek out the Northwest Passage, a waterway believed to connect the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean. The journey was over 7,000 miles and lasted for two years."

"Students were fascinated by how many states formed out of

this purchase — and it provides a great transition to fifth-grade standards, in which students master the identification of our 50 states," Halpin said. "In addition to literacy, the students also learned geography, directional routes, major waterways and the fact that Oregonians may not have been Oregonians had it not been for Jefferson's purchase."

The students incorporated historical facts in their projects, some quoting directly from Sacagawea's account of her capture from her tribe and home as a young girl and her eventual purchase by and marriage to Toussaint Charbonneau.

"It is at this turn that my life will take another turn as the interpreter for the Lewis and Clark expedition," student Emma said, speaking as Sacagawea in first person.

Emma said she first learned about the L&C expedition on a visit to Fort Clatsop, the winter encampment for the Corps of Discovery from December 1805 to March 1806, four years ago.

Besides her speech, she also brought in several artifacts to display with her project. These included a Native American doll, a beach grass basket, sage and a fan for cleansing ceremonies, a bone needle and a bow drill and fire board. Her mom Nicole even gave a demo on how the tools can be used to make a fire.

Two other students, Leo and Patrick, were also able to visit Fort Clatsop, located near Astoria, Ore., over Spring Break. In addition, one of them wrote a letter to Fort Mandan in North Dakota and received photos of the expedition's earlier fort.

"It was fun seeing him compare the differences and similarities on his project board," Halpin said.

In terms of science, students learned about the many new species of flora and fauna discovered by the expedition. They also learned about data collecting and research, and how the information learned led to the creation of new medicines and the protection of several species by the federal

government.

The students were able to practice drawing examples of these new discoveries in their project books, which also contained bios on Lewis and Clark, "Wanted Posters" for crew members for the expedition, nature drawings of specimens and plants spotted on the journey and more.

"I wrote 'Yes, read!' on this one," Erick said, showing one of the assignments he was particularly proud of.

Many of the students were particularly drawn to Seaman, the only dog to survive the entire trip.

"He was a real dog on the journey," one student said.

The students relished the thought that the expedition crew ate more than 200 dogs over two years.

"But I could never eat a dog," several stated.

Erick said, "I'm actually fostering a cat from the humane society. It's 10 years old and it's a girl and she is overweight."

He said he would not want to take a cat on a journey that far, instead "I would take this guy (Seaman) because he has webbed feet" which make him good at swimming.

Tony's presentation talked about Seaman's bravery, and the fact that he needed surgery at one point. Tony also detailed the gear the expedition needed, including medical supplies.

Supplies lists, photos and drawings were part of the students' displays, which included trifold poster boards, dioramas and even an edible fort made by Haylea.

"I took frosting and I took these cookies and glued them together. We weren't allowed to use glue and I was making an edible one, so we used the frosting. And a biscuit covered in chocolate is the flag," she said.

One of the parents added, "Haylee's dad ate the roof off her project!" But Haylea said she hadn't yet built the part that would have used the extra cookies.

Other displays used cardboard, popsicle sticks, leaves, faux fur, fabric and a mix of glue, markers and paint.

Hailey M. said, "This teepee is made out of old jeans. It was painted. These pots are made out of clay. We bought all the little figures from the store. This was a canoe we bought at the store but it had a stick. My dad ripped it off and sanded it, and I painted it."

There were also examples of the Sacagawea gold dollar.

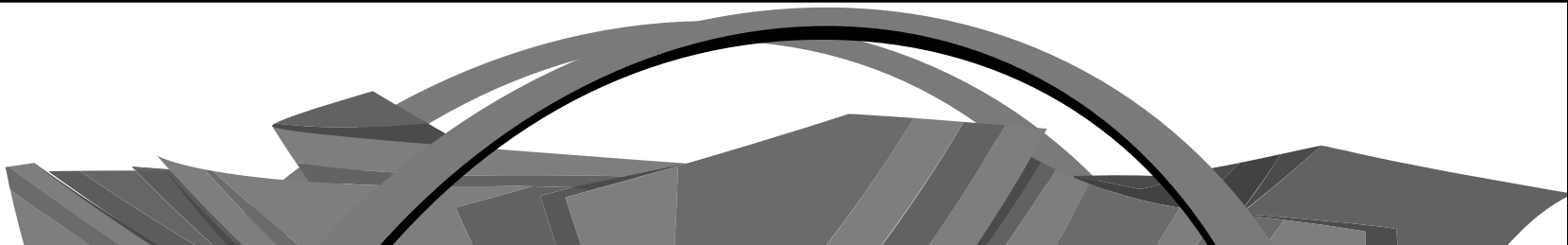
Several of the students dressed up for the presentations, and Regan even wore a full Native American costume.

"Native peoples and the appreciation of culture and diversity was another common thread throughout this unit," Halpin said. "Kindness and empathy are a focus that continues to manifest daily."

After the four students presented, Halpin's whole class was able to show their displays to visiting classes and their families. The projects were left up in the hallway for a few hours for more students to be able to see.

As Noah finished his speech, he said, "Lewis' exploration had great significance and contributed to the expansion and discovery of the western United States."

It's a lesson that continues to be taught more than 200 hundred years later.



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