

# SCHOOL NOTES

## Tickets on sale now for fiesta

**KINGS VALLEY** — Tickets for the Fabulous Fiesta Fundraiser Dinner and Auction are for sale now. The auction will be located at Kings Valley Charter School, 38840 Kings Valley Hwy, Philomath, on April 23. The event begins at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person and must be purchased by Friday. Seating is limited. Child care is available on site for \$5 per child. The foreign language students will provide hot dogs, popcorn and a movie. There will be two rooms, one for smaller kids and a 'tween' room as well. For more information: Glenda Bush, gbush@kvschool.org.

## Farm Bureau offers scholarships

**POLK COUNTY** — Polk County Farm Bureau offers up to four \$1,000 scholarships to college- or university-bound students interested in agriculture or forestry careers. "The goal of the scholarship program is to support Polk County high school graduates who plan to study an agriculture- and/or forestry-related major," said Polk County Farm Bureau Secretary Anne Rigor. "We are proud to help these students because they are the future of the agriculture and natural resource industry." Applicants must meet one of three requirements: have been a resident of Polk County during their high school years; attended high school in Polk County; or be from a Polk County Farm Bureau member family. The application deadline is May 1. Download the application at oregonfb.org/scholarships.

## Theater students earn state honors

**POLK COUNTY** — Four theater students from Dallas and Central were honored at the Oregon Thesians state contest the weekend of April 2. Two Central High School students were selected to participate in the competition's prestigious State Showcase: Dylan Lewis and Jacob Echette in the duet musical category. From Dallas High School, Luke Disney took third place in the stage management category, and Alicia Scherer took second in short film. Also, Pentacle Theatre in West Salem was presented the Rae Mona Reynolds Humanitarian Award for its programs for students. Dallas High and McKay High School in Salem nominated the theater for the award.

## ACADEMIC HONORS

### Santiam Christian announces honor roll

**ADAIR VILLAGE** — Santiam Christian announced its second-term honor roll. Students who made the honor roll in Polk County are:  
 12th grade: 3.5 to 3.99 grade-point average — Jack Fowler, Chance Ottinger, Jocelyn Porath and Bethany Yelas.  
 11th grade: 4.0 GPA — Mikayla Manzi, Katie Richert and August Thornton; 3.50 — 4.99 GPA — Sarah An, Macklin Butcher, Louis Loviat, Long Nguyen and Alexandra Watson.  
 10th grade: 4.0 GPA — Kaylee Breyman, Rebeka Preston and Zachary Watson; 3.50 — 3.99 GPA — Samuel Barton, Grace Moseman, Shelby Myrick-Duckett, Tomoka Naru, Kyle Paratore, Sebastian Perfecto and Buckley Sheng.  
 Ninth grade: 4.0 GPA — Tony Li, Jason Manzi, Winn Miller, Isabel Montoya, Abby Riedlinger and Cole Setniker; 3.5 to 3.99 GPA — Sherry Liu.  
 Eighth grade: 4.0 GPA — Ainsley Beam; 3.5 to 3.99 GPA — Olivia Bellinger-Verbics, Lily Hardy and Amanda Preston.  
 Seventh grade: 4.0 GPA — Ann Livingston and Joshua Montoya; 3.5 to 3.99 GPA — Cooper Brasel, Audrey Miller, Ben Stefan and Carolyn Wilfong.



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Fourth-graders from Independence Elementary listen carefully to instructions on how to assemble their wagon.

# OREGON OR BUST

Central students help fourth-graders build covered wagons

By Emily Mentzer  
The Itemizer-Observer

**INDEPENDENCE** — The woodshop buzzed Thursday as Central High School students worked to complete build-it-yourself covered wagons on time for the young pioneers at Independence Elementary School.

"Each kid had to design the wagon they wanted to build," said Lynn Thomas, woodshop teacher. "The high school kids helped draw and measure, and are building kits for them."

Three classes at IES are studying the Oregon Trail and will take a trek around downtown Independence with their freshly finished wagons on April 22 — assuming assembly goes well.

Laurie Frost's fourth-grade class was in the CHS



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Dustin Hickerson carves out a wooden wheel for the covered wagon he is making for fourth graders at IES.

woodshop on Monday putting together their covered wagons.

"So far, we're very pleased with how quickly they got the parts cut out," Frost said

of the students in Thomas' advanced woodshop class.

The teenagers met with groups of fourth-graders to discuss their grand plans for crossing the famous trail.

Brian Creson, CHS sophomore, said he is building one of the bigger wagons at about 4-by-2 feet.

While tackling such a large project isn't foreign to him — he said he has built things of similar or larger size outside of class — the idea that fourth-graders will be assembling his work is stressful.

Creson lit up when talking about working with his young clients, though.

"It was amazing," he said. "I loved that. I had an amazing group."

After listening to what they wanted, Creson drew up architectural designs to work from. He drilled holes to make assembly on Monday easier.

"My group wanted to put pots and pans in the wagon," he said.

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