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Kindergarten teacher Kari Witt asks for her students' attention during class at Lyle.

Full day: Routines were difficult

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Harris noted there is something educators need to remember, though.

"You also have to keep in mind that they are still 5," he said. "I don't think we should ever forget that. We don't want this to become the new first grade. They are still young."

Longer days were a challenge at times for the youngsters, from a social and emotional standpoint, he said.

"There were a lot of tears, a lot of challenges, longer than it normally takes to get children into routines," he

said. "My teachers felt like they needed to keep reviewing the expectations all year long."

Harris said typically by mid-year, teachers are feeling their students have adjusted to school rules.

"By January, my teachers were looking at them saying, 'I don't know what to do with them,'" Harris said. "There were some real challenges. We had some kids falling asleep. We had kids put their heads down in September and October. They were tired."

Harris said the schools

and teachers will develop strategies to help children adjust to what is expected of being a student earlier in the school year.

Baughman said the next step in assessing full-day kindergarten is seeing how the 2015-16 crop of 5-year-olds perform in 2016-17.

"I'm interested to hear what first grade teachers say next fall," Baughman said.

In other business, the board:

• Elected Jon Woods as board chairman and Mike Bollman as vice chairman for the 2016-17 school year.

WOU's Tom Udell earns Early Learning Award

Itemizer-Observer staff report

PORTLAND — The Early Learning Council, overseeing body for the Early Learning Division, has selected two recipients for the Lynne Angland Award.

The award recognizes people and organizations who improve safety, quality, affordability and access to child care in Oregon at both the state and local levels.

This year's recipients include one individual and a group of providers and their quality improvement specialist. The first recipient is Jill Ramirez, Quality Improvement Specialist with the Southern Oregon ESD, and the providers of Promesa Preschool Red.

The second recipient is Tom Udell, Director of the Center on Early Learning at the Research Institute (TRI) at Western Oregon University.

Both recipients received abundant praise in their nominations and are true

leaders in early learning.

Udell has dedicated his 30-year career to the field of early learning, and his work is recognized throughout Oregon and nationally.

In a time there were very few men working with young children, he launched his career as a teacher at the Teaching Research Child Development Center and later as director, he and his team became pioneers in the field of early childhood inclusion and were recognized nationally as a model site for this groundbreaking practice.

Led by Udell, the center went through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation and became the first nationally accredited child care program in the state of Oregon.

His nomination reads: "Through his strength and leadership, Tom has mentored individuals that are now in prominent positions

throughout Oregon's Early Learning System. He has done so with humility and grace, and continues to work tirelessly to ensure the success of Oregon's youngest learners."

The awards were given at the regular meeting of the Early Learning Council in Portland.

Angland was a passionate visionary dedicated to Oregon's families. Lynne's service, passion and leadership improved the lives of Oregon's children and families, and her untimely death left a void that only her diligent advocacy could have filled.

The Early Learning Council continues to honor Lynne's commitment to strengthening Oregon's next generation, and the Lynne Angland Award shines a light on those who contribute to improving child care and the positive outcomes for Oregon children.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Dallas Lions award scholarship

DALLAS — Dallas Lions Club has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to graduating senior Troy Howard. He will be pursuing a degree in criminal justice at Western Oregon University.

OSU releases spring honor roll

CORVALLIS — Oregon State University announced last week the names of local students who made the Scholastic Honor Roll spring term.

A total of 1,017 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 3,745 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll,

students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll included:

Dallas
Straight-A Average: Kimberly R. Brown, senior, women, gender, and sexuality; Kaden Z. Montague, senior, electrical and computer engineering; Jacob R. Shryer, sophomore, pre-mechanical engineering; and Mychal P. Westendorf, senior, forest engineering.

Between 3.5 and 3.99: Alexander L. Bird, senior, civil engineering; Tyler J. Curtis, sophomore, pre-forest/civil engineering; Janet H. Ferguson, senior, chemistry; Layla K. Field, junior, human development and family science; Emily A. Lund, junior, public health; Conner J. Maclean, sophomore, pre-civil engineering; Amanda J. McCollister, senior, human development and family science; Joseph P. Orton, sophomore, biology; Garen L. Porter, sophomore, pre-computer science; Dana J. Taylor, sophomore, nutrition.

Grand Ronde
Between 3.5 and 3.99: Amy D. Hyatt, senior, human development and family science.

Independence
Straight-A Average: Troy V. Tyma, junior, physics

Between 3.5 and 3.99: Courtney K. Chase, sophomore, pre-business; Carlos Falcon, senior, exercise and sport science; Alexxa D. Gonzalez, freshman, psychology; Matthew G. Grandquist, junior, biology; Stephen Hinkle, junior, English; John R. La'Gere Jr., senior, industrial engineer-

ing; Megan R. Marchand, junior, agricultural sciences; Emma J. Miller, senior, agricultural sciences; Sydnee R. Stoller, senior, agricultural business management; Jose S. Trujillo, senior, psychology.

Monmouth
Straight-A Average: Hanna R. Brown, sophomore, bio-health sciences; Benjamin E. Petersen, senior, history; Emily F. Wells, junior, sociology.

Between 3.5 and 3.99: Erica B. Brown, senior, bio-health sciences; Paul A. Falling, senior, computer science; Makayla R. Kachlein, junior, animal sciences; Sean R. Maroney, sophomore, economics; Trevor Nash, freshman, biology; Abbie E. Potts, sophomore, bio-health sciences; Emily G. Rogers, senior, animal sciences.

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Straight-A Average: Bridget H. Regan, senior, zoology.

EOU announces spring dean's list

LA GRANDE, Ore. — Eastern Oregon University named 515 students to the dean's list for the 2016 spring term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

The following students from your area earned this distinction:
Tanner Yarbrough, of Dallas; Raylene McGuire, of Independence, and Keoni Ana, of Monmouth.

Free lunches for youth through Aug.

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POLK COUNTY — Free lunch for kids and teenagers aged 18 and younger will be provided all summer long until Aug. 24 through the summer lunch program, sponsored by Central, Dallas and Falls City school districts.

Lunch will be available at the following sites:
Dallas: Lyle Elementary School, 185 SW Levens St., noon to 12:30 p.m.; Whitworth Elementary School, 1151 SE Miller St., noon to 12:30 p.m.; Woodbridge Apartments, 22 SE Dimick St., noon to 12:30 p.m.

Falls City: Falls City High School, 111 N. Main St., noon to 1 p.m.; Falls City Elementary School, 177 Prospect Ave., noon to 1 p.m.

Independence: Henry Hill Educational Support Center, 750 S. Fifth St., noon to 12:30 p.m. — dinner served from 5:30 to 6 p.m.; Independence Elementary School, 150 S. Fourth St., noon to 12:30 p.m. — breakfast served from 8 to 8:30 a.m.

Monmouth: Ash Creek Elementary School, 1360 16th St., noon to 12:30 p.m.; Monmouth Elementary School, 958 E. Church St., noon to 12:30 p.m.

Avoid the lines, support the Class of 2017

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INDEPENDENCE — Fourth of July Western Days Celebration and Fireworks wristbands may be pre-purchased from the Central High School 2017 Senior All-Night Celebration Committee.

The wristband, \$1, allows wearers to avoid standing in line on the Fourth of July.

The bands will be available at Les Schwab until Monday, and at the Fourth of July Firefighters breakfast on Saturday, 1800 Monmouth St., Independence.

Entrance to the fireworks show and to the park on Monday is \$1 at the gate or with a wristband. The band gives wearers access to an alternate entrance.

Bags will be searched upon entering the park by Polk County CERT volunteers. Alcohol, fireworks and pets are prohibited from the park during the Western Days weekend, except for service animals.

For detailed information about all the Fourth of July celebrations in Dallas, Independence and Monmouth this weekend, see the special section C in this week's issue.

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Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

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How to do Sudoku
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

By Ben Arnoldy The Christian Science Monitor

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MONMOUTH AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Don't Forget!

June 30 Monmouth Public Library: PreK-8 yrs: Fun Thursdays! 10:15 to 11:15 am. EVERY THURSDAY! Weekly stories, games, and activities. Special guest coaches and athletes from Central High School. Family-friendly and geared toward PreK up to age 8. Today's program: Tennis Ball Monsters. Today's Special Guests: CHS Girls Basketball & Boys Tennis Funded by Friends of Monmouth Library & Monmouth Parks and Recreation Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S. Monmouth

July 2-3 Monmouth-Independence Fourth of July Tennis Tournament. The 43rd annual Monmouth-Independence Fourth of July Tennis Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 2 and 3 at Central High School and Western Oregon University courts. There will be categories for all skill levels; singles, doubles and mixed doubles. There will also be a father/son and mother/daughter category. All proceeds from the tournament go to youth tennis in the area. Entries can be obtained at www.oregontennis.com or by calling tournament director, Ron Warkentin at 503-623-2998. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, June 29, 2016.

July 2-4 MONMOUTH'S HOMETOWN JULY 4TH FESTIVAL In Downtown Monmouth. For a full schedule of events, get your copy of the 4th of July Guide in this weeks Itemizer Observer or visit the City of Monmouth website at <http://www.ci.monmouth.or.us>

July 4 HAPPY 4th of JULY from the MBA!

July 6 Monmouth Public Library: Wacky Wednesdays (9-12 yr olds) 2-3 pm. EVERY WEDNESDAY! Free Weekly fun for 9-12 year olds! Today's program: Build it! Circuits, Legos, and More! Funded by Friends of Monmouth Library & Monmouth Parks and Recreation. Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S. Monmouth

July 15 Monmouth Public Library: Friday Tot Time! 10:15 to 11:15 am. Programs for babies & toddlers. Today's program: Stories & Play Funded by Friends of Monmouth Library & Monmouth Parks and Recreation. Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S. Monmouth

July 16 Summer Fair & Yard Sale. Faith Lutheran Church invites YOU to summer FUN for everyone! FREE Taco Lunch at 11 AM • BIG SLIDE and Bible Games • Yard Sale (proceeds to charity) • Lion's Club Health Screening • Community Resource Booths • FREE Car Wash • FREE Face Painting • FREE Prize Drawing • FREE Snacks All Day. 8 am to 3 pm. Faith Lutheran Church 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy (on the S-curve)

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July 20: Transcendental Brass Band—New Orleans Jazz
July 27: Charlie Horse — Rock

AUGUST CONCERTS
August 3: Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising — Bluegrass
August 10: Boka Marimba — African-Style Marimba
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August 24: Jacob Miller & The Bridge City Crooners—Swing
August 31: Coming Up Threes — Celtic

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