



**Kindergartners color the planets and the sun to make their space hats on March 22. The activity is part of a special space project the child development class designed.**

JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

# Mentors: Kinders, teens learn from each other

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The fun that Hawes talked about goes both ways.

"I like making stuff with them," said kindergarten Callie Jo Whiting.

Classmate Brody Bowers said he enjoyed working with the high school students, too. His favorite space activity was building rockets.

"They actually fly high, and that is kind of the cool part of it," he said.

Seniors Colton Moore and McKenna Desnoyers were running that station on March 22.

Both were thinking about careers where they may have to work with children.

"I want to be a dental hygienist, so if kids ever came into the office, I would really make it a priority to make them feel comfortable," Desnoyers said. "I know that would be really scary for some kids."

Moore is thinking about psychology or speech therapy. "It's been helpful for sure," Desnoyers said of what she's learned about working with young children.

Moore, who took the class last year and worked in the kindergarten class, volun-

teered to stay with that group, now in first grade.

"I made a connection with some of the kids. It's cool to continue that on to this year," he said. "It's cool to be able to teach them new things and help them learn. They say some really funny things sometimes."

Desnoyers laughed, nodding her head in agreement, as she helped students pick out the colors they wanted to put on their rockets.

Near the end of the class, the excited kindergartners ran around the gym in their planet hats, launching their paper rockets by blowing into straws.

Hawes said he would recommend the class to others, even if they aren't planning on going into education.

"It's really not that hard. You do projects centered around the kids, and go and help in their classrooms. You get to have fun with them," he said. "We've built gingerbread houses with them. We did Valentine's Day, pumpkin bread. It's just a really fun class that you get to hang out with younger ones and help them develop."

## SCHOOL NOTES

### Dickerson Distinguished Educator

DALLAS — Dallas High School biology teacher Brandy Dickerson is January's Distinguished Educator.

Parents Ed and Lori Dressel and student, Isaiah Dressel, nominated her for the award, saying, "She goes above and beyond her calling as a teacher."

"It was a huge blessing to have someone who was on our team, cheering on our student to reach high and keep going," they said of Dickerson. "The variety of learning styles she captured gave opportunity for success."

The Distinguished Educator Program recognizes "excellence in teaching and learning" in Dallas School District schools.

### FCHS begins energy upgrades this week

FALLS CITY — On Monday, a project began to upgrade Falls City High School's lighting for energy efficiency.

The work is being paid for with funding collected through Senate Bill 1149, which directs money toward efficiency projects in schools. The district previously retrofitted its gym and library/science buildings.

"That will save us about \$105 per month off our electric bill," Facilities Manager John Gilbert said for the high school project. "That will be exciting. It will be the third building of our four to be done."

Once work at the high school is done, the only building left to retrofit is Falls City Elementary. Gilbert said there should be enough SB 1149 funding to upgrade the top floor of the building.

## Giving input on CSD's future



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

**Community members, including teachers, parents and employees of Central School District, met with the three finalists vying to be the new superintendent on March 22 at Central High School. All who attended had a chance to fill out comment cards on each of the candidates, which the school board took into consideration after its final interviews on March 22. The new superintendent will be announced at the Monday school board meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m. at Henry Hill Education Support Center, 750 S. Fifth St., Independence.**

### Solution on Page 5A

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By Ben Arnoldy

### Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★★★★

4	3	2	8	1	6	7	5	9
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2	1	6	7	4	9	3	8	5
9	8	5	1	6	3	2	7	4
7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
8	5	3	6	2	1	9	4	7
6	2	4	5	9	7	1	3	8

### 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.

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# April 2017

**Monmouth Area Community Events Calendar**

**April 2** Polk Flea Market 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Polk County's oldest and largest market with 183 tables selling antiques, collectibles, tools, etc. 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall

**April 7** Central School District - Grades 6-12 NO SCHOOL

**April 14 - 16** 62nd Annual River of Gems Show. Presented by: Willamette Agate & Mineral Society, Inc. Friday April 14th: 9:00am - 5:00pm. Saturday April 15th: 9:00am - 5:00pm. Kid's Treasure Hunt: Sat. 1:00pm. Sunday April 16th: 10:00am to 4:00pm. Oral Auction: Sunday 2:00pm Admission \$2.00. Kids Under 12 are FREE. Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall.

**April 15** Easter Egg Hunt Join us for a FREE, family friendly, community Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be there for photos, we'll have more eggs than you can count, and free books too! We have two rounds of egg hunts - one for ages 0 to 5 and one for ages 6 to 12. Gentle Wood Park, Monmouth. 10AM - 11:30AM. Contact Information: Monmouth-Independence Family YMCA 503.838.4042

**April 15** Micky Dolenz / The American Metropole Orchestra. 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Rice Auditorium Western Oregon University Corner of Knox and Powell Streets, Monmouth, OR 97361. For tickets call Sandy at 503-838-8333. \$25 in advance (plus \$3 handling fee per transaction) \$11 students, \$28 at the door.

**April 16** Happy Easter from the Monmouth Business Association

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