5J PROGRAM

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"Our goal as a renaissance team is to make everyone feel like part of the BHS family and no one is left out," a slide on a Power Point presentation shown to the Board stated.

Students said they walked away from the conference with lots of ideas about how to implement the program in their school.

Students gave these examples of how they will accomplish that goal with special activities:

• Motivation Monday, which will include music playing first thing Monday morning to get everyone ready for the week.

• Positive message to be displayed on Post-it notes placed throughout the school.

•Ice cream socials scheduled routinely for each class — freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors — to bring the classes together more as a community.

• Presentations of honorary diplomas each year to teachers who students believe have helped them succeed.

By including all students, the Renaissance program hopes to improve attendance, which in turn could lead to a boost in grade-point averages and higher graduation rates, the students said.

Success is gained by following the program's five R's, which call for the school to respect, recognize, reward and reinforce to gain results.

They plan to improve school spirit with pep assemblies that will include games involving mass numbers of students and enlist "hype squads" to increase enthusiasm among students. And improvement awards will be presented.

"Staffulty," the entire group of school workers including teachers, janitors, cooks, bus drivers and all support staff, will be recognized throughout the year. Monthly treats or special signs will presented to show gratitude throughout the year.

To ensure that all students feel included, the team will bring everyone together to work to break down barriers between students. Polls will be distributed to all students to provide them a voice in important school decisions.

During Pep Night, an annual event organized around Homecoming Week, the team hopes to develop ways to involve more students.

For class competitions, rules will be clarified and more students will be encouraged to participate by offering fun and competitive games.

In February, the team hopes to encourage students with a Love Week activity in which they spend 10 minutes every morning, Monday through Thursday, writing down what they like to do on a slip of paper. Students then pass their slips around and other students write what they love about each other.

The team also hopes to encourage more staff members to participate in high school graduation to acknowledge the impact all teachers have had on helping students reach their goals. They also hope to make "staffulty" who are leaving or retiring feel as appreciated as possible, they said.

The students asked the Board members for support through funding, advertising, community partnerships,volunteers and participation in the program. They pointed directors to the Josten website: www.jostensrenaissance.com/learn-more/

Vice chair Katie Lamb and director Julie Huntington attended the meeting in person. Andrew Bryan attended by phone and Chris Hawkins, board chair, and director Kevin Cassidy were absent.

AIR

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He canceled Wednesday's practice because of the air.

With Burnt River's gym occupied by volleyball practice, Wilson said the most they could do is go over plays in the hallway, "but what we need right now is physical activity."

That made Thursday's practice for Burnt River's six-man team its first practice with everyone together.

Wilson said the school's athletic director keeps him updated on conditions every day.

He also said Baker football staff members called the Burnt River school to see if they could come practice on the Bull's field because air quality was slightly better on the other side of the Dooley Mountains.

OSAA guidelines state that if the air quality index rises above 100, practices or competitions "shall be canceled or moved to an area with a lower AQI. Move practices indoors, if available."

Although when the air quality is "moderate," or indexed at 51-100, practice can resume outdoors, OSAA still warns that athletes with asthma "should have rescue inhalers readily available and pretreat before exercise or as directed by their healthcare provider. Increase rest periods as needed."

Poor air quality affecting fall practices isn't a new issue, and Johnson said they know how to adjust.

"Fires happen out here so we get the smoke," said Johnson. "We don't manage the smoke, we manage the football around the smoke."

Burnt River began school on Wednesday, and Baker's first day is Sept. 4.

AUCTION

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Market Lamb

Maggie Mackenzie took home grand champion among 28 other lambs. Her 136-pound lamb sold for $2,210 to Haines Steakhouse.

Augustena Cook won the reserve grand champion title with her 117-pound lamb earning $1,199.25.

Market Swine

Alicia Maldonado's pig won grand champion honors and sold for a price of $1,572, weighing in at 262 pounds.

The second title went to Kaci Anderson for her 283-pound pig, which earned $1,273.50.

Seventy-five pigs were sold.

Market Poultry

Logan Neff's 30-pound turkey earned him $1,350 and the grand champion title.

Briana Neff earned $448 for her 11.2-pound goose.

Two other animals sold in the poultry division.

Market Rabbit

Logan LaHaug received grand champion honors and $350 for his 14-pound rabbit.

David Kerns's 13-pound rabbit went for $422.50 and earned the second title.

Four pens of rabbits sold.

Market Goat

An 86-pound goat raised by Jacquelyn Sanders earned the grand champion title and $430.

Julianne Kersgaard raised the reserve champion 97-pound goat that brought in $460.75.

In total, 11 goats sold.

State & Local Briefs

Commissioners to discuss plan

Baker County commissioners will meet on Thursday, Aug. 23, with members of the Eastern Oregon County Association.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. at the Baker County Courthouse, 1995 Third St.

The purpose will be to discuss and develop a response to the Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision.

Driver hits, kills highway flagger

ATHENA (AP) — Police say a driver struck and killed a construction flagger in Northeastern Oregon.

The Oregonian reports the crash happened around 8:40 p.m. Tuesday on Oregon 11 near Athena, where workers were repaving the road.

Oregon State Police say 49-year-old Tyresa Monaghan of Kennewick, Washington, died at the scene.

Police say 76-year-old Leman Bledsoe of Milton-Freewater was driving a Chrysler minivan when he sideswiped a stopped car and hit Monaghan.

Police say Bledsoe drove about a mile after the crash before stopping. He was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless endangerment, failure to perform the duties of a driver and recklessly endangering a highway worker.

Police say additional charges could be filed.

Medford airport has biggest month ever

MEDFORD (AP) — Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport is coming off of its biggest month ever.

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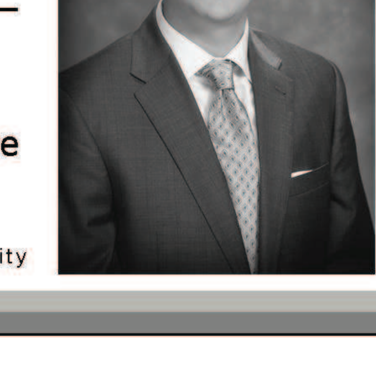

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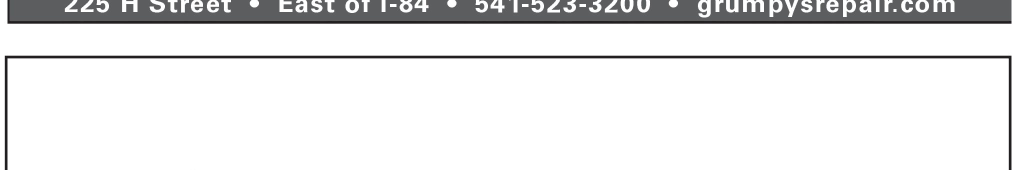

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