

# DANCE

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Adair, who also received flowers from her team, announced that next year she'll have two assistant coaches on board, Jessica Moore and Kattie Piazza, former members of Adair's team.

The varsity team performed the routine they'll take to the OSAA Dance and Drill State Championships

Wednesday-Saturday, March 18-21, at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Adair noted that donations received at the Spring Showcase and the benefit dinner were significant and will help pay for the varsity team's trip to the state competition this week and for summer camp.

She said Grant Union Gold is having an "exceptional" year.

"Mostly it's their work ethic, positive attitudes and

their desire to be the best that they can," she said.

This year, the 2A team will compete against 1A-4A teams, all of a similar size with 13 or fewer members, compared to last year when the team was up against 4A groups with as many as 30-40 dancers on the floor.

"This year, 4A teams will be in the mix, but in a small teams division," she said. "Everything is coming together, and we have a great chance to place."

# ROAD

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Beverlin noted that the road changes for all of the projects were final when the NEPA decisions were final.

The September 2014 order was a Code of Federal Regulations enforcement order, an action that doesn't close roads but allows the agency to enforce such restrictions.

Beverlin said the closures cited in the September 2014

order all predated the county's access ordinance.

However, he conceded that timing wasn't clear to the public. He said the agency's process - which treated each new enforcement order as "additive" to the previous ones - contributed to confusion, as did the fact that some past forest supervisors didn't keep up with the enforcement paperwork during their tenure.

When Raaf signed the enforcement order in September, she was adding decisions from recent years to a long list of old-

er ones, resulting in a thick stack of paperwork.

"It was intended to be more of a housekeeping exercise for the forest," he said. "And it created a stir."

While the bulk of the order concerned forest areas in Harney County, Beverlin said his review has identified 83.93 miles of road in Grant County, and he is still looking into about 19 more miles. The total includes 183 segments of roads, nearly all short spurs - from .1 to .3 or .4 miles long. The longest came to 1.76 miles.

Asked about the condition of the roads, Beverlin said they run the gamut - from tree-clogged spurs to roads that may still be in use. He said reasons for the closures included resource damage, redundant roads, and wildlife concerns.

Mark Pengelly, a member of the access board, noted the lag between NEPA and the enforcement order.

"To procrastinate that long, there's something wrong with that picture," he said.

Beverlin said that's one reason "we're here talking about this."

Beverlin referred Pengelly and others to the forest website for more details on the NEPA projects and respective final decisions.

Moving forward, Beverlin said, "our new process will be that within 30 days of NEPA decisions becoming final, there will be a new site-specific CFR enforcement order for any access changes identified in the final NEPA decision for the area."

Court members welcomed the departure from past practice as a positive step.

# GU musicians blossom in regional events

Students compete March 18 in Pendleton

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Grant Union middle and high school music students who recently competed at OMEA District 6 include Marta Faulkner (flute), left, Beau Stone (baritone), Shiranne Carter (soprano), Samantha Floyd (flute, trombone), Carle Wright (bass clarinet), Sam Bentz (saxophone), Chloe Bentz (flute) and Alyssa Hoffman (trumpet). The students are led by music director Mary Ann Vidourek.

LA GRANDE - Eight Grant Union band and choir students participated in the March 7 Oregon Music Education Association's District 6 solo competition at Eastern Oregon University.

It was a learning experience for the middle schoolers, to help them as they look forward to high school competition, while the high school students hoped to advance to state competition.

"They all loved it," said Grant Union music director Mary Ann Vidourek. "The judges worked with each of them on tone and projection."

Flautist Marta Faulkner, a senior, qualified to perform at the May 2 OSAA State Championship solo competition held

at Lewis and Clark Community College.

The Grant Union middle and high school musicians, all 80 of them, presented a spring concert on March 10 led by Vidourek at the school.

Next up for the students is this Wednesday's district competition in Pendleton, where the high school band and the combined 7-12 choir will perform in a concert judged by three certified judges.

# GOP

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- as the son of former president George H.W. Bush and the younger brother of former president George W. Bush, both widely unpopular with Democrats.

Others felt Bush did a good job as governor of Florida, and that gubernatorial experience is important for the president. He could likely overcome his name's associations, they said.

Supporters of Walker talked of his practiced leadership, his ability to win a governorship in a traditionally blue state, and his marketability.

Alison Bruun, president of the Dorchester board of directors, said no matter who is selected, the Oregon Republicans must get organized, unified and fully support that candidate.

## Facing the challenges

How the Republican Party can stay relevant in Oregon was one of the most complex topics addressed by the group.

As of February, 37.7 percent of Oregon voters were registered Democrats; 32.5 percent were registered non-affiliated, Independent or minority parties; and 29.8 percent were registered Republicans, according to the Oregon Secretary of State's Office. The Grand Old Party hasn't nabbed the governorship since Vic Atiyeh led the state in the 1980s.

Ideas generated by small-group breakout discussions included a proposal to market the party as full-spectrum and socially diverse. A few attendees suggested the party is out of touch with mainstream views and sometimes isolates individuals who don't believe in all components of the general party platform.

Marshall Kosloff, of Lake Oswego, said the party needs to more appropriately address the concerns specific to Oregonians, such as health care costs, tax increases and making post-secondary education accessible to all people. Those state-specific issues, he said, must be elevated above the main issues targeted by the national Republican Party.

"The voters have moved away from our core positions," said attendee Jim Parker. The party must be

willing to reposition itself to be aligned closer to voters' ideals and concerns, he said.

Others suggested it's not Republican ideologies that have strayed from popular opinion but rather how they're communicated to the general public or the candidates selected to represent the party. Rather than shifting to the center, they said, the center must be shifted to the right.

Other suggestions included expanding the party's social media presence; better marketing and TV commercials; distinguishing the Oregon party from the national party and George W. Bush's regime; and reaching out to new voters as soon as they register.

## Making a change next year

In his keynote speech, U.S. Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.) voiced disappointment in the national administration and stressed the importance of the 2016 election for the Republican Party.

Walden charged that many leading Democrats, including President Obama and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, are lacking in transparency, violating the law and U.S. Constitution, isolating allies and cozying up to countries that pose a threat to U.S. interests.

"As we get ready for 2016," Walden said, "you got to realize (the opposition) may have the elites and they may have the liberal press and all the bureaucracy in Washington on their side, and they'll use every lever - this administration is all about Chicago-style politics - but we have the spirit of freedom and the will of the American people to move forward and win. We have to prevail. ... You know what the consequences are if we don't. Can you imagine a third term of Barack Obama headed up by Hillary Clinton? That is what we will get, and it's not what we can afford."

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