



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Students and teachers of the Summer at the Youth Arts Program gather on stage after their Saturday performance.

Program gives youth artistic outlet

Students show skills honed at art camp

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The spotlight was focused on 41 youth performers and artists last Friday for the grand finale of Summer at the Youth Arts Program.

Performers, ages 5-18, wowed a crowd of over 110 as they shared talents on stage at

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in John Day.

The youth spent the two-week summer camp learning new skills, and/or honing their talents.

The performances included a young choir, children as young as 5 playing – impressively – at the piano, a band concert, soloists, and a play “Mouse, Deer and Tiger” by Aaron Shepard, starring several enthusiastic actors.

One teen songwriter, Grace Carothers, inspired the

crowd as she played her guitar and sang.

The cultural center, where the event took place, was decorated wall to wall with paintings in various styles.

Organizer Rebecca Bogardus was pleased with efforts for the youth, and the volunteers.

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she said. “A quality arts education for everyone in Grant County – no matter where they live.

“We’ve seen students go from zero to amazing in two weeks, and students with advanced skills strengthen them and learn new skills.”

Bogardus had assistance from several teachers, who lent a hand with the various forms of music, art and drama.

Helping with art were Marguerite Driscoll and Sa-

vanna Martin. Teachers in the music department included Bogardus and Janine Goodwin and music adjunct Megan Maxwell. Drama teachers included Bogardus and John Fiedor, and Raimy Jisha was a teacher’s aid.

Bogardus already has plans in the works to increase the program. She is starting year-round community

choirs for ages 5 through adult. She hopes to add dance classes to the program in the future as well as produce a musical and sponsor year-round instrumental ensembles.

The Youth Arts Program is in its second year and is funded by community donations and a grant from the Oregon Cultural Coalition and is run by the Juniper Arts Council.

“We have partnerships with local studios and schools which keep our costs low,” Bogardus said.

For more information about YAP, visit www.studiobogardus.com/yap.html, or call Bogardus at 541-987-2440.

Eagle brings home awards from ONPA

Blue Mountain Eagle

LINCOLN CITY – The Blue Mountain Eagle staff brought home a collection of awards from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) annual meeting and awards banquet, held last week in Lincoln City.

The Eagle news staff received seven awards in ONPA’s 2015 Better Newspaper Contest, while the newspaper’s advertising department brought home five awards in the association’s 2015 Better Ad Ideas Contest. Submissions are judged against those from other newspapers of similarly sized circulation.

In its circulation division in the news competition, the staff won first place in Best Page One Design.

Angel Carpenter, sports editor for the Eagle, brought home first and second place awards for Best Sports Photo for the picture she captured from the bull riding challenge tour held at the fairgrounds and a photo of Sivanna Hodge during a swim meet in John Day.

Scotta Callister won second place for Best Writing for her coverage of the South Fork fire last year, the fire at the ESD building and the story, “Religion wafts through Seneca pot case.”

Cheryl Hoefler, Eagle reporter, won third place for Best Writing for her stories, “Water, water everywhere;” “More than a century of fond farewells;” and “Teaching the dream.”

Callister also won third

place in Best Editorial Page.

The staff’s 2014 Hunting Journal won third place in the Best Special Section or Issue category.

On the advertising side, the sales team was recognized for submissions titled “Superior Homes: Looking to Expand,” which won first place in the Best Advertising Headline category; “Log Cabin Espresso: May your cup of joy” second place in Best Advertising Headline; “Blue Mountain Hospital: Treat your feet,” third place in Best Institutional/image Ad; “Grant County Vets - Salute,” third place in Best Multi-sponsor ROP Ads; and “Wild West: New Location,” third place in the Most Effective Use of Small Space Ad category.

ONPA is based in Salem.



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Dayville Dash competitors get ready to race July 5 in smoky conditions.

Davyille Dash, smokey, but fun

South Fork Fire doesn’t stop celebration

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

DAYVILLE – The Dayville Dash 5K event may have had some competitors thinking, “Holy smokes!”

The run took place Sunday, July 5, as the South Fork Fire

was active, and the previous day had burned 19,232 acres – the fire is now contained.

“Due to the fire situation up South Fork, the route had to be changed,” said city recorder Ruthie Moore.

This year, it started and ended at Mascall Overlook on Antone Road – “a much more vigorous route,” she said.

The overall winner of the 5K was Tiffnie Schmadeka clocking in at 30:19.

More Dayville Fourth of July results: Dayville Dash 5K Run/Walk

- Division 0-10 – Bravery Pereira, 34:16
- Division 11-18 – Alcie Moore, 38:57
- Division 19-35 – Tiffnie Schmadeka, 30:19
- Division 36-49 – Julianna Moulton, 34:45
- Division 50 & Older – Cheryl Hubbird, 35:33
- Duck Race**
- 1st – Willow and Timber Hand
- 2nd – Dave Round
- Horseshoe Tournament**
- 1st – Tobi Thomas & Bryce Bartlett
- Scavenger Hunt**
- 1st – Jamie Waltenburg & Hannah Flower
- 2nd – Natalie & Vinod Dakianachan
- 3rd – Justin Larson & Emmaleigh Schatz



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Tiffnie Schmadeka races in the Dayville Dash, her husband Taylor close behind.

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And the Monument winners are ...

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MONUMENT – We’ve got some hot news from Monument.

Here are the winners from the town’s Fourth of July events:

Parade:

- Best of show winner – The Veterans Memorial float
- Car division – Blue Chevy by Brian Campbell

- Kids division – Sparkly ponies

Pie contest:

- Winner – Mia Yukawa

Horseshoe Tournament:

- Winner – The Richie Boyer team

All the entrants in the talent show received participation prizes.

Thank You

We would like to thank our family and many, many friends who joined us to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary party July 18th. Your overwhelming support has been heart warming and greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Melanie Kimball and Darcie Flath for dreaming up the idea of a party and then to our son, Frank Crum and Mary Ellen Brooks for joining in the planning and setup at the Clyde Holliday park.

Thank you to Toni Clark for cooking the meat, to all who brought food and cards and to Mary Ellen for the beautiful cakes.

Your friendship made for a special day for us.

Fondly,
Harriet and Melvin Crum

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