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Ten foreign students living in Long Creek this school year point out their home countries on a large wall map at Long Creek School. From left, Near (Yanatorn) Bunnag of Thailand, Aaron (Yu Cheng) Yueng of Taiwan, Mew (Onnalin) Wiriyasumon of Thailand, Kirill Borisov of Russia, Raquel Melo Silva of Brazil, Andrea Montes of Spain, Philipp Dessau of Germany, Lilly Stemmann of Germany, Fernando Garcia Rodriguez of Spain and Adam (Adugafor) Rajibeli of Tajikistan.

The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler



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A home at the Riverside Mobile Home Park at 677 W. Main St., John Day, is taped off with an Oregon State Police vehicle blocking the area after two people were shot Thursday evening.

DeRosier accused of attempted murder for Thursday shootings

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

A judge set bail at \$700,000 for the man accused of shooting two men in John Day Thursday evening.

Defendant Jacob DeRosier, 29, John Day, appeared in Grant County Circuit Court Monday via video conference from the Grant County Jail. Attorney John Lamborn said he was appointed to represent DeRosier and waived further reading of the charges and DeRosier's rights.

Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter said the state is charging DeRosier with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of first-degree assault, one count of unlawful discharge of a weapon, one count of felon in possession of a firearm and one count of tampering with evidence.

Judge William D. Cramer Jr. set DeRosier's bail at \$700,000. He said, if DeRosier is able to post bail, he must not use intoxicants and must not contact Christopher Woodell, 32, or Eric Towers, 35, both of John Day, who were shot Thursday at the Riverside Mobile Home Park, 677 W. Main St., John Day.

Towers was transported to Blue Mountain Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Woodell was transported by air ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, where he remained in critical condition as of Friday afternoon. The hospital refused to provide an update on his status Monday.

Carpenter said he intends to take the charges to a grand jury this week, and Cramer set a status hearing in the case for 1:30 p.m. Friday.

SMALL TOWN, WORLDLY EDUCATION

Foreign faces in Long Creek in September become lifelong friends by May

By Cheryl Hoefler
Blue Mountain Eagle

LONG CREEK — "I was like, wow, this is really small." That was Lilly Stemmann's first thought when she arrived in Long Creek from Germany at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

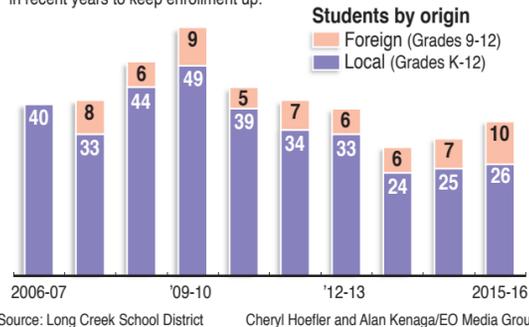
Stemmann is one of 10 foreign high-schoolers from seven countries who are nearing the end of a school year at Long Creek. None of the students had ever been to a town as small as Long Creek. However, fellow German, 17-year-old Philipp Dessau, said, "It looked smaller on Google Maps than it really is."

The group is here courtesy of International Student Exchange, and as they prepare to return to their home countries, none wish they had gone anywhere else. All agree it has been a positive experience and are grateful for their time spent in a rural setting and with such an intimate, close-knit community.

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Foreign kids bolster roll at remote school

Of the 13 high school students at Long Creek School this year, 10 are exchange students from abroad. The school has relied on foreign students in recent years to keep enrollment up.



First-graders experience variety of arts

Hands-on lessons yield fun experience

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

CANYON CITY — Humbolt Elementary first-graders were introduced to several artists and art forms last week in Peggy Murphy and Mandy Ipson's classrooms.

The weeklong focus included meeting a new local artist each day, and trying various styles of art. Murphy said the artists talked about how art affects their lives and the lives of others

in a positive way. Each day the students worked on their own art, and learned about famous artists and types of art, from pottery to painting to fiber arts.

Visitors to the classrooms included Grant Union Gold dance athletes Mackenzie Woodcock and Joshua Taynton, singer and guitarist Gregg Boethin, fiber artist Sharron Feiger, painter Sophie Cosgrove, wood craftsman Rick Callahan and Caroline Colson with food art.

The first-graders shared what they learned during the week.

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The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Peggy Murphy's first-grade class gathers around to see her demonstrate chalk "pull art."

Treasurer, forest commission candidates speak to voters

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

Candidates vying for treasurer and multiple Public Forest Commission positions in the May primary election spoke to voters at a candidate forum April 23.

Treasurer candidates include Doug Carpenter, Julie Ellison, Tandi Merkord and Mary Weaver. Unless one receives a majority of the votes in May, the top two will continue on to the November ballot.

Carpenter said he went to high school in Grant County and loves it here. He said he has 10 years of finance experience, currently working for Malheur Lumber. He said he has

excellent communication and organization skills, works on tasks until complete and wants to continue the exceptional job outgoing Treasurer Kathy Smith has been doing.

Ellison said she was raised here and has more than 30 years of financial experience. She said she is the deputy clerk at the courthouse, she learned from the current treasurer and has experience with the AS400 computer system used by the county. She said she is honest, detail oriented and hard working.

Merkord said she moved to Kimberly 15 years ago. She said she studied accounting in college and has diverse

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