



Kenna Combs



Paige Gerry

Students win BMW logo contest

Logo to be used for 2017 Chief Joseph Rally

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County art students stepped into the role of graphic designer, creating imagery for a BMW logo contest.

The BMW Riders of Oregon motorcycle club flocks to the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day each June for its annual Chief Joseph Rally, and each year a new logo is designed to promote the event.

Last year, rally master Doug Tewksbury proposed the idea of having local school students submit designs for the logo in a contest. The process began in September, and a winning design was chosen in December.

Kris Beal, president of the Juniper Arts Council, and Grant Union Junior-Senior High School art teacher JJ Collier helped organize the contest, and members of the BMW group judged the submissions.

Students from all the Grant County schools were invited to participate, and entries were received from Prairie City School and Grant Union.

Out of 108 entries, Grant Union seventh-grader Paige Gerry won the contest and \$100 from the motorcycle group. Grant Union eighth-grader Kenna Combs placed second, receiving \$25. Receiving honorable mention were Ashley Henry, Kimberly Teague, Man-



Contributed photo

With this logo design, Grant Union seventh-grader Paige Gerry won a contest judged by the BMW Riders of Oregon motorcycle club to design the logo for the 2017 Chief Joseph Rally in John Day, which takes place June 23-25.

ao Kanazawa, Brianna Majors and Levi Carpenter.

"Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2017 Chief Joseph Rally logo design contest," Tewksbury said. "It is wonderful to see the creativity and thoughtfulness put into so many of the designs."

The contest allowed students to create their own hand-drawn designs or a digital image.

Collier said she had her students enter the contest as part of an assignment, and several entered two pieces of art.

"They (the BMW Riders of Oregon) were very specific about the imagery they wanted," Collier said. "It's great to be given the opportunity for the students work within specific parameters for a graphic design client."

Mt. Vernon Scout awarded the Eagle

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Earning the rank of Eagle is an accomplishment not achieved by many members of the Boys Scouts of America — just 4 percent earn the award.

Brogan McKrola, 18, of Mt. Vernon defied the odds and was honored with the Eagle Scout Award on Sunday, Jan. 8.

Scoutmaster Darrel McKrola handed his son the award at the Court of Honor held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in John Day.

John Day City Manager Nick Green, a former Eagle recipient, was a speaker at the meeting, which had about 30 in attendance.

"It was definitely a long and difficult process, but it taught me a lot of valuable skills and life lessons that I'll be able to use throughout my life," Brogan said.

When asked what his favorite part of Scouting is, he replied, "I enjoyed all of it."



Contributed photo

Brogan McKrola, center, stands with his parents, Kim and Darrel McKrola, after receiving his Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award.

He added, "I want to thank my parents and Scout leaders for pushing me to complete my Eagle."

In order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, McKrola had to earn 21 merit badges and show leadership by planning, developing, and completing a community service project.

Brogan led several volunteers from the community in October 2013 to build a retaining wall between the then-new Grant Union High School track and the Grant

School District No. 3 office; the former track was destroyed after Canyon Creek flooded May 15, 2011.

The project, which took 20 hours to complete, was made possible, in part, with donations from Tidewater Contractors, Mills Building Supply and Darrel McKrola, a general contractor.

Brogan is a senior at Prairie City High School, previously attending Grant Union. He has been active in basketball, football, baseball, cross country and student council.

As a member of 4-H, McKrola has raised and shown swine, and has been a 4-H counselor for the past two years.

He plans to serve a two-year mission for his church after high school and then enlist in the Navy or attend college for electrical engineering.

Throughout most of Brogan's time as a Scout, his father has been his scoutmaster, leading a group of several scouts in Troop 800.

"I'm really proud of him," his father said. "He really displayed great leadership in our program. Less than seven of every 100 Scouts make it to the Eagle rank, so I'm proud that he stuck with it and did all the work he needed to."

In 2015, 162 boys in the Blue Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, earned the Eagle Scout Award providing more than 21,877 service hours. The Blue Mountain Council, headquartered in Kennewick, Washington, serves youth in northeast Oregon and southeast Washington.



SATURDAY, JAN. 21

American Legion Auxiliary meeting

- Noon, Valley View Assisted Living, John Day

The Ellis Tracy Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet to discuss business. All members are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

Landowner seminars and annual meeting

- 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monument Senior Center

The Monument Soil and Water Conservation District will host its 2017 landowner

seminars and annual meeting. Seminar topics include "Land Trusts and Working Land Easements," "Controlling Juniper with Herbicide" and an overview of the Cavender Wetland Enhancement project. At noon, Monument FFA members will serve a fundraiser trip lunch at a cost of \$8 per plate. The annual meeting will follow the landowner seminars at 2:30 pm. Those planning on attending the seminars and lunch are asked to RSVP at 541-934-2141 or mswcd@centurytel.net.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

Grant County Farm Bureau annual meeting

- 1 p.m., Outpost Restaurant, John Day

The annual meeting will include presentations by Shanna Northway of OSU Extension Office on succession planning, internships and agro tourism and Jack Southworth on Forest Service land management practices, along with guest Steve Beverlin, Malheur National Forest supervisor; the election of officers; and the goals and direction of the Bureau for 2017.

Grant County Little League Sign-ups

- 5-7:30 p.m., Humbolt Elementary, Canyon City

Sign-ups for Little League baseball and softball players will be held in the computer



Open Mon. – Fri. 5 am – 7 pm

• Sat. 6 am – 7 pm • Sun. 6 am – 6 pm

W. Hwy. 26 John Day • 541-575-2585



Don't forget to check out our selection of Cooper's Express chicken!



Pick up your application and save 10 cents a gallon!