

Two retiring Humboldt teachers bid farewell

The teachers said: 'It was an honor'

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Longtime teachers Peggy Murphy and Marilyn Berry are retiring, closing a long chapter at Humboldt Elementary School.

Murphy taught for 34 years and Berry for 18 years with Grant School District No. 3.

Other retirees with the district include drama club advisor Julie Reynolds (26 years) — she also taught English and drama classes for

20 years at Grant Union High School, retiring in 2011; janitor Tom Haney (27 years); and school board member Gordon Larson (12 years).

Berry said she's enjoyed the challenge of teaching and meeting goals.

"Working with the students is what I've enjoyed," she said. "It's such a worthwhile profession. We get these kids early, who are so excited about learning."

Berry taught grades 1-5 over the years at Humboldt. She had her start at Prairie

City School, teaching for one year there.

Murphy taught grades 1 and 2 almost exclusively, except for one year at Seneca School to teach kindergarten.

"It really is all about the kids," Murphy said. "At this age, you get to view the world through a child's eyes. It keeps you going."

Both said it was an honor teaching their students, and they've each taught children of their former students.

Berry plans to visit children and grandchildren, and work with her husband on

their hobby farm.

Murphy said a friend told her, "Don't retire without a plan."

So far, she plans to rest, then travel and, later, volunteer with Heart of Grant County and at Humboldt.

Both retirees also plan to focus on health, including exercise.

"It's been fantastic," Murphy said of her career. "My professionalism and work ethic came from principal Les Still. Everything he did benefited the students. I would like to honor him as an amazing person."



The Eagle/Rylan Boggs

Retired teachers Marilyn Berry, left, and Peggy Murphy, center, are honored by Grant County School District No. 3 Superintendent Curt Shelley during a Wednesday, June 7, school board meeting.

ACADEMIC REPORT

Stewart Scholarship applications deadline is July 1

Applications for the Wayne Stewart Scholarship must be postmarked by July 1. Applications are available at granted.k12.or.us. The Wayne Stewart Scholarship fund distributed \$567,000 in scholarships last year to 108 recipients, and a similar amount is anticipated this year. The scholarships benefit Grant County students of all ages who qualify, thanks to the late benefactors Wayne Stewart of Dayville and his son Eminger Stewart III of Mt. Vernon.

Martin earns Doctor of Dental Medicine

Matthew Paul Martin earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree on June 4 from OHSU in Portland. Martin graduated from Long Creek High School in 2009, and Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 2013. He is the son of Ray and Paula Martin of Long Creek.

Lenz, Rider, Bullock and Hughet win Grant County Futures Scholarships

Avery Lenz, Meghan Rider, Lindsay Bullock and Makaela Hughet have been selected as the recipients of the 2017-2018 Grant County Futures Scholarship, which is awarded by the local College Advisory Board from an endowment of the EOU Foundation. The scholarships will be used for tuition and books for classes taken through Eastern Oregon University or Blue Mountain Community College's online

programs through the Grant County Center.

Lenz is an Eastern Oregon University student working on prerequisites for acceptance into the OHSU bachelor's degree in nursing in La Grande. Rider and Bullock are both pursuing an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree from Blue Mountain Community College in order to transfer to EOU. Hughet is working toward an AAS Human Services at Blue Mountain Community College with the goal of transferring to EOU's Emergency Medical Services Administration degree.

The Grant County College Advisory Board was able to award four scholarships this year due to a large donation from Blue Mountain TV Cable Company, in honor of Jack McKenna. These funds will be invested through the EOU foundation and will be available for local students seeking degrees through the Grant County Center, located in the Grant County ESD at 835 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day.

For more information about the scholarship, and EOU and BMCC programs, contact Ashley Armichard at 541 575-1550.

Nash named to MSU dean's list

Trinity Nash of John Day was named to the Montana State University dean's list for spring semester 2017. To be eligible, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or better while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Forrester named to honor roll

Rachel Forrester was named to the Western Wyoming Community College 2017 spring semester part-time honor roll. Students must complete 6-11 credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.5 or better.

Three students awarded Juniper Arts Council scholarships

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The Juniper Arts Council awarded three \$500 scholarships to Grant County seniors pursuing a major or minor in the visual or performing arts.

This year's scholarship recipients, all Grant Union Junior-Senior High School seniors, are Rebecca Batease, Shiranne Carter and Sunshine Smarr. They will receive recognition at their June 3 graduation ceremony.

Rebecca Batease will attend Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, to pursue art history/museum studies. Her freshman year will be spent at the Marist campus in Florence, Italy. Batease completed a job shadow at the Maryhill Museum of Art in Goldendale, Washington, working with the curator to display 18th century artifacts originating from the Southwest region of America.

Shiranne Carter will attend Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham to study journalism. Carter has been a student member of the Juniper Arts Council for the last three years and held the office of secretary for the past year.

Sunshine Smarr will attend Central Oregon Com-



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From left, Juniper Arts Council President Kris Beal, left, stands with scholarship recipients Sunshine Smarr, Rebecca Batease and Shiranne Carter.

munity College in Bend to study interior design/art education. Smarr enjoys designing spaces, bringing rooms together with new items and ideas.

The mission of Juniper Arts is to promote the arts, arts education and cultural heritage.

Money for the Juniper Arts scholarship fund comes from donations by attendees at events they sponsor where there is no charge. Additional money has been generated by council member John Feidor who offers geology tours during the annual BMW Riders of Oregon's annual Chief Joseph Rally held in John Day in June.

Juniper Arts has fall events on their schedule, including a concert by singer/songwriter Kerry Grombacher in September and an evening of poetry with the Oregon Poet Laureate Elizabeth Woody in October.

Juniper Arts administers two funding streams, the Oregon Cultural Trust and the John and Linda Shelk Foundation. The Shelk grants will be distributed in November, and the cultural trust grants will be distributed in January.

New members interested in supporting Juniper Arts in its efforts to continue bringing cultural and heritage opportunities to Grant

County are welcome to join. The council meets the second Thursday of each month during the school year (September through May) at 5:30 p.m. at the community room in the John Day Fire Hall with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 14. The Shelk Foundation grant applications for local non-profit art programs will be available at that meeting and a short (approximately 30 minutes) presentation on filling out the grant application and budget meeting will begin at 5:45 p.m. For more information, contact Kris Beal at 541-932-4892 or visit the Juniper Arts Council Facebook page.

PRAIRIE CITY HONOR ROLL

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SECOND SEMESTER

Seniors

4.0 GPA: Sarah Ennis, Lindsay Wall and Wyatt Williams.

Honor roll (3.5-3.99): Brogan McKrola, Nathan Maloy, MaKenzie Jones, Caleb Madsen, Taci Perrenoud and Devin Packard.

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Brianna Zweggardt.

Honor roll (3.5-3.99):

Dorran Wilson, Josiah Hoefner and Aitor Ansotegui.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49): Mariah McClung, Megan Camarena, Cassie Hire, Danner Davis and Ariana Ceja.

Sophomores

Honor roll (3.5-3.99): Levi Burke and Haley Pfefferkorn.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49): Raven Maloy, Lane Williams, Deja Amsden, Adolfo Ceja, Syd Holman and Joseph Zellner.

Freshman

4.0 GPA: Shaelynn Bice.
Honor roll (3.5-3.99): JoLynn Ashley and Jessica Reames.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49): Aleah Johns, Johna Long, Rilee Emmel, Emily Ennis and Carson McKay.

Eighth grade

4.0 GPA: Aries Bice and Declan Zweggardt.

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Mahan and Jayda DuBois.

Seventh grade

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DAYVILLE 2017 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

COWBOY BOOTS & COUNTRY ROOTS

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

10:00 a.m. – 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney, School Gymnasium
Sign-ups take place from 9:00-9:30 a.m. Pre-registration is encouraged. Teams must consist of 3 persons. Two divisions: men and co-ed—all ages welcome. \$15 per team. Contact Tiffnie @ 541-620-2881 for more information and to pre-register.

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

8:00-9:00 am – Breakfast, Community Church
9:00 – Classic Car Show Registration, City Hall
9:15 – Parade Line-up & Judging, East of town
10:00 – Parade, Franklin Avenue (3 Divisions —Motorized, Non-motorized and Kids' with ribbons for the winners in all divisions.)

Best of Parade Prize given to the entry that best depicts the theme!

10:30 – Repurposed Cowboy Boot Contest, City Hall Yard (Repurpose a cowboy boot into anything you like & enter it into our contest! The winner of this contest will be determined by a people's choice vote)

11:00 – Horseshoe Tournament, City Park
11:00 – 2nd Annual Jake Streeter Memorial Classic Car Show, City Park RV Park Side (1st Place Prize-\$250, 2nd Place-\$150, 3rd Place-\$100, with grandkid awards also awarded. For more information, contact Cindy at 541-620-4766)

11:00 – USA Basketball Shooting Contest, City Tennis Court (A twist on the game of PIG. All ages welcome with age divisions. Fun Prizes for the winners.)

11:00 – Star Program (focusing on the Eclipse & given by John Fiedor), Community Hall
11:30 – Jakeburgers, In front of City Hall
12:30 – Baked Good Auction, City Park
The times of the following events are approximate, with each event following the next.

1:00 – Water Balloon Fun Games, City Park
(Each team must be made up of at least 4 members. All ages welcome. Fun prizes for the winning team)

1:30 – Favorite Dessert Contest, City Park
(Bring a favorite dessert to enter into the contest. For \$2.00, a plate, fork and voting paper can be purchased, with fun prizes being given to those who make the winning desserts! The proceeds benefit the Dayville Events Fund.)

2:00 – Award Ceremony, City Park
(The winners of the day's festivities will receive their awards.)

Events subject to change. Updated schedules will be posted at the Dayville Post Office. A current PDF can be emailed to you. Call City Hall for more information, 541-987-2188 or dville@ortelco.net.

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