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6 p.m. - Dessert Auction & Silent
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WELDING

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“It’s a whole culture shift for us,” he said. “The community is really cool. The guys we’re teaching are really cool. ... We’re talking about the differences of our lives.”

Monument senior Preston Stevens said it was exciting to increase their skill level and learn the safety rules and procedures.

“We learned new ways of welding,” he said. “I can’t thank them enough. They’ve done so much for us in the short two days we’ve had, and I’m glad we could meet such a good group.”

Drew Wilburn, a Monument sophomore, said the training was invaluable.

“It widens my knowledge of careers I want to pursue,” he said. “Welding is something I love, and I’m enjoying learning how to do it better.”

Monument freshman DJ Howell added he’s learned to keep a better angle and distance for a better weld, as well as how to properly operate and maintain the equipment.

Engle said the “city kids and country kids” made fast friends.

“I had high hopes of the knowledge that we would attain; it actually turned out much better than I imagined,” she said. “Mark is a very talented, kind and knowledgeable welding instructor.”

Lynch said the students in his program attend their regular high school, while also receiving the vocational-technical training at Sabin-Schellenberg, which has a variety of programs.

If his students participate in the program all four years, they can become a certified welder.

“They can go into any one of the trades,” he said. “Companies hire students right out of the gate.”

He said he’s seen his stu-



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

Students in Monument School’s welding class learn from manufacturing instructor Mark Lynch of Clackamas and four of his students. In the photo, clockwise from left: DJ Howell, Lynch, Cade Milton, Max Tobiassen, Drew Wilburn, Alex Tobiassen, Andrew Tanner and Davis Courtney. Lynch teaches high school students at the Sabin-Schellenberg Professional Technical Center.



Monument junior Cade Milton, front right, receives guidance from freshman Andrew Tanner, left, and junior Davis Courtney who were visiting students from the Sabin-Schellenberg Center in Clackamas.

dents advance to fields such as bridge building, manufacturing, the structure metal industry, heavy equipment and aircraft welding.

The Monument shop and agriculture class will hold an open house from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, with handmade items for sale at the

school’s career and technical department shop, located on the hill behind the athletic field.

Engle said her shop class is planning a visit in May to the Sabin-Schellenberg Center “in hopes of continuing a successful association with Mark and his program.”

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Rob Raschio filed a complaint challenging the county ordinance on Dec. 8 on behalf of two people who wanted to grow marijuana for sale and a person who used marijuana for medical purposes.

The complaint was withdrawn in January 2016, and petitioners organized to put a measure on the May 2016 primary to overturn the ban. Grant County voters turned down the ballot initiative by 1,689 to 1,469, with 71 percent of the county’s 4,640 registered voters casting ballots.

In September 2016, the county court amended Ordinance 2015-01 to allow patients to purchase medical marijuana at dispensaries in Grant County. Olson and Kidd work at the only dispensary in the county, Rocky Mountain Dispensary, just west of the John Day city limits.

The amended ordinance only allows medical marijuana businesses in the county, not recreational marijuana businesses. If this ballot initiative passes, Kidd said, her company plans to sell recreational marijuana in the same dispensary where medical marijuana is sold, and they’d like to expand into processing.

Ballot Measure 91, which allows recreational marijuana uses and businesses under Oregon Liquor Control Commission regulation, was approved by Oregon voters by 56 percent to 44 percent in 2014.

Under the law, adults 21 years and older can carry up to one ounce of marijuana for recreational use, keep up to eight ounces in their home and grow up to four plants per household.

Tax revenue

According to state law, a 17 percent base tax on recreational marijuana sales is collected by the state. The tax is collected on the retail sale of leaves, flowers and immature plants; edibles, concentrates and extracts; products used on the skin or hair; and other cannabinoid products.

The revenue is distributed



Eagle file photo

Haley Olson stands in front of the safe that stores medical marijuana at the Rocky Mountain Dispensary.

by the state, with 40 percent going to the Common School fund, 20 percent to Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Services, 15 percent to Oregon State Police, 10 percent to cities for enforcement of the law, 10 percent to counties for enforcement of the law and 5 percent to the Oregon Health Authority for alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs. Only cities and counties that allow marijuana businesses receive the tax revenue.

Cities and counties with recreational marijuana sales can also tack on another tax of up to 3 percent by referring the ordinance to local voters at the next statewide election. The local governments can use the revenue as they see fit. Forecasting recreational marijuana sales, however, is not easy.

Pendleton City Manager Robb Corbett reported Feb. 27 that his city projects \$203,367 in revenue this year from taxes on the sale of recreational marijuana. Pendleton’s population is 16,834, more than double the 7,186 people in Grant County, according to 2016 figures.

Corbett told his city council that he suspected other Eastern Oregon cities might change their mind about allowing recreational marijuana sales once they learn about the amount of money that could be made.

Grant County Judge Scott Myers said he had no way to forecast recreational marijuana sales in the county if the ballot measure passes. If it did pass, he said, he’d like to see a 3 percent county tax imposed

and use the money to help offset any legal costs resulting from passage of the measure.

Olson told the Eagle she spoke with an analyst in Salem to estimate how much revenue would go to Grant County. With one dispensary, two processors and four growers, the estimate was \$30,000 per quarter, she said.

Site restrictions

Myers noted that recreational marijuana businesses in Grant County would only be allowed outside of cities, which passed their own ordinances to ban marijuana businesses.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission will not license recreational marijuana businesses located in a primary residence, and it requires a land-use compatibility statement from local jurisdictions before licensing a new business at a particular site.

Cities and counties can regulate how recreational marijuana businesses operate through their zoning ordinances. Both Myers and Grant County Assistant Planner Shannon Springer, however, said it was too early to suggest what Grant County would do about siting the new businesses.

Kidd said numerous people came forward to help gather signatures for the petition.

“It was a group effort,” she said.

Next up is a concerted campaign, with painted 4-by-8 boards, Kidd said.

“We’d like to hold a public meeting where people can ask questions,” she said.