

Aviation field day inspires local students

By Angel Carpenter
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A host of volunteers welcomed 117 elementary students, mostly sixth-graders, from five county schools to an aviation field day Thursday at the Grant County Regional Airport in John Day.

The students from Humboldt, Seneca, Prairie City, Dayville and Monument schools rotated between eight presentations from various aviation fields including medical, fire, commercial, engineering, government and education.

Grant Union senior Cameron Hallgarth, who is studying to earn his pilot's license, demonstrated his skills for the students, flying with local pilot Charles McKenna.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Dayville sixth-graders Cash Moore, left, and Ethan Thompson and seventh-grader Gauge Jenks try Google Expedition virtual reality goggles.

He shared how he developed a passion for flying and the steps he's taking to pursue a career in aviation.

Students also enjoyed an adventurous aviation tour

ing virtual reality goggles, a lesson from local pilots Bob Baggett and Barb Smith about their training and a drone-flight demonstration from Oregon Department of Avia-

tion's Matt Maass.

"I like how we got to see the planes," said Prairie City fifth-grader Hagen Workman.

He said they also learned about the numbers on the runway, and they each received a toy glider airplane, a foam drone and a Frisbee.

The field day was made possible through a partnership between the airport and Oregon State University Extension.

"Aviation field day is geared toward showing the students careers in aviation as well as STEM and career technical education activities," said airport manager Haley Walker. "... Our hope is to continue building this program each year for our students."

Musicians present 'super' talents at spring concert

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Grant Union School District 3 music director Lori Hart led the junior high and high school bands and combined choir in a May 22 spring concert.

The focus was on superheroes, with songs from movies such as "The Incredibles," "Superman," "The Greatest Showman" and others.

"For Our Heroes," by Alan Lee Silva, played by the senior band, was dedicated to military servicemen and women and law enforcement

and emergency responders.

Hart said her students "are all superheroes in my eyes." She said when she started teaching, she thought of it as a job, but it soon "became her life."

"Each of your students have touched my life for the good," she said.

Hart took on the position at Grant Union in January 2017, following the retirement of Mary Ann Vidourek, teaching music for grades 3-12.

Hart said, although she will miss the Grant Union students greatly, she will

take a position in Bullhead, Arizona, as a middle school band director at the end of the school year.

"Thank you for raising incredible kids," Hart told the parents.

Several students received certificates of excellence: high school band, Samantha Floyd, sophomore, trombone (bassoon); Alyssa Hoffman, junior, French horn; and Carle Wright, junior, bass clarinet; middle school band, Amelia Hall, seventh grade, clarinet; and Emily Finley, eighth grade, clarinet; and choir, Erika Dickens, sopho-

more, alto/tenor; and Emilie Updegrave, sophomore, alto/tenor.

Several students were chosen to participate in the May 24-26 "Music in May" concert at Pacific University in Forest Grove. Hart noted the selection process for the event is highly competitive.

Those participating were Hoffman, orchestra; Wright, band; Floyd, bassoon, band; Jacob Smith, freshman, oboe, band; Ellie Berry, freshman, alto, choir; Sarah Barker, sophomore, alto, choir; Ellie Justice, alto, choir; and Updegrave, alto, choir.

DEATH NOTICES

Rosa Lee McLellan

Rosa Lee McLellan, 81, of Prairie City passed away Friday, May 25, at Valley View Assisted Living Facility in John Day. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the Prairie City Cemetery with Pastor Keith Dehart of the Prairie Baptist Church officiating. Following the service, a reception will be held at the Prairie City Teen Center. To leave condolences, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Fred Colmenero

Fred Colmenero, 81, died May 20 at his home in Hermiston. He was born Feb. 8, 1937, in Colorado. A wake will be held from 5-10 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Maxwell Siding and Event Center, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Charles Lamar Hill

Charles Lamar Hill, 93, of The Dalles passed away at home May 21. Spencer Libby & Powell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Larkins

Robert Larkins, 86, a longtime Prairie City and John Day resident, died Monday, May 28, at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. Arrangements by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

CORRECTIONS

Jim Jerome sent a photo he took with the Eagle after what he described as an Eagle Cruise. The Navy cruises for family members of people in the Naval service are known as Tiger Cruises.

Prairie City's Levi Burke placed third in 1A high jump at the state championships with a height of 5-10, not 5-08.

The Eagle regrets the errors.

OBITUARIES

Val Anderson

May 3, 1949 - May 17, 2018

Val George Anderson, 69, of Hines died on Thursday, May 17, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. A graveside service will be held at the Burns Cemetery, the time and date to be announced.

Anderson was born May 3, 1949, to Merrill V. and Ruth Ella Anderson (Hammons) in Burns. He was the youngest of four children. He graduated from Burns Union High School in 1967.

Anderson enlisted in the Navy on June 4, 1968, and served until March 17, 1972. He completed a tour of duty in Vietnam as a member of the HAL-3 Seawolves. He was stationed at Lemoore Naval Air Station in California, on board the U.S.S. Enterprise and the U.S.S. Yorktown. While on board the Yorktown, his crew was involved in the recovery force of the Apollo Moon Orbital Flight in December 1968.

He married Donna Swearengin on March 11, 1974. They moved to Juneau, Alaska, in 1976. Shannon Anderson was born in 1977, followed by Stacey Anderson in 1980. While in Juneau, he worked for Yukon Office Supply from 1976 to 1982. He worked for Wang Laboratories from 1982 to 1983.

Anderson then returned to Oregon. He lived and worked for a time in John Day. He then went to work for Tecton,



Val Anderson

Harney County Operations, Inc. and Monaco Coach Corporation in Hines until he was laid off in 2001. He retired and has lived in Hines since then.

He is survived by his daughters Shannon Grei of Medford and Stacey Anderson (Ben) of Portland; sister Phyllis Propeck of Mt. Vernon; and best friend and brother-in-law Jerry Francis of Burns.

He was preceded in death by his sisters Marilyn Francis and Sheri Lemrick.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation, the family suggests the American Legion through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Gerald 'Jerry' Lewis Sheets

March 3, 1937 - April 17, 2018

Gerald "Jerry" Lewis Sheets, 81, passed away April 17 in Phoenix, Arizona. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Evelyn; children, Jim (Kathy), Tina (Shawn) and Mike (Jill); 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Edna May (Sharp), and two brothers, Mike and Tom.

Sheets was born March 3, 1937, in Duluth, Minnesota, to Art and Margorie (Foster) Sheets and moved to Oregon at the age of 5 where he attended school until graduating from Grant Union High School in 1955.

He married Edna May in Pendleton in 1957. She passed away July 11, 2009.

Sheets owned the Texaco Service Station and then went to work as "Mr. Goodwrench" at S&M Motor Co.

He started his trucking business with the purchase of a single log truck and then moved into hauling lumber and wood chips until he re-



Gerald 'Jerry' Lewis Sheets

tired and closed his business in 2008.

Sheets was active in the community. He was involved in the Lions Club and served on the John Day school board. He served in a variety of positions including bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He spent his spare time coaching and attending his children's activities. He loved hunting deer and elk with friends and family. He and Edna May hosted an annual class reunion for their classmates and considered their family.

He is interred at the Canyon City Cemetery.

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Cooler	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny
64	62	70	75	74	67	76
45	41	43	44	43	42	44