

Humbolt students use creativity at EOU Writers' Workshop

Kids learn haiku and other writing styles

By Angel Carpenter
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A busload of 27 Humbolt Elementary students made the trek March 9 to the annual Eastern Oregon University Student Writers' Workshop in La Grande.

The event is designed to boost their enthusiasm for creative writing.

Humbolt fifth-grade teacher Anna Stargel led the group of students, in grades 3-5, along with two other teachers and two parent chaperones.

Stargel said the students attended workshops led by EOU undergraduate students, including classes on haiku poetry, fantasy writing, a St. Patrick's Day leprechaun story and music and poetry.

She said the haiku class was multi-sensory, engaging the students with a nature walk before they began writing about what they saw, heard and felt.

Ten-year-old Nick Stiner wrote a poem in the class called "Beauty":

"See the blossoms sprout
Hear the beautiful plants grow
Find the types of plants"

All the students were welcome to share a sample of their writing from the day during open mic time at the end of the day.

Sixth-grader Maddie Bailey, in Georgia Boethin's class, said that was her favorite part.

"I liked listening to other people's stories," Bailey said.

Her sister Eliza, in Amy Hittle's fourth-grade class, said the event was a learning experience.

"I liked when we got to turn music and songs into poems, because we could



Humbolt Elementary students gather during their visit to the Eastern Oregon University's writing workshop.

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Nick Stiner finishes a writing project at the Eastern Oregon University's writers workshop.

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Fifth-grader Boyden Weaver, left, won a cash prize in the "World's Best Sentence Competition," awarded by EOU English/writing professor Nancy Knowles, at the March 9 Eastern Oregon University Student Writers' Workshop in La Grande.

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express ourselves however we wanted," she said.

Rowdy Wilson, also in Hittle's class, said the teachers were kind and encouraging.

"Ms. Carson's lepre-

chaun writing was my favorite because Ms. Carson was really nice, and we got to write a whole bunch," he said. "The teachers were really nice and encouraging."

About 200 students in all from schools in La Grande, Baker City, Pine Eagle and other cities also joined in for the event, which was spearheaded by Nancy Knowles who is an EOU English/

writing professor.

Fifth-grader Boyden Weaver won a cash prize in the "World's Best Sentence Competition," which was handed out by Knowles. Stargel said the stu-

dents met people who are making a career of writing.

"It was so fun and so unique," she said. "It was a really cool experience for our kids."

Inland Northwest Musicians Chorale and string ensemble to perform in Canyon City

Vivaldi and Randall Thompson among selections to be performed

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A group of 40 music lovers, the Inland Northwest Musicians Chorale, invite other music lovers to a free concert at 4 p.m. Saturday at Canyon City Community Hall.

Donations will be accepted, and there is a dessert reception following the presentation.

The Juniper Arts Council is partnering with Inland Northwest to bring the concert to Grant County.

Led by conductor R. Lee Freise, the chorale will perform selections from "Peaceable Kingdom" by Randall Thomp-

son as well as "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, which will be accompanied by a four-piece string ensemble and harpsichord.

This year marks Inland Northwest's 20th anniversary.

The group's program manager RaNiel Dunn said, over the two decades, they've performed in over 400 concerts in 50 communities.

"We all travel, and it's an all-volunteer organization," she said, adding their concerts are offered for no charge.

Members of the chorale and string ensemble come from Ione, Hermiston, Pendleton, Athena, La Grande and Walla Walla, Washington.

She said the group travels to areas in southeast Washington and northeast Oregon, mostly to smaller communities.

Inland Northwest last performed at Canyon



The Inland Northwest Musicians Chorale, led by conductor R. Lee Freise, will present a concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Canyon City Community Hall. A four-piece string ensemble will accompany on a piece by Vivaldi. In the photo, the group performs at a previous concert.

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City Community Hall in 2016 and in John Day in 2000.

Dunn said it's their mission to take music to areas that don't often have that opportunity for a live performance.

"It's something we feel is an important thing we do," she said.

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