

First aid supplies sent to Ukraine

By STEVEN MITCHELL
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JOHN DAY — The Grant County Road Department, Blue Mountain Hospital District and Juniper Ridge Acute Care Center collected outdated medical supplies and first aid kits to send to Ukraine last week.

Mindy Stinnett, the John Day hospital's trauma program manager, said the effort started when Ryan Palmer from the Road Department called the hospital to see about donating expired first aid kits.

Stinnett said that triggered her to look into a place to donate medical supplies. Sure enough, she found herself in a meeting where she heard about a program through St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. She said the hospital



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Blue Mountain Hospital District's Meganne Mortensen poses with a stack of medical supplies on Thursday, April 21, 2022. The hospital joined the Grant County Road Department and Juniper Ridge to collect medical supplies for Ukraine.

donated through St. Charles to the Humana Medical Relief Fund out of Wisconsin.

Stinnett said the whole

team at the hospital was supportive when the email went out to the different departments urging them to gather

up medical supplies.

She said the hospital's outpatient coordinator, Meganne Mortensen, stepped up to drive the supplies to Bend without hesitation.

Stinnett said the hospital could have sent the supplies to St. Charles through the mail, but when that was mentioned to Mortensen she said she wanted to do her part by driving the supplies to Bend herself.

The hospital's chief financial officer, Eric Pryce, was supportive as well. Stinnett said Pryce agreed to pay for Mortensen to drive the supplies to Bend.

"We got huge support from everyone," Stinnett said. "It was really neat to see that everybody was really wanting to figure out a way to get involved in the process of the donation."

LOCAL BRIEFING State honors heritage volunteers

SALEM — Three Grant County volunteers are being honored by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for their contributions to preserving the state's heritage. Bruce Carey of the Friends of Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum, Doug Reynolds of the Malheur National Forest Passport in Time program and Carla Wright of the Prairie City Historic Cemetery District are among 18 people statewide to be named Standout Heritage Volunteers for 2022.

The winners will be honored in a virtual awards ceremony from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 28, during this year's virtual Oregon Heritage conference. Members of the public can register for the event online at <https://tinyurl.com/2vzj32wn>. Videos of the awards ceremony will be posted after the event at www.oregonheritage.org.

Silvies slates golf tourney in June

SILVIES — The Links at Silvies Valley Ranch is accepting registrations for the inaugural Claire Owens Invitational.

The tournament, which runs June 4-5, is a celebration of female golfers and is named for Claire Owens, the first woman to play golf in the Silvies Valley around 1900. The event marks the opening of Claire's Course, a reversible 18-hole putting course, at the resort south of Seneca.

Teams of four can register online at <https://silvies.us/events.php>. The fee of \$150 per person includes three rounds of golf, a farm-to-table dinner on June 4 and an awards luncheon on June 5.

Registration will be open until May 20. For more information, call 800-745-8437.

OTEC plans in-person annual meeting

BAKER CITY — The Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative will hold its annual meeting on May 21 at Baker High School, 250 East St., Baker City. The meeting will be held in person after two years of virtual gatherings during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Three positions on the OTEC Board of Directors — two representing Union County and one representing Baker County — are up for election, and the results will be announced during the meeting.

All OTEC member-owners are eligible to vote and are invited to attend the free meeting. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The business meeting will begin at 10:30 and will be followed by a free lunch. There will be music, raffles, informational booths and activities for adults and children.

Buses will be available to transport members to the meeting, including one from John Day. Seating is first come, first served; register at the John Day Senior Center, 142 NE Dayton St., 541-575-1825.

Those who can't attend in person can watch a livestream of the business meeting on the OTE Facebook page. For more information, call 541-524-2858.

FSR 16 to be resurfaced

SENECA — Work is beginning this week on a project to repave Forest Service Road 16 from Highway 396 near Seneca to the junction with Forest Service Road 15.

Contractors were scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 26, with completion of the project planned in early July. After replacing two culverts near Bear Creek, crews will begin repaving the road, starting near Parish Cabin Campground and working west toward Seneca.

FSR 16 will have one lane open for travel throughout the project, but motorists can expect delays of up to 30 minutes.

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Cliff Knox objection period begins

By JUSTIN DAVIS
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JOHN DAY — The Malheur National Forest has prepared a draft record of decision and a final impact statement for the Cliff Knox Project and has opened a public objection period.

The decision and impact documents can be reviewed online at <https://tinyurl.com/3x2hh59k>. Under "Project Documents," click on "Analysis," then click on "FEIS Documents."

The Cliff Knox project spans 40,000 acres on the Malheur and includes vegetation restoration actions

and related road activities. The goal of the project is to improve forest resilience to disease and insect outbreaks as well as mitigate the potential for large forest fires.

Objections will only be accepted from organizations and individuals who have previously submitted written comments regarding the project during either the 30-day scoping period or 45-day comment period on the draft environmental impact statement.

For information on how to file an objection, email Lori Bailey at lori.bailey@usda.gov.

New comments aren't being accepted, and those who plan to object can only comment based on prior comments or new information.

The draft record of decision documents the deciding official's rationale in selecting the proposed action alternative (Alternative 2) with some modifications to reflect concerns raised during the comment period.

The project would enhance existing forest road networks while reducing impacts to aquatic and terrestrial habitats as well as water quality, according to a U.S. Forest service news

release. The restoration activities would also benefit the safety of the public and firefighters and provide economic value of forest products to support economies as well as providing employment opportunities.

"These fire-adapted ecosystems need restoration to prevent uncharacteristically severe disturbances from wildfire or insect disease outbreaks, Malheur National Forest Supervisor Craig Trulock said. "This project will restore our dry pine forest types, create healthier forest conditions, support jobs and improve fish and wildlife habitats."

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: MARCH



Seventh grade
Keira Stiner
Parents: Nick & Amy Stiner



Eighth grade
Maleah Archibald
Parents: David & Camilla Archibald



Ninth grade
Mallory Lusco
Parents: Andy & Angie Lusco



10th grade
Halle Parsons
Parents: Tye & Stephanie Parsons



11th grade
Quinn Larson
Parents: Gordon & Julie Larson



12th grade
Carson Weaver
Parents: Clint & Natalie Weaver

FBLA students advance

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JOHN DAY — Six Grant Union High School students advanced to the national Future Business Leaders of America conference after taking top honors at the state competition in Portland on April 8.

While the students qualify to compete at the National Business Leadership Conference at the end of July in Chicago, not all may be able to attend. According to Stacy Durych, Grant Union's computer technology education and business teacher, the five-day trip includes registration, hotel, meals, and airfare and may be cost-prohibitive for many of the students.

Three students took home the first-place awards: Abbie Justice for business management and Max Bailey and Katie Rigby for network design and computer game and simulation programming.

In addition, Heidi Jackson finished second in introduction to business procedures, Logan Randleas finished third in sports and entertainment management and Luke Jackson finished fourth in business management.

Only those who finished first through fourth qualified for the national conference, but other students also did well in the state competition.

Morgan Walker placed fifth for hospitality and event management and seventh for sports and entertainment management. Meanwhile, Morganne Wyllie finished in ninth place for introduction to public speaking.

The competitive events at FBLA range from business-related presentations to objective tests, public speaking and problem-solving in a business management or technology scenario. A panel of judges scores events.

Durych said there were roughly 650 students from 200 schools competing at the state event. Usually, she said, there are 1,500 students at the event, but due to COVID-19 attendance was down by about half.

FBLA is an organization for students in career and technical education that gives them the opportunity to take part in leadership activities, competitive events and learning programs.

The group has upwards of 190,000 members in 5,200 chapters across the country and abroad.

Durych, in her first year at the high school, said Grant Union has had an FBLA chapter for many years.

Overall, Durych said Grant Union students competed in 10 events and placed in 10th place or above.

CORRECTION

Toke Zwegardt: A story in the April 20 edition about wrestling hall of famer Toke Zwegardt gave the wrong name for his youth wrestling coach. Zwegardt was coached by Warren Boring. The Eagle regrets the error.

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Sunday.....	57/36
Monday.....	55/40
Tuesday.....	50/32

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Rain/snow	Partly cloudy	Few showers	Mostly cloudy	AM showers	Partly cloudy
54	44	53	56	59	55	57
34	33	34	36	39	35	38