

Lone students earn state's best marks

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The town of Lone, population 275 in Morrow County, is surrounded by rolling fields of wheat, glowing amber in the late summer sun. Most folks here are farmers-wheat is the culture, the life and the livelihood.

Dave Barnett owns the Key Gas station. Barb and Norm Zeller own the only grocery. Several people work at the Carthy Coal Fire Plant, an hour away near Boardman.

It's the kind of place where families remain on the land for generations, where neighbors are neighborly, and where this year, the 13 juniors at Lone High School blew the top off the statewide science examination administered by the Oregon Department of Education.

The average score achieved by the Lone 11th-graders beat the average score of every other school in the state for the same grade level.

Third-, fifth-, eighth-, and 11th-graders in Oregon have been tested by the Education Department in reading, writing and mathematics since 1991. This was the first year for statewide science exams.

Compared with Lone, the rest of the state fared less well. In fact, state school superintendent Norma Paulus announced in a news conference August 9 in Salem that "math and science scores were totally unacceptable."

For science in particular, 34 percent of 11th-graders failed to achieve what was considered proficient for their grade level. Thirty-one percent of eighth-graders failed to meet proficiency, as did 29 percent of fifth-graders and 21 percent of third-graders.

Math scores similarly were disappointing and have remained stagnant the past four years.

Paulus underscored the fact that state expectations are high, but contended that competency in science and math is crucial in a state where high-tech industries are burgeoning and blue-collar jobs are evaporating. She lays the blame for the poor performance by Oregon students at the feet of parents, school district and teachers' unions.

Despite overall unease with statewide results, students in Lone excelled in science and scored above average in the state this year in nearly every subject and at every grade level examined-a testament to the high quality of education in the schools there.

Dale W. Holland II teaches most of the science classes at Lone High School, including chemistry, physics and biology, as well as several math classes. His colleague, Delton G. LaRue, teaches earth science and introductory biology.

"It's not surprising the kids did so well," Holland said. "They are a bright bunch, and they know the value of an education."

Holland is emphatic about the role that parents play in their children's education.

"They are the No. 1 instrument for kids doing well in school," he said. "If anybody tells you different, they are out to lunch."

Few families in Lone are wealthy. In general, it's a middle-class community, but

many parents are college-educated and students are encouraged to attend a university.

"Farming around here is not like it was in the past," Holland said. "It used to be that you just needed a muscle in your arm. Now everything is more high-tech."

Charles D. Starr, Morrow County school superintendent, spreads the praise and compliments the quality of Morrow County teachers. The district invests a great deal of energy attracting high-quality instructors, he said. And like farm families, teacher turnover is low.

"I try to leave kids with a good taste in their mouth," Holland said. "If they don't enjoy it, they are not going to learn. So I suppose I'm a bit of an entertainer."

Holland recalled the time he had a student who was having a tough time reading the chalkboard, even when sitting in the front of the classroom.

Holland asked him whether he needed glasses. The student confided that his glasses were broken, but that his parents didn't have the money to repair or replace them. Besides, he was shy about wearing glasses to school, even though he was practically blind without them. The local Lions Club learned of the predicament and raised the money for a new pair.

Holland then made a deal. If the student would wear his glasses to school, Holland would shave his head. "Next thing I knew," he said with a laugh, "he showed up with glasses, and I headed for the barber. He turned out to be a heck of a student."

A novel facet of the Morrow County district is that, as of this past year, students went on a four-day school week. The district lengthened the number of hours a day that students receive instruction, and they exceed the total number of hours of school time in a year that the state requires.

"The four-day week didn't seem to hurt our test scores," Starr said.

The Education Department calculates the socioeconomic status, or SES, for every school in the state. The SES index is based on the number of students who receive free or reduced-price lunches, student mobility or transience through the school district, attendance rate and the level of education of the most educated parent.

Because socioeconomic factors tend to determine student achievement of average, schools are grouped and compared with other schools most similar in their SES index. Despite the fact that it's not a wealthy community, Lone's SES is very high.

Lake Oswego High School, with the highest 11th-grade SES value in the state, scored nearly as well as Lone in science at the 11th-grade level. A suburb of Portland, Lake Oswego is one of the more affluent communities in Oregon and is populated in large measure by highly educated professionals.

If Lone represents a back-to-basics teaching philosophy, Lake Oswego marks the cutting edge in public school instruction. When Michael S. Goodrich, earth science teacher at Lake Oswego, lists the kind of innovative programs he uses in the classroom, it sounds more like a 21st-century think

tank than a public high school.

"We are doing things with Metnet, the Weather Channel and weather downloading to Portland State," he said. "We are working with the students watershed research project sending information on to the Oregon Graduate Institute. Students are involved with repairing riparian areas and other exciting projects in the community."

Goodrich is a veteran of Lake Oswego schools, having taught in the district for 28 years. And he was quick to point out that teachers, especially those trained in a different era, have to sprint to stay abreast of advances in their fields.

Like Holland, Goodrich credits parents for supporting their children's education. But he laments the fact that gangs, drugs, dysfunctional families and other social ills are intruding on the classroom.

"We insert everything imaginable in our courses to keep ahold of students who are struggling," he said, "and to maintain an education that is relevant to their lives."

Goodrich is supportive of the state's evolving programs for education, including statewide testing.

"I hope the public is willing to wait this time," he said.

And to the critics of the Education Department:

"Too many good things are taking place. I wouldn't want to see it all thrown out."

Still, he advises restraint. "We can jump on bandwagons," he said, "but in so doing we can also lose the big picture."

Park District questions and answers

Does the Park District have plans for future projects within the District and if so, how will these projects be financed?

When the Park District was formed, it was tasked with building a campsite at Willow Creek Lake. The park board's position has been that until the campsite's completion, no new projects could be undertaken due to the incredible amount of time and energy needed for it. However, since the inception of the Park District, there have been conversations about projects along Willow Creek. The minutes of meetings, especially since 1988, show numerous discussions concerning ideas and projects that would enhance the entire south end of Morrow County. These discussions have included roadside areas, additional RV campsites, information sites and trails to the Creek, to name a few of the more common topics.

In 1993/1994, the 10 year old campground project, though not finished, was on track and requests made to the Board about new projects appeared to warrant further study. In response and with the help of a task force comprised of people from throughout the District, a series of meetings were held in Heppner, Lexington and Lone to learn what projects and priorities the District had for the board. The outcome of those meetings resulted in the pool measures that were on the ballot for voters this past election.

Any new projects proposed to or by the District would go through a similar public review process.

Options for funding of future projects will depend on the scale and scope of the proposed project. However, to date, the District has maximized the use of volunteers, grants and similar devices in conjunction with its basic operating funds to accomplish a good deal. As the RV park comes on line, there is potential for it to also provide funding for improvements throughout the District.

Jenny Krein wins Coca-Cola scholarship



Jenny Krein (center) with Coca-Cola representatives

Jenny Krein, a 1995 graduate from Heppner High School, won a \$20,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Krein was selected from over 120,000 applicants nationwide. She was evaluated on her school and community involvement, her academic achievements and her motivation to succeed.

"I feel extremely lucky," said Krein. "There were many excellent applicants, and I am honored to have been chosen for this scholarship."

Krein was active in her high school and was involved in student council, volleyball, basketball and track, National Honor Society, drama club and the FFA. She was also involved in 4-H clubs.

Her community service activities include coordinating local canned food drives and lobbying the state government to prevent school funding cuts.

Krein, the daughter of Bob and Joy Krein of Heppner, will attend Oregon State University in the fall and plans to major in sports science. She is currently an employee of the Forest Service.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation annually awards 50 \$20,000 scholarships and 100 \$4,000 scholarships to high school seniors nationwide. The program involves three elimi-

nation rounds and five essays which are judged on style, depth and breadth of their knowledge, individuality and creativity.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Morrow County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 28, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building in Lexington, Oregon. A public hearing will be held on the following:

1. Application for Land Partitioning - LPN-162 - Robert and Carolyn Sicard - Located in Township 4 North, Range 25, Section 14, Tax Lot 1100 (38.80 Acres) in a Farm Residential Two Acre Zone

Interested persons are invited to the hearing to express their views. Written, signed statements will be considered. Reasons for approval or disapproval should be included in oral or written statements.

Marv Padberg
Chairman
Morrow County Planning Commission
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF FULLER CANYON LIVESTOCK DISTRICT, MORROW COUNTY

The Morrow County Court will hold a public hearing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 1995, at Morrow County Courthouse, Room 101, Heppner, Oregon to hear public comment upon the formation of a livestock district.

The territory included therein is generally situated northwest of the City of Heppner and encompasses approximately 10 sections of unincorporated land lying between State Highway 74 and Fuller Canyon Road. The boundaries of the proposed district are as follows: Commencing at the intersection of State Highway 74 and Fuller Canyon Road in Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 26, E.W.M., in Morrow County Oregon; thence south along Fuller Canyon Road a distance of 2 miles; more or less; thence continuing along Fuller Canyon Road as it turns to the Northwest a distance of 4.5 miles, more or less, to the intersection of Fuller Canyon Road and Paul Brown Road (aka Bunker Hill Road) to the north section line of Section 24, Township 2 South, Range 25, E.W.M.; thence west on Paul Brown Road (aka Bunker Hill Road) to the northwest corner of said Section 24, Township 2 South, Range 25, E.W.M.; thence north on Meadow Brook Farm Road a distance of one mile to the northwest corner of Section 13, Township 2 South, Range 25, E.W.M.; thence east along the section lines to the west right-of-way boundary line of State Highway 74, a distance of two miles more or less; thence southeast along the said State Highway right-of-way boundary to the point of beginning.

The livestock or class or classes thereof which are not to be lawfully permitted to run at large within the proposed livestock district are: animals of the bovine species, horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats, swine and "exotic animals"; "exotic animals" include, but are not limited to, buffalo, bison, llama, ostrich, emu, or any animal resulting from the crossbreeding thereof, or the crossbreeding of such exotic animals with domestic animals. Any person may appear and be heard. This proceeding is taken pursuant to the authority of ORS 607.010 to 607.051. Published: August 23, 1995

Ten to be confirmed

All Saint's Episcopal Church in Heppner will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation on Sunday, August 27. The Right Reverend Rustin R. Kimsey, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, will join the congregation at the 10:30 a.m. worship service to preach, celebrate Holy Communion and re-affirm the candidates vows of Holy Baptism, said Reverend Al Miller.

Candidates for confirmation are: Claire Anderson, Kenny Lane, Danielle McDowell, Amber Peck, Chris Peck, Kim Pointer, Allison Sykes, Andy Sykes, Camille Sykes and Chris Sykes. Father Al Miller will present the candidates to the bishop.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the worship service. The public is welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council for the City of Heppner, Oregon will conduct public hearings at 7:00 PM on September 11, 1995 at Heppner City Hall, 188 West Willow Street regarding violations of City Ordinance No. 474, an Ordinance Abating Nuisance for Accumulation of Solid Waste and Fire Hazards.

The following properties are in violation of the ordinance because of deposits of solid wastes scattered about the premises that create a fire hazard and harborage for rodents and insects and is injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the people.

1. 320 Aikens Street, Map #25 26 26CC, Tax Lot #1800.
2. Lot near 560 NW Riverside Street, Map #25 26 27DB, Tax Lot #2001.
3. Property located near 424 Linden Way, Map #25 26 27DB, Tax Lot #102.
4. 360 South Chase Street, Map #25 26 35BC, Lot #7901. Published: August 23, 1995

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW
SIGIFREDO FLORES and ANGELICA FLORES,
Husband and Wife,
Plaintiff,

vs.
HECTOR FLORES,
Defendant.

Case No. 95 CV 17
PUBLISHED SUMMONS
TO: Hector Flores
1509 Flores Drive
Mission, Texas 78572

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You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint to quiet title filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication; and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!

You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer". The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service of the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service upon the plaintiff.

If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at 1-800-452-7636.

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This summons is published pursuant to the order of this court dated August 17, 1995 signed by Judge Rudy Murgo. (s) Thomas J. Ditton #74078
Attorney for plaintiffs
PO Box 802
Hermiston, OR 97838
(503) 567-8365

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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of

ANITA MARIE BOYER,
Deceased.
No. 95-PR-19
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with property vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, to the personal representative, Valerie B. Doherty, Airport Road, P.O. Box 574, Lexington, Oregon 97839, or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, or the personal representative. The personal representative is an attorney and is representing herself in this estate proceeding.

Dated and first published this 9th day of August, 1995.

Valerie B. Doherty
Personal Representative
Airport Road
P.O. Box 574
Lexington, Oregon 97839
Published: August 9, 16 and 23, 1995

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this time to say Thank You to everyone for the kind words, the lovely cards, the wonderful food, for the lovely flowers, for your prayers and for sharing fond memories of Eric.

Also Thank You from all of us to all of you who watched out for "Hot Rod" as he zipped around town.

Again, thank you.
Russ, Ellen, Steve,
Chuck Rollis
Laura Searle
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**The children of
Frank and Kay Anderson**
cordially invite all friends and relatives to
help them celebrate their 50th wedding
anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 26, 1995
from 2-4 p.m. at the All Saints Episcopal
Church in Heppner.
No gifts please