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**Local student earns**

**Frohnmayr scholarship**



Allison Halvorsen

University of Oregon Dave Frohnmayr Scholarship recipients have been announced. Six scholarships were given to incoming UO students from the state of Oregon in amounts totaling \$3,000. Allison Halvorsen of Ione was selected as a recipient of a \$250 scholarship.

Based on applications from more than 225 men and women, and interviews by the scholarship committee, recipients of \$250 scholarships, besides Halvorsen include: Cassandra Aanderud, Christopher Adams, Jonathon Lemons; recipients of \$1000 scholarships went to Molly Diaz and Brooks Harrop.

The Dave Frohnmayr Scholarship is in honor of the University of Oregon president to serve as a lasting tribute to his service for the UO. The scholarship was funded entirely by fraternity and sorority members. The UO Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils offered the scholarships.

"The purpose of awarding the scholarships were to promote the qualities of academic excellence, leadership with integrity, and dedication of service to the University community. Secondly, the Greek community at the UO wanted to continue its efforts to

demolish the stereotypical images of the Greek people," according to a news release.

A committee composed of undergraduate fraternity and sorority members, UO Greek alumni and UO faculty reviewed the applications and selected finalists. The finalists were then invited to one of two receptions hosted by the scholarship committee, hosted in both Eugene and Portland. The applicants and their parents had a chance to learn about Greek life and other student organizations on campus.

**CBEC poster  
contest winners  
announced**

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op has announced the winners of its annual electrical safety poster contest.

The 2001 winners were announced at the CBEC annual meeting held in Heppner on Thursday night. The competition is open to all fourth graders in their service territory. First place winners are awarded \$20; second place winners are awarded \$10.

Winners are as follows: Heppner Elementary School-first Kyle Tayloe, second Ashley Wolf; Ione Elementary School-first Tyree Svetich, second Brianna Peterson; Condon Grade School-first Jarrod Thomas, second Tessa Kelly; Fossil Grade School-first Asia Anderson; second Dillon Nelson.

The contest generated over 55 entries.

"Electricity is like most tools: it can make our lives much easier and more pleasant, but if used carelessly, can be dangerous," said a CBEC news release.

**Letters to the Editor**

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$5.)

**Not the time for tantrums**

To the Editor:

It is true that many teachers in Morrow County were reassigned by the school board. Because of this some Heppner citizens have put the whole county through a recall of three school board members. They have complained at great length that "they took our teachers." Therein lies the problem.

This district is unique in that it is made up of every community within the county borders. The teachers that were reassigned were not "your" teachers. They work for the entire district; therefore they work where they are needed.

In this democracy no community has the right to better schools, more teachers or better programs. It is ludicrous for one community to think they have the right to maintain higher academic standards than the rest of the schools in the district. Like it or not, when the state makes funding cuts we must all tighten our belts.

Unless a miracle in the legislative branch happens our board will need to make more cuts in the near future. As has happened in the past they will make cuts in areas that will have the least negative impact on our children's education.

If we are to restore harmony to Morrow County we must all work together. Our school board is going to need help in making tough decisions in the days ahead. We must look at this district as one entity and not demand more than is rightfully ours. We must show our children that we have the maturity to accept the inevitable. This is not the time for tantrums. This is the time to join together and show the world that with a little cooperation and ingenuity we can educate our children regardless of funding shortfalls.

(s) Meredith DeHaven  
Irrigon

**Support American farmers**

To the Editor:

For the past three years farmers across America have been in an economic downturn in almost all sectors of farming. Locally this has been made worse with poor weather conditions due to lack of moisture affecting large parts of the Pacific Northwest, hurting cereal grains production and also livestock producers because of poor pastures for grazing.

Now in the middle of all this one of our own local stores has decided to take another stab at the American producer. Safeway stores throughout their chain have decided that the American farmer is not really worth their time to support and slapped them in the face once more. Safeway has now taken on the policy of selling only imported lamb from New Zealand and not to sell lamb grown in the United States.

Why they have decided to turn their backs on the American farmer I don't know but as a local farmer

I know I can do something about it. My family and I are going to boycott Safeway from now on and we urge the rest of you to do the same. I will even make this easier for you, and ask that you don't need to boycott the whole store, but do not buy any meat, fish or poultry from Safeway. Please take your business else where that at least gives the American farmer a chance to compete.

One last food for thought: did you know that produce grown in the United States has to meet certain standards of quality that imported produce does not? Talk to fruit and vegetable farmers; they can enlighten you as to the standards they have to meet that foreign countries do not hold their farmers to.

So please take your meat, fish and poultry business to another store that supports American farmers, which will also help support the U.S. economy.

(s) Chris Rauch  
Lexington

**Why isn't residency laid at clerk's door?**

To the Editor:

Whose mistake is it? As patrons and taxpayers in Morrow County, we are wondering why the issue of school board member residency is not laid at the door of the county clerk's office rather than in the laps of two school board members. It

should not be held against board members who were elected to the board in good faith by the voters of Morrow County. The bottom line is they were elected by the people ... period.

(s) Marilyn Post  
(s) Judy Brown  
Irrigon

**BMCC program to aid students**

Blue Mountain Community College has been awarded grant funds from the Federal TRIO Student Support Services program.

The program specifically targets students currently enrolled at BMCC in a degree-seeking program. These funds will provide extra services to traditionally under-served populations. Students whose parents do not have a four-year college degree, students who are low-income according to federal guidelines, or students with disabilities may be eligible to participate in the project. The goal of the project is to help these students to stay in and to graduate from college.

Project services include tutoring, academic, financial or personal

counseling, career counseling, mentoring, transfer assistance and more.

Joe Streetman, counselor at BMCC and author of the grant proposal said, "We are looking forward to helping eligible students and would encourage those interested to come in and fill out an application as soon as possible."

A supplement to the grant will make additional financial aid available for a percentage of the applicants accepted into the program.

Blue Mountain Community College students who are interested in the program may call 278-5853 or visit the office of advising, counseling and testing, Morrow Hall, Room 117.

**Heppner Daycare receives education grant**

Attorney General Hardy Myers has announced that Heppner Daycare/Preschool is among 13 Oregon recipients that will share \$120,000 in Children's Education Grants for support of their programs that benefit and advance the education of children. A five-member advisory committee reviewed 140 applications from non-profit, charitable and governmental groups.

"The caliber of these winners and their programs is very impressive," Myers said. "The advisory committee did an outstanding job of selecting a group of worthwhile programs, giving special consideration to counties that have not received assistance in the past."

The grants were available due to Oregon's participation in national, multi-state antitrust settlements in 1998 and 1999 totaling \$50 million in cash and toys with national retailer Toys 'R' Us and toy manufacturers Mattel, Hasbro and The Little Tikes Company. This resulted in Oregon receiving over a period of four years, toys worth more than \$389,000 and approximately \$150,000 in cash for children's programs.

For the last four years, settlement money distribution has included toys being delivered during the holiday seasons throughout the state. The 2000 holiday toy distribution included the additional awarding of \$20,000 grants to the Oregon Children's Foundation SMART program of Portland and Libri Foundation of Eugene. The awarding of Children's Educational Grants will end the disbursement of settlement agreement monies.

The settlements filed in 1998 and 1999 resolved a lawsuit filed in 1997

by the attorneys general of 44 states alleging that the defendants conspired for more than 10 years to withhold popular toys from low margin warehouse clubs that undercut Toys 'R' Us prices. As a result of these illegal agreements between the manufacturers and the retailer, warehouse clubs could not compete in price with Toys 'R' Us and consumers paid more for the toys.

Myers' Advisory Grant Committee members included Betsy Earls of the Associated Oregon Industries, Courtney Vanderstek of the Oregon Education Association, Mark Wilk of the Oregon Legal Services, the Honorable Patricia Sullivan of the Malheur County Circuit Court, and Melanie Curtis of the Oregon Commission on Children and Families.

Heppner Daycare/Preschool. The day care center and preschool/preschool is the only state licensed nonprofit child care facility in South Morrow County. Child care services are provided for children, ages six weeks to 12 years. The school will provide a new computer activity with a number of children's programs.

Twelve of the recipients received \$10,000 grants with the 13th grant being evenly divided between Heppner Daycare/Preschool and Oregon Parent Center in Wolf Creek.

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