

Local Students make honor roll at Oregon State

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll winter term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 535 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 2,314 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll included:
Boardman: 3.5 or better, Andrew D. Goad, senior, Computer Science.

Heppner: 3.5 or better, Marcy A. Miller, senior, Sociology; Travis S. Wilhelm, senior, Mechanical Engineering.

Irrigon: 3.5 or better, Matthew A. Gordanier, senior, Civil Engineering.

Senior Center News

The center is requesting donations for the "Go For It" table. The money raised from this will go into a fund to help purchase things for the center such as decorations or to help assist someone in need. Items may be dropped off between 9-12 and 1-4 Monday through Friday at the Senior Center Office.

The Senior Center has a new tenant. Joyce Grasser is a longtime resident of Heppner and made her move last weekend. Everyone at St. Pat's welcomes her hope she will feel right at home.

There is only one apartment available at this time. A Mustang Mop Up crew visited St. Patrick's Senior Center and gave that apartment a fresh coat of paint. They also cleaned windows and blinds. They did a great job and all their hard work was appreciated.

Photography show and stargazing program offered

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument staff will be hosting two programs on Friday evening, May 11. Both programs will take place at the Thomas Condon Visitor Center, two miles north of the intersection of State Highway 19 and 26, along Highway 19.

Beginning at 7 p.m., "artist-in-the-park" photographer, Joe Head, will present and discuss his black and white images of the John Day Fossil Beds taken over the last month.

At 9 p.m., Ranger John Fiedor will present a stargazing program lasting 90 minutes. Participants should bring a pair of binoculars, and dress very warmly for the outdoors. A telescope will be provided for use during the program. Expect a few satellites, star clusters, and a galaxy or two.

Both programs are free and no reservations are needed. For more information call 541-987-2333.

University of Idaho announces new Phi Alpha Theta initiates

The University of Idaho announces its newly initiated members of Phi Alpha Theta. To be eligible for Phi Alpha Theta at the University of Idaho, potential members must have completed at least 12 credits in history, a minimum 3.1 GPA in six upper division credits and an overall GPA of 3.0.

Newly initiated members of Phi Alpha Theta includes Dianna McElligott of Ione.

UMESD technology department expands contracts

Intermountain Technology, the technology department at the Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (UMESD), has entered into two five-year contracts with Blue Mountain Community College and the Pendleton School District.

Intermountain Technology has had a long-term relationship with the Pendleton School District to provide technology support and help desk services, but the contract has always been a one-year service. This new contract extends that service for five years.

The contract with BMCC not only lengthens its contract period to five years with Intermountain Technology, but also expands the services the UMESD will provide the community college. In the past, BMCC's contract with Intermountain Technology has been for help desk support. Now, however, the new contract expands that to also include network support for five years, in addition to other services.

"This contract allows the UMESD's IT department and BMCC to blend our services and expand our partnership to enhance the capabilities of the education community," said Casey White, public information officer for the UMESD.

Some of the additional services this contract will provide is access to the K-20 Statewide Educational Network, a higher education network of which most Eastern Oregon schools are a part, which provides education and research for the Oregon education community. The UMESD is a hub for this network in Eastern Oregon.

"The BMCC contract will provide help desk and desktop support, and network and server support, all in collaboration with BMCC's Information Technology Resources (ITR) department," said Cheri Rhinhart, director of the UMESD's IT department. "Right now, our IT department meets every week with BMCC to go over the current direction of where we need to go to support them." Rhinhart said the contract expansion with BMCC is the "most significant contract increase this year."

"This allows us to enhance technology offerings to our schools," Rhinhart said. "The more collaboration we have with them, the better they can do."

The UMESD's IT department has more than 40 contracts with public agencies around Oregon, including more than 30 K-12 school districts, to provide technology support and services. In addition, IT also installs and maintains camera systems in four school districts.

Folk art, Smithsonian and quilts events planned at Boardman Library

The Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) has developed a special program on American folk art to be broadcast via videoconference to the Boardman branch library of the Oregon Trail Library District on Wednesday, May 23, at noon.

The program is open to persons of all ages who are interested in our national art museum and its offerings.

The program will be broadcast only to the Boardman library and will last one hour. Those who attend are welcome to bring a sack lunch to the library.

Those attending will be able to see items from the national collection and to talk one-on-one with museum staff in Washington, D.C. as they present objects for interpretation and understanding.

The Smithsonian event is part of "Folk Art at the Library!", a regional art project for public libraries made possible by the nonprofit Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) under grant funding from the Oregon Arts Commission for libraries at Boardman, Hermiston, Pendleton, La Grande and Baker City.

At Boardman, events are co-sponsored by the Oregon Trail Library District.

Other "Folk Art at the Library!" events for Morrow County area residents include an exhibit at the Boardman library from May 21 - June 15 by local artists, including Gayle Vaughn who teaches at the Pendleton Art Center and works at the Boardman library.

"Treasures in the Trunk" will be presented on Wed., June 6 at 7 p.m. by

noted quilt historian and author Mary Bywater Cross, a past presenter from the Oregon Council for the Humanities Chautauqua Program.

Cross will bring several historic quilts. Her program focuses on "Quilts as Community" as visual records of human experience. Her program has been extremely well received and she is known nationally. Cross's book Quilts of the Oregon Trail has just been reissued and includes new quilts about the journey west and more information about the role of women in their communities.

Cross will be at the Boardman library on Wednesday, June 6, at 3 p.m. with copies of the new book for purchase and for book-signing.

She enjoys visiting with residents and encourages anyone with a

quilt that they would like to learn more about such as age or fabric to bring it to the library that afternoon.

The Smithsonian program will be broadcast at noon on June 7 to the Hermiston Public Library, and Cross will present her program again that evening at that library.

"We hope this will be the first of many programs in coming years brought to Morrow County residents through LEO and its partnership with the Smithsonian art museum," said Marsha Richmond, Oregon Trail Library District director. The project is the first rural collaboration that the Smithsonian art museum has had with rural libraries.

For further information, please contact Richmond at 541-481-5565 or Lyn Craig, LEO Exec. Director at 541-763-2355.

HJH track results

The Heppner Jr. High track team participated in a meet on Friday, April 27, at Sunridge in Pendleton. Results are as follows:

Sixth Grade Boys
Two boys competed and came in fourth in team scoring with 10 points.

Jacob Moore: first place shot put, 27'.

Seventh Grade Boys (Meet champions)

Cameron Day: first place long jump, 15'; third place 200m, 27.63; third place 400m, 1:05; and second place medley relay.

Josh Williams: first place 100m, 12.34; first place 200m, 26.57; and second place with eighth medley relay.

Coleman Clark: third place 1500m, 6:07.

Chase Milner: fourth place tie high jump, 4'6"; fourth place long jump, 12'9 1/2"; third place 200m, 27.63; and second place medley relay.

Cody Orr: fourth place tie high jump, 4'6"; fifth place 400m, 1:07.58; fifth place 800m, 2:35.93; and second place medley relay.

Zech Hintz: fifth place discus, 71'1"; and fifth place shot put, 25'4".

Cody Nelson: fifth place 1500m, 6:13; and fourth place 4x100 relay.

Eighth Grade Boys (Second Place Team)

Jared Hedman: first place 100m hurdles, 16.46; and 45th 4x100 relay.

Jordan Wright: second place discus, 91'8"; fifth place tie shot put, 30'10"; and fifth place 400m, 1:05.

Nick Kempas: second place 200m, 25.63; and fourth place 100m, 12.68.

Kyle Fushs: third place high jump, 4'10".

Alex Pickles: fifth place 200m, 26.81.

Sixth Grade Girls

Kellie Nelson: sixth place shot put, 21'4"; first place 400m, 1:11.94; and second place 800m, 2:56.38.

Brittney Thompson: fifth place long jump, 10'10"; seventh place 100m, 15.37; and fourth place medley relay.

Andrea Collins: fifth place 400m, 1:20; and fourth place 800m, 3:11.49.

Seventh Grade Girls (Fourth place team with 34 1/2 pts.)

Natalie Rauch: second place shot put, 26'6"; fourth place discus, 56'6"; sixth place 4x100 relay; and fourth place medley relay.

Joanna Patton: second place high jump, 4'4"; fourth place 400m, 1:12.40; and second place 800m, 2:52.

Courtney George: sixth place high jump; and sixth place 4x100 relay.

Eighth Grade Girls (Third place team with only three girls)

Brooke Thompson: fourth place 100m hurdles, 19.35; first place tie 200m, 29.46; long jump, 12'3"; and fourth place medley relay.

Kelsi Puttnam: third place 200m, 30.46; second place 400m, 1:10; and fourth place medley relay.

K e s h a w n a Talamantes: second place shot put, 29'8"; and first place discus, 77'10".

The Heppner and Ione Jr. High track teams will travel to Stanfield for their all-league championship meet on Friday, May 11. Both schools have many athletes in position to capture individual team titles. The meet will begin at noon.

Sniders recognized by Beautification/Parks and Land Commission



Chuck Bailey presents Nancy Snider with a Certificate of Recognition for the contribution she and her husband, Dick, have made to the appearance of the Heppner's business community.

The City of Heppner's Beautification/Parks and Land Commission recently presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dick and Nancy Snider.

The Sniders were recognized for their commitment and contribution to the appearance of Heppner's business community. This was manifested in their new Wheatland Insurance building on the corners of Main and Center Streets. The building has an upscale exterior enhanced with generous landscaping.

The Beautification Commission was created in 1999 by the Heppner City Council to educate, advise, promote, and recognize attractive environments within the city limits. In 2005, it was combined with the Parks and Land Commission.

Morrow County area host families needed

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. These young ambassadors are looking forward to fulfilling their life-long dreams.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools. P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As

there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family. Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards

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Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

-Shirley L. George, 63, Heppner. Failure to stop for bus lights, \$324 fine.

-John J. Steagall, 35, Lexington. Violation of the basic rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$113 fine.

-Ryan Lee Miller, 35, Heppner. Violation of the basic rule, 80 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$244 fine.

-Denise M. Smith, 54, Heppner. Violation of the basic rule, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$244 fine.

-Stefanie Joelle Hanson, 21, Heppner. Violation of the basic rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$148.