

## Artist-in-residence helps Irrigon students create pioneer mural

A.C. Houghton students, from kindergartners to third graders, walk the main hallway and point out to any visitor, which part of the new mural is "theirs." From brush grass to Native American tulle huts, the creation belongs to them.

Carol Poppenga, a Lewiston, Montana based artist, spent two weeks working with A.C. Houghton students. Students learn some art in their regular classrooms, but the school does not offer a separate art class. Poppenga began the residency by giving students a crash course in drawing and painting, and helped them brainstorm for mural ideas.

Students came up with two scenes from Oregon's pioneer days: a wagon train stopping for the night; and a Native American village on hills overlooking the Columbia River. The river's edge is an exact reproduction of the Columbia flowing between



A student at A.C. Houghton works on a mural in the school's main hallway. -Contributed Photo

Irrigon and Boardman.

During the second week of the residency, Poppenga pulled three students at a time from class, gave them long white tee shirts and a paintbrush. The young artists received simple instructions: adding wool to a small herd of sheep, legs to a horse, or red combs on chickens and so forth.

Students, instructors and families are all excited about the mural.

"When I picked my granddaughter up after school, all she could talk about the whole evening was the mural," shared Pam Docken.

The residency was paid for by individual and group donations to North Morrow Community Foundation. Arts East, the Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council also provides financial support and administers residencies for nine eastern Oregon counties.

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Robert James Gates, 51, was convicted of Assault in the Fourth Degree, a Class A misdemeanor and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration with 179 days suspended, 12 months bench probation, and other conditions. Gates was also convicted of Harassment, a Class B misdemeanor and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration with 90 days suspended, 12 months bench probation, and other conditions. Total fines, fees, and assessments were \$1,133.

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

**October 1:** -BPD received a report from Lamb Weston that they are doing a 24-hour training exercise with a simulation ammonia leak with the use of smoke machines to make it look like an actual leak. Lamb Weston advised to send assistance only if someone at the facility calls 911. The alarm company was also notified, since the alarms are triggered by smoke.

-BPD received report of a disturbance with a possible fight, but the reporter said the subjects split up. However she suggested that the officers drive

through the area to make sure they did not converge in another area. It was determined that it was a verbal dispute over money and the Hermiston group involved had left the area.

-BPD received report of a radiator in the middle of the right hand lane on I-84.

-BPD received report from a subject who said she had received a call from someone identifying himself as an officer with BPD or MCSO, but her phone died. She wanted to determine whether it was a prank or if an officer was really trying to contact her.

-BPD cited Ameer Tillman, 25, for Driving Uninsured. The vehicle was towed.

-BPD received a report from a subject who

said she heard someone in the backyard and discovered a fence board missing and medical marijuana plants gone.

-BPD received report of a subject receiving harassing phone calls. An officer responded, but the number showed up restricted. The subjects were going to contact the phone company.

-BPD officer attempted to serve a warrant, but was unable to locate the subject as he had taken a vacation to Mexico.

-Boardman Fire Department received several 911 calls to report a fire in the median on I-84. A few minutes later a second fire was reported.

**October 3:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office cited Carlos Salcedo, 18,

## HES announces honor card recipients

Heppner Elementary School recently announced their honor card recipients for the second quarter of the 2009-10 school year. Students received their honor card by maintaining positive grades, citizenship, and behavior.

One hundred twenty-five students received the honor card which includes 12 items that the students receive from our local businesses. Recipients are: Mark Adams, Kylie Boor, Kaden Combe, Cedrick Dayandante, Kendall Dowdy, Cody Fletcher, Brock Hisler, Blane Mahoney, Jonathon Waddell, Savannah Morlan, Amelia Baker, Conor Brosnan, Jace Coe, Hannah Green, Brett Jewett, Gracie Orem, Chloe Payne, Joseph Sherman, Noah Stone, Roen Waite, Rylee Bray, Roy Collins, Alexis Cutsforth, Gracey DeLoach, Gaige Futter, Hunter Greenup, Hailey Holmgren, Hayden Hyatt, Mikel Jaca, Jackson Lehman, Andrew Looslie, Max

Mahon, Marlee Mitchell, Madelyn Nichols, Kevin Rea, Genevieve Smith, Kenneth Troxell, Tyson Vawser, Sydney Wilson, Logan Angell, Suzanneah Cason, Alison Cecil, Drew Coe, Casey Fletcher, Kellen Grant, Gavin Hanna, Jacob Hines, Kami Holtz, Evan Kollman, Mason Lehman, Trevor Linnell, Abbie Marick, Tresslyn McCurry, Nichole Prophet, Jason Rea, Dylan Rill, Cheyenne Shaw, Makayla Silvia, Jordan Spaulding, Jordan Sweeney, Cami VanArsdale, Morgan Burch, Madison Combe, Jacee Currin, Keegan Gibbs, Claire Grieb, Derek Howard, Cason Mitchell, Hunter Nichols, Hayden Qualls, Leo Waite, Carson Brosnan, Riley Gorham, Diana Healy, Alex Lindsay, Jaiden Mahoney, Gibson McCurry, Olivia Schmidt, Caitlyn Scrivner, Nichole Shaw, Naleah Stone, Reiah Waite, Cody Wizner, Chris Beam, Morgan Correa, Tristan Estabrook, Bryan

Fowler, Sophie Grant, Logan Grieb, Payton Lehman, Kevin Murray, Sydney Qualls, Nalani Stone, Kane Sweeney, Becca Waddell, Emily Cecil, Kaden Lehman, Josh Dowdy, Caden Hedman, Tim Jaca, Faith Jones, CJ Kindle, Rylee Kollman, Jake Lindsay, Kaelyn Lindsay, Janice Munkers, Skyler Palmer, Emily Pappas, Amanda Rea, Caitlynn Bailey, Lexi Bray, Patrick Collins, Kolby Currin, Kellie Eadler, Jessica Kempken, Will Luther, Victor Meyer, Weston Putman, Emily Rea, Brian Rill, Demitra Schmidt, Ryan Smith, and Rian Wizner.

Businesses that sponsor the honor card are: Stable of Youth, Heppner Shell, Wheatland Insurance, Greg Smith and Company, Community Bank, Cornerstone Gallery, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Willow Creek Diner, Murray's Drug, The Video Store, Sweet Productions, and Heppner Family Foods.

## American Legion and Auxiliary to hold potluck

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heppner United Methodist Church for a potluck.

## Marriages

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

-January 20: Wayne Richard Wilson, 75, Heppner and Janet Nadia Beamer, 75, Heppner.

-January 22: Pablo Madrigal Garcia, 34, Boardman and Roselia Madrigal Armenta, 33, Boardman.

-January 29: Josue Eliuth Reyes-Cardona, 25, Umatilla and Angela Virginia Rodriguez, 35, Umatilla.

## St. Patrick's meeting to be held

The next St. Patrick's meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling 541-676-5536. Snacks and beverages will be served.

for Minor in Possession-alcohol; and Daniel Macias Lemus, 18, for MIP-alcohol.

-MCSO, Heppner Ambulance received report that a male subject had rolled his vehicle at the gravel pit on Willow Creek Rd., Heppner. The subject refused transport. MCSO cited Ronald Zachary Whalen, 23, for offensive littering.

-MCSO received report of someone breaking into a cabin outside Ukiah. The call was transferred to Umatilla County Sheriff's Office.

-MCSO deputy conducted a field interview in Heppner and advised kids who had been to the dance that the park is closed.

-MCSO received report of a deer on the side of the road. The reporter said her daughter's ex-boyfriend hit it, but thought it was poached and left there. A deputy advised the deer was not hit, but left on purpose. He said if the reporter had any trouble with the male subject to contact the sheriff's office.

-MCSO received report from Umatilla County that they received a 911 call from the Irrigon area that sounded like someone was running. On call back there was no answer. Dispatch located a home phone number associated with the cell phone number. When contacted, the subject said she did not have a cell phone. Umatilla County determined it was a young child playing with the phone and spoke to the

child's mother.

-MCSO received report of some type of metal object, possibly a frame from a sign sticking out into the west-bound lane on Hwy 730. A deputy responded and removed the hazard.

-MCSO received report that someone was working on the water system at Heppner Daycare and needed the city to turn the water off. Heppner Public Works on-call was advised.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner subject that her daughter lost a purple Motorola Flip Phone while at the fairgrounds on Wednesday. They went to the fairgrounds and called the phone with no luck. The subjects were going to check the school Monday.

-MCSO received report of a medium-sized black and white dog on a Boardman subject's property. A deputy responded and transported a Border collie to Pet Rescue.

-MCSO received report of a red Dodge Pickup trespassing on a Boardman subject's property. The reporter left a message on the vehicle for the owner to call. MCSO responded and determined the vehicle did have a pass to be there; it just wasn't properly displayed.

-MCSO received request from a subject to contact his father-in-law to let him know a family member had passed away. MCSO responded and made the notification.

-MCSO received

report of a white Cadillac swerving all over the road on I-84, Boardman. MCSO was out of position.

-MCSO deputy reported a cow out on someone's property on Hwy. 207-Spray. The cows belonged to someone else.

-MCSO received report that subjects in a tan Mazda pickup dropped off a medium sized-white dog with tan spots on W. Eighth Rd./Columbia Lane in Irrigon. The vehicle left traveling toward Hwy. 730.

-MCSO cited Larry Ephrem, 50, for Driving While Suspended-violation.

-MCSO received report of two vehicles, a white one and a red one, racing and swerving in and out of traffic on Hwy. 730, Irrigon. A deputy responded, but was unable to locate anything.

-MCSO received report of a green Ford Ranger/Explorer all over the road on Hwy. 207-Echo/Butter Creek. The caller suspected that the driver was intoxicated and said that there were several vehicles behind the pickup. The subject was given a verbal warning for failure to maintain line and failure to yield.

-MCSO received a report from OSP that they had transferred a call to Umatilla County Sheriff's Office concerning a white station wagon traveling west on Hwy. 730 with plates similar to one that may run two vehicles off the road. MCSO deputy responded, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

-MCSO received a request from an Irrigon woman for the sheriff's office to tell her 17-year-old daughter that she can't run away to live with her boyfriend.

-MCSO cited Salvio Pena Gutierrez, 29 for Open Container.

-Boardman Police Department assisted the Umatilla Police Department in showing were a juvenile subject's parents live in Boardman.

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