

Riverside students tackle robotics pilot program

BOARDMAN—Riverside Jr.-Sr. High School students had the opportunity to participate in a three-week pilot Robotics program during the school's summer school program earlier this month. Students worked together in three groups to build their own robots using the VEX IQ robotics platform. Each group was responsible for planning and putting together their own robots that could move in all directions as well as grasp and lift small objects.

Robotics helps students develop valuable skills such as communication, problem solving, and math application skills in addition to learning more about engineering and automation. In the three short weeks teachers were able to see students



Riverside students "race" their robots through a timed course at the culmination of a three-week robotics program earlier this summer. The class was a pilot program for the school's plans to introduce a robotics program this fall. —Contributed photo

make great gains in communication, teamwork, and self-confidence, said Riverside Principal Marie Shimer.

As a culminating project, each group maneuvered their robots through a race track that included having to pick

up and move an object in a timed race. This introductory program was an exciting first step for Riverside as it plans to introduce robotics programs for both junior high and high school students this fall.

Simple Harmonies to perform at Music in the Parks

Music in the Parks is back this summer in Boardman and Irrigon.

Next Monday, July 14, at 7 p.m., visitors to Boardman Marina Park will be able to enjoy some "Simple Harmonies" from husband and wife duo Kevin and Kim Paulson. The Paulsons, from the Oregon Coast, provide a varied blend of songs with harmonizing vocals, guitar and harmonicas. Songs are chosen to be encouraging, joyful and memorable for the whole family, sometimes with a story-behind-the-song shared.

The couple performs in retirement and assisted



Simple Harmonies, aka Kevin and Kim Paulson.

living communities, weddings, celebration of life veterans' homes, golf resorts, benefit concerts, restaurants, family reunions, birthdays,

gatherings, churches, home concerts and community events.

SAGE Center to host free half-day camps

Oregon's Dairy Princess Ambassador coming to share information on the dairy industry

BOARDMAN—Dairy education is coming to the SAGE Center later this month in two free half-day camps with Oregon's Dairy Princess Ambassador, Danielle Bull.

The event is July 25 with the morning session from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the afternoon session from 1-4 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. The camps are open to students entering third through sixth grades.

To register for this free event, please go to <http://visitsage.com>.

During the morning or afternoon, students will learn about the dairy industry, play games, and tour the SAGE Center.

"Morrow County is the highest dairy-producing county in the state and we are excited to partner with the dairy princess ambassador program to educate youth about sustainable dairy operations," said Kalie Davis, SAGE Center manager.

As the dairy princess ambassador, Bull's job

is to travel the state of Oregon visiting schools, community groups, fairs and other public events sharing information about the dairy industry. Bull is Oregon's 55th Dairy Princess Ambassador.

According to the Oregon Dairy Women, by the end of Bull's year of service, she will have presented to over 15,000 students in Oregon.

For more information, contact the SAGE Center at 541-481-7243 or go to the SAGE Center website.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, July 17, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room.

SAGE Center manager Kalie Davis will be the guest speaker; she will be promoting the upcoming Morrow County Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 4, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., as well as giving an update of the SAGE Center.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Willow Creek Diner will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Tuesday before to guarantee a lunch.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Timothy Mark King, 45, was convicted of one count of Harassment, a Class B misdemeanor, and sentenced to one year bench probation. Conditions of probation included no contact with the victim, the victim's residence or the victim's place of employment, and continuation of mental health treatment. One count of Disorderly conduct II was dismissed. Fines, fees and adjustments totaled \$100.

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HHS technology students attend national conference



Pictured at a Washington Nationals game during their trip to D.C. are TSA members Cade Arbogast, Kai Arbogast, Jesse Boyd and Bryan Fowler with advisor Dave Fowler. —Contributed photo

Students from the Heppner Chapter of the Technology Student Association (TSA) participated in the National TSA Conference in Washington, D.C. recently.

As part of the TSA conference, they attended a Washington Nationals baseball game.

As part of the conference, they competed in Structural Engineering, Technology Problem Solving and Dragster

Design.

While in D.C., they also visited the Smithsonian Museums and other capital attractions. With nearly 7,000 in attendance, this was the largest TSA conference ever.

Heppner TSA President Cade Arbogast, Treasurer Kai Arbogast, Sergeant at Arms Jesse Boyd and Reporter Bryan Fowler all hope to attend next year in Dallas, TX.

"We are committed

to promoting TSA in our community and our region," says Arbogast.

Oregon TSA has three competitions scheduled for next year at BMCC, which will include Flight Endurance, Manufacturing Prototype, Structural Engineering, Architectural Model, 3D Computer Design, Promotional Graphics, Fashion Design, Dragster Design and Technology Problem Solving.

Sheriff's Report

March 19 (cont.):
 -MCSO Deputy advised he was setting a cat trap to assist an Irrigon subject in catching a cat. The cat was a female calico with extra toes.

-MCSO received request for advice from a Heppner woman who wanted to know if she could enter her residence since her step-daughter padlocked it up. She was advised that she could enter it because it was her residence.

-MCSO received report of two 4x4s taking up one lane of traffic near the tree farms in Boardman. A deputy checked the area, but was unable to locate the vehicles.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man of a white Honda that went past his residence at 40-45 mph.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that her renter had locked herself out of the residence.

-MCSO received request for extra patrol on Chase St. in Heppner. The caller said she heard what she thought was a sander but it went on top of Chase St., came back down,

stopped in his driveway with the lights off, then headed back down Chase St. with the lights on and appeared to go towards the grade school.

-MCSO received report of suspicious activity in Lexington with two men who appeared to be in their 50s sitting in a blue Dodge pickup. The caller said one of them had a jeweler's glass and appeared to be examining something about the size of a pencil eraser, then put it in a can and then did it again with another item.

-MCSO received report of a suspicious person in Ione. The caller said that one person, wearing a safety vest and blue jeans, driving a dark forest green Jeep, went into a shed on the property and took out a box. The caller said he had never seen the guy before.

-MCSO received report of a gray station wagon with an Alaska plate swerving all over the road. The caller thought he may have been falling asleep.

-MCSO received report from a woman in Heppner

that a male subject was under the influence of marijuana and alcohol. She said that the man talked to a friend of his on her speaker phone and bragged about being stoned and drunk.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man that his sister was missing. He said she left to go to church services in Hermiston in a white Kia and normally returns by 8-8:30 p.m., but it was now 11:15 p.m. He requested deputy contact. OSP was advised.

March 20: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a wheelchair at the west end of Irrigon. MCSO responded and moved the chair for pick up the following day. A deputy advised that the chair was no longer there.

-MCSO Deputy reported being out with a suspicious vehicle in Boardman.

-MCSO received report of an abandoned bicycle near the Gilliam Bisbee Building in Heppner.

-MCSO received request for deputy contact regarding a dispute an Irrigon woman is having with her neighbor. The neighbor says the caller is blocking her driveway when the caller waits with her children in her car for the school bus.

-MCSO blued out an entry concerning with Gilliam County and the K-9 unit concerning drug activity.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that her neighbor's dog is out and it is an ongoing problem.

-MCSO received report of suspicious circumstances near Water and Jones streets in Heppner with a blue pickup truck with a canopy pulling a trailer with tools parked at a residence across the street from the caller and started looking around. The caller said that when the people were confronted, they said they were working for a bank and the house was empty. The caller said the house was not empty and he advised them to leave.

-MCSO received report of a light brown pit bull

injured, skinny and limping, at the refuge in Irrigon. The dog was transported to Pet Rescue.

-MCSO cited a male minor in Heppner for violation of the speed limit, 45 mph in a 25 mph zone. He was also warned for defective equipment-seat belt. Another male minor was warned for being a minor in the back of a pickup.

-MCSO received report from a girl in Irrigon that she was calling for her mother because a white car hit their mailbox and kept on going.

-MCSO received report of someone shooting a gun inside city limits in Irrigon. Deputies located the short and determined that the location was out of the city limits, they had a good backstop and were setting up a firearm.

-MCSO received report from a truck driver on I-84 Boardman that a male ran across the freeway and he almost had to stop his truck to avoid hitting him. The driver continued on.

-MCSO received report from a man in Boardman that a male, out of breath and with cuts on his hands, had just run up to them. The caller thought the man may have been trying to steal a vehicle. MCSO arrested Michael K. Johnson, 22, for Unauthorized Entry of a Motor Vehicle, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Attempted Theft I and Disorderly Conduct. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$24,000 bail.

-MCSO received report of a suspicious male with baggy jeans, black sweater and a backpack in a church parking lot in Irrigon. The caller thought it may have been the same subject who was breaking into vehicles over the weekend. A deputy made contact and advised the subject that could not sleep in the grass at that location.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man that a white Pontiac or VW with black trim drives by his house very fast around 2:50 p.m. He says it seems to happen around the same time every day.

Cody High & Nichole Gibbs
 would like to invite all their friends and neighbors down to the Elks on **July 19th at 7:30 pm** to help them celebrate their marriage.