

Eastern Oregon students explore tech at annual expo



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More than 100 students from school districts across eastern Oregon gathered in La Grande on March 7 for the annual InterMountain Education District (IMESD) Tech Expo. The Tech Expo is organized by the IMESD and is free to students of the agency's component school districts. The nine districts who attended were: Echo, Imbler, La Grande, Morrow County, North Powder, Stanfield, Ukiah, Umatilla and Union.

traveled around together to multiple sessions throughout the day. Topics including 3D animation, coding, cyber security, e-commerce web development, computer building, robots and more. Many of the sessions offered interactive and hands-on opportunities. Students could also go on an EOU campus tour and attend a college and career fair to explore the potential for technology-related careers.

tricts, all our participants had a great day," said Karen Smelser, expo coordinator. "At each session I attended, I got to see the interest and fun students were having. This was a wonderful effort by our IMESD team that resulted in another successful tech expo," Smelser said.

Grand Marshal honored with a song



Joe Lindsay wrote and performed a song to honor this year's Grand Marshal, American Legion Heppner Post 87, in the Great Green parade held on Saturday, March 16. The song goes as follows:

-Verse I
You'll see them walk down Main street leading the parade,
Proudly bearing the colors of the good ole USA.
They served our country bravely now they also serve this town,
Honoring those that gave up all and are no longer around.
-Chorus
The Stars and Stripes are flying and freedom's ringing true
And straight-ahead Ed is leading the whole crew.
The Flag is proudly waving held by those who've served their time,
The American Legion Veterans march remembering those who've died
-Verse II
Taking reverent care of every flag for everything,
The handsome devils of the legion always can be seen.
They've grown in age and beauty as the years have trickled by
And if they move a bit slower now it's to better see 'em pass by.
-Repeat Chorus
-Verse III
Now the time has come for us to say our thank you as today
The American Legion are Grand Marshals of St. Patrick's Day.
We honor those now living as well as those who've died.
And you're sure to see em lead'n the parade no matter the weather outside.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, March 21 at noon in the Heppner city hall conference room. Lisa Patrick, Sage Center manager, will give an update on the Sage Center. FFA student, Genevieve Smith, will do a presentation in preparation for the FFA Convention competition to be held next weekend.

person. The menu will be white chicken chili soup with a cheese quesadilla and dessert. RSVP's are required.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

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feet. The Welly Toss had 113 individual participants this year.

The winning team in the O'Planky team relay was the Planksters with Brandon Seitz, Wacy Coil, Shane Mascall and Buck Lazinka. The top Bed Race teams were Golden Nuggets with members Rafael Lopez, Alyssa Palacios and Jake Baier; Les Schwab's, Richard Hainline, Kellie

Friday movie scheduled

The March free Friday movie at All Saints Parish Hall will be shown Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. This month's feature is rated PG-13. It tells the story about the challenge and chaos of life in El Salvador, the anticipated location of Hopeful Saints Ministry's

Heppner students named to all-conference

Eastern Oregon University students Patrick Collins and CJ Kindle, both of Heppner, have been named to the 2018 Academic All-Conference Football Team. The EOU team illustrates excellence, with 31 players selected.

Collins is a senior at EOU, studying OSU Agriculture. Kindle, a junior, studies Business Administration. To be eligible for the team, student athletes must be at least a sophomore in standing, maintain a 3.0 GPA and must be enrolled at the school the previous two semesters.

A total of 245 football student-athletes were selected from six different schools to be recognized for their success within the classroom.

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4-H group holds first meeting

By Hunter Houck

The first Grow 'Em and Show 'Em 4-H club meeting of 2019 was held Sunday, March 10 at the Heppner NRCS building. The meeting began with Kacee Lathrop providing a brief overview of what each meeting would consist of and informing club members of the importance of record books.

Andrea Nelson led the group of club members and parents in two icebreakers to get the ball rolling for the meeting, where she asked everyone to find a group and answer a few questions.

Keegan Gibbs arrived to help lead the club in officer elections. The elected officers are president, Cami Van Arsdale; vice president, Brock Hisler; secretary/treasurer, Adan Lathrop;



Front row: Tripp Stewart, Brooklyn Hendricks, Healy Hisler, Avree Lathrop and Reese Houck. Back row: Jake Lentz, Aden Lathrop, Hunter Houck, Lita Nelson and Hallee Hisler. -Photo by Jennifer Wilson.

reporter, Hunter Houck and sentinel, Avree Lathrop.

Activities scheduled for the club members were setting up chairs for an event at the Elks Lodge on

March 15 and helping with the St. Patrick's Welly Toss on March 16.

The next meeting will be held April 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the NRCS building.

Nelson and Taylor Disque and Misfits with Tamara Sanfiorenzo, John Nelson and Hunter Greenup.

Road Bowling took place on Sunday, with the Road Bowlers team, Nels and Peter Wenberg, taking first with a score of 30. Second place went to You Pick It, Andy Pittard, Wacy Coil, Jared Huddleston and Keenan Jack with a score of 33.

next well-drilling mission in November.

For additional information, contact the church office at 541-676-9970.



The Road Bowlers, Nels and Peter Wenberg took first place in the Road Bowling event held on Sunday.

Spring break food boxes available

All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner will be providing gift boxes filled with fresh and canned produce, bread, meat and hygiene supplies for anyone who needs help keeping food on the table during spring break. The boxes are available to anyone,

no strings attached and no questions asked.

Food boxes may be picked up at the back entrance of All Saints Episcopal Church on the corner of Church and Gale on Sunday, March 24 between 2 and 4 p.m. while supplies

last. Delivery during those same hours is available for the homebound as well.

For delivery or for additional information call the church office at 541-676-9970 and leave a detailed message with name, address and phone number.

Heppner Honor Society holds fundraiser

The Heppner High School Honor Society recently participated a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). The students set a goal to raise \$2 per student at Heppner Jr/Sr High School or \$336. Although they did not meet their goal, they raised \$289 to donate to LLS.

The honor society has worked with LLS for over five years, participating in

Pennies for Patients this year, one of many fundraising programs LLS has sponsored in their endeavor to create a world without cancer.

Since its establishment in 1949, the LLS has become the largest nonprofit health organization in the world, investing over 1.2 billion dollars wholly dedicated to providing the funding for blood cancer re-

search, patient services and education. They are leaders in furthering medical advances in genomics, immunotherapy and personalized medicine; research that saves lives. For over half a century, the mission of the LLS has remained the same, "Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families."

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