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Cross country boys qualify for state



High School cross country team. Pictured front row (L-R): Roen Waite, Hannah Finch, Irelynn Kollman, Jacob Finch, Trevor Nichols. Middle row (L-R): Ed Ellsworth, Hailey Heideman, Kamron Drury, Kylie Boor, Joe Sherman. Back row (L-R): Alan Scott, Toni Nichols, Russ Nichols. Not pictured: Harley Anderson, Sierra Greenup. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

By Hannah Finch

The high school cross country runners competed at districts this past Friday in John Day. Some of the toughest competition in the state lies in this district, so it was truly a day to come out and compete.

Leading the girls was Hailey Heideman, who crossed the finish line in eighth place with a time of 21:26.7. After her was Hannah Finch (22:12.4) followed closely by Irelynn Kollman (22:22.0) and Kylie Boor (22:24.7). Sierra Greenup finished the course shortly afterwards, with a time of 25:01.2. This was the last race of the season for the girls, who placed third as a team.

Trevor Nichols showed up on Friday with a time of 16:01.3. This put him in second place and qualified him for state individually. Following him was Edward Ellsworth, who finished in 18:13.1. Jacob Finch (18:37.6), Joseph Sherman (18:40.9) and Kamron Drury (19:02.7) crossed the line one after the other. Trailing behind them was Roen Waite, who capped off the boys' runs with a 21:53.8. The boys placed second overall, qualifying all six of them to run at state.

Nearly every Mustang set a new personal or season record at the district

meet. Though the season is now over for the girls, the future is looking bright with strong runners like Kollman and Greenup.

The OSA Cross Country 1A/2A/3A State Championships will be held this Saturday, November 6 at Lane Community College. 1A/2A Boys will race at approximately 10:35 a.m. Heppner fans are encouraged to attend the meet or watch the live results through athletic.net.

On Halloween, the middle school girls competed in the Stumptown Running Middle School Championships at Western Oregon University. Overall, the girls placed fifth out of the 12 other teams. Lily Nichols led Heppner's pack in 33rd place, finishing the 3,000 meter course in 11:48.9. Brooklyn Hendricks and Riley Archer finished after her, followed by Lizzie Ginn, who set a new personal record, and Jules Archer. It has been a successful season for both Heppner's girls and boys, leading us to wonder what could be in store for next year. Good luck to the boys at state.

Good News Only

By Doris Brosnan

Inquiring minds want to know: The space between the sidewalks and the street pavement (known variously as boulevard, median, hell strip, parkway, verge, tree belt) will eventually be covered with stamped cement to resemble rock. (Picture the cement wall along Court Street?) Such strips become the responsibility of property owners, apparently, so the cement will certainly be easier maintenance than would be grass, trees, plants. It probably won't happen until after the winter weather, according to city hall.

Last Thursday, in front of the Home Health office, a litter of dachshunds seemed to be gathered but turned out to be the Home Health staff in costumes. Also included in the cluster was "Cruella Deville." This great effort was just one of the health district's departments' competitors for the best Halloween theme and costumes. (Winner and more info not available at submission time.)

That group was passed by streams of preschoolers from Sage Garden and from Heppner Day Care in a delightful variety of costumes, as they paraded down the street, stopping to trick-or-treat at businesses along their way. Some of those cute, scary and creative costumes were out and about again, joined by many older students, for the "Trunk or Treat" event at the fairgrounds and finally for Halloween.

Who is ready for the "fall back" switch of our clocks on Sunday? How much difference will it make, after we have had that added hour to rest before starting our Monday? It will make the BEO clock read correctly.

Please, share your reasons to smile by sending your good-news tidbits before Monday afternoon to dbrosnan123@gmail.com, or call 541-676-5382 or 541-223-1490, or stop me on the street.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

Chamber Chatter

-Morrow County's Broadband Action Team will be holding the second of three community town halls on November 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Gilliam and Bisbee building in Heppner. Light refreshments will be provided.

-Amazon AWS Girls Tech Day, Mission Impossible, will be held November 13. Register at <https://bit.ly/2XqefGc>.

-Pink Friday Main Street shopping event will be held November 19 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

October 14, 2021: - Veronica Coria Mendoza, 36, Stanfield, and Luis Angel Ruiz Lara, 26, Stanfield

Drama shorts to be presented



Performers pictured in the front row: Lincoln Ellsworth, Roen Waite. Row 2: Serena Humphreys, Hannah Finch, Becca Ellsworth, Kelsi Workman, Madison Palmer and Rylee Palmer. Row 3: Christopher Humphreys, Harley Anderson, Jaiycee Cimmityotti, Nate Ellsworth, Lita Nelson, Piper Kelton, Jacob Finch and Daemon Worden. Not pictured: Patrick Wolford, Emily Rauch, Ed Ellsworth and Allison Rauch. -Contributed photo.

The Heppner Drama Club will present drama shorts that include skits, jokes and musical numbers on November 8 and 9 at the Heppner High School Cafetorium. The performances will begin at 7 p.m. and admission is \$2 per person.

The Swanson Insurance Group Announces New Team Member

The Swanson Insurance Group, LLC is excited to announce Emily Cecil as the newest member of their growing team.

Emily, a Heppner native, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a focus in Marketing Management and a Minor in Communication Studies from Eastern Oregon University in 2020. Shortly after graduating, Emily took on the role as Lead Business Advisor for the Umatilla Electric Cooperative Business Resource Center.

When asked about her new role with The Swanson Insurance Group, Emily said, "I am excited to continue serving this great community while being a member of such amazing team. I am very thankful for this opportunity, and I am ready to get to work!"



Luke Swanson said, "Emily's skillset, educational background, and experience in the community will be a great addition to The Swanson Insurance Group."

The Swanson Insurance Group specializes in personal, commercial, and agricultural policies. For more information, visit swansoninsgroup.com.



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Morrow County Broadband Town Hall



An Evening of All-Things Internet!

Please join us for a discussion and Q & A on Broadband and Internet throughout the County!

Resources to help community members will be made available, including information on programs to help pay for internet, online privacy, health care, education, and job skills.

Come for the information, come with questions, or both!

Light refreshments will be provided, and we will get you home for dinner!

Wednesday, Nov. 10th 2021 5:30 PM – 6:30PM

Gilliam and Bisbee Building, 106 E May St Heppner, OR 97836

Contact: Aaron Moss by phone at (541) 676 5664

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