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Windy River student wins Geography Bee

HERMISTON HERALD

Valery Gutierrez, a sixth grade student at Windy River Elementary in Boardman, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee.

The Jan. 20 win gives Gutierrez a chance to compete for a \$50,000 college scholarship. The school-level event, where students answered oral questions about geography, was the first round in the 28th annual National Geographic Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Other students who competed at the Windy River Bee were Benny Sanchez (reserve champion), Mylee Quilter (third place), Hailey Daltoso, Daniel Flores, Stephanie Fudala, Quentin Johnson, Marco Landeros, Makaila Lantis and Carlos Magana.

Thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2016 Bee. The school champions, including Gutierrez, will take a written test — up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state bee April 1.

The National Geograph-



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Participants in the recent Windy River Elementary Geography Bee include: Back: Makaila Lantis, Daniel Flores, Quentin Johnson, Theresa Proctor-Reece (TAG coordinator). Middle: Hailey Daltoso, Stephanie Fudala, Carlos Magana, Marco Landeros. Front: Valery Gutierrez (champion), Benny Sanchez (reserve champion), Mylee Quilter (third place).

ic Society will provide an all-expense-paid trip for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the national championship, which is May 22-25 in Washington D.C. The first-place national winner will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the society, including a subscription to National Geographic mag-

azine, and a National Geographic Expedition trip to a national park in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

Those who would like to test their own geography knowledge can take the quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee or by downloading the "National Geographic GeoBee Challenge" app.

What's next after he pops the question?

Bridal show offers one-stop wedding planning

By TAMMY MALGESINI
Community Editor

Brides and others involved with wedding planning will have an opportunity to talk to wedding professionals, gather information and get inspired during the Eastern Oregon Bridal Show.

"Brides are often totally unprepared for the amount of planning a wedding takes, after all, it's usually a once in a lifetime event," said Stacey Miles, the show's producer.

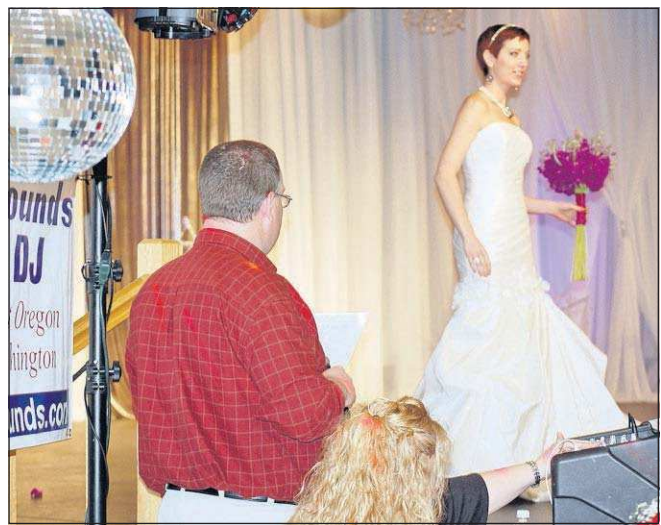
Miles has worked in the wedding industry since 2008. She owns Uniquely, I Do and Stone Ridge Event Center, both in the Tri-Cities. And, she thoroughly enjoys working with brides and wedding professionals.

Producing the show with Daniell McAfee, owner of H&M Photography, Miles is passionate about supporting wedding professionals and ensuring brides have the resources available to plan the wedding of their dreams.

The Eastern Oregon Bridal Show is Sunday, Feb. 21, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. It includes a wedding fashion show at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Brides-to-be who buy a \$5 ticket in advance can have someone accompany them for free, or for \$10, she can bring up to 10 guests with her to the show.

The bridal show features everything from wedding



STAFF PHOTO BY TAMMY MALGESINI

Sean Perkins, left, of Desert Sounds Mobile DJ announces a bridal wear fashion show during a past Eastern Oregon Bridal Show. The event, which offers one-stop wedding planning, is Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Hermiston Conference Center.

gowns, bridesmaids/flower girl dresses and creative designers to photographers and health and beauty experts. Miles said the fashion show brings some people through the door who aren't even planning a wedding — they just love to see all the beautiful gowns.

"It is a day to learn, gather information, meet vendors and simply have fun," Miles said. "Brides will be able to taste samples, smell flowers, look through picture books, try on and buy wedding dresses. We encourage the professionals attending our show to be as

interactive as possible."

Most of the vendors hold drawings, discounts, giveaways and promotions at their booths. In addition, the bridal show will give away \$250 to one lucky bride to spend on her wedding. Also, there will be many other prizes and gifts.

The brides, Miles said, will go home with information, tools and resources that will be invaluable as they plan their special day.

For more information, contact stacey@eobridalshow.com, 509-948-6974 or visit www.eobridalshow.com.

IN BRIEF

Latino group to pay computer class fees

The Columbia Latino Cultural Alliance Inc. will cover fees for parents who could benefit from basic computer classes to help them maintain contact with their children's progress in school.

The class begins Monday, March 7, and runs from 6-8 p.m. in the Columbia Hall lab at Blue Mountain Community College, 975 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. The class continues weekly through Monday, April 18.

Participants can gain basic computer skills, which will enable them to connect with their children's teachers, learn about their academic progress, school events and other important news through the school's website.

The cultural alliance's mission is to provide area Latino families with support and opportunities, including maintaining and improving family relationships, strengthening academic achievement, gaining computer skills, English as a second language

classes, and cultural workshops and presentations.

For more information, including how to register for the classes, contact Natalie Contreras at 541-303-3675 or nataliec.comicufa@gmail.com.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jennifer Shimer
RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Jennifer Shimer is a senior at Riverside Junior / Senior High School. In her 4 years as a Riverside Pirate Jennifer has been involved in multiple sports and clubs. Jennifer has played volleyball, basketball, softball, and cheer. She has also been an active member and leader in clubs such as Technology Student Association (TSA), Outdoor club, Key Club, National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America (FFA), and an ASB class officer. She has also received numerous scholar athlete awards, all-league recognitions, and will be graduating with a honors diploma this spring and plans on attending BMCC in the fall. In her spare time Jennifer has put countless hours towards volunteer activities through her club and athletic involvement, she has frequently spoken to younger athletes about the need to follow dreams and not give up on themselves. This past year she started a formal dress exchange called "Wish Upon a Glitz" where girls can borrow dresses for prom and homecoming.

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