

Scholarship opportunities

HERMISTON HERALD

Several area organizations recently announced the availability of scholarships and are seeking local applicants.

•**Round Up Republican Women** is offering a \$500 scholarship to female students attending or planning to enroll at Blue Mountain Community College. High school students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and attend school in Hermiston, Echo or Stanfield or a private, alternative or home school program.

Students need to complete an application, submit a parent’s consent form, provide high school or college transcripts, two letters of recommendation and write an essay on the topic: “Why is it important to vote in any election, local or national?”

The scholarship will be payable to BMCC’s financial aid office, subject to completion of the first term of enrollment.

Submit the application packet by

March 31 to: Round Up Republican Women, 1704 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801. For more information, call 541-276-3182.

•**Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association** is offering a pair of \$1,500 scholarships to help educate and train individuals in a profession related to the building industry. The scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of his/her potential to succeed.

Applicants must currently be a high school senior or enrolled as a college student or in a qualified apprenticeship program. The students must be a resident of Umatilla, Morrow, Union, Baker or Wallowa County and have an interest in pursuing a career in the construction profession.

Applications are available at local high school counseling offices, www.neohba.com, www.columbiabasin-studenthomes.org or Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association, P.O. Box 436, Hermiston, OR 87838. The

deadline is Saturday, April 14. For questions, contact admin@neohba.com.

•**Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary** is offering scholarships to area students who have successfully completed at least one year of study in the field of medicine at a college or university. To be eligible for a \$2,000 scholarship, a student’s home residence must be within the areas served by Good Shepherd Health Care System, including Hermiston, Boardman, Echo, Irrigon, Stanfield or Umatilla. The scholarships will be for the 2018-19 academic year.

Application forms, which are due by Friday, April 27, are available at the hospital gift shop or by calling the director of volunteer services at 541-667-3690. Completed applications and college transcripts may be returned to the gift shop or mailed to GSMC Attn: Auxiliary Scholarship Committee, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

‘Promise’ students soar

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The “Promise of Oregon” recently added two more Umatilla School District students to its statewide public education support campaign.

Clara Brownell Middle School student Santiago Gutierrez expressed a commitment to keep his grades up so he can become a surgeon and help save people’s lives. Arrik Russell, a Umatilla High School student, said he plans to stay on track to graduate so he can further his education.

“I want to be a teacher and motivate students

to learn new topics,” the sophomore student-athlete said.

Launched by the Oregon School Boards Association, the campaign showcases school districts that are using cutting-edge programs to help prepare students for careers and college. Jim Green, OSBA’s executive director, encourages people to “dream bigger” about the future.

“Public schools are the best investment we can make in our young people,” Green said.

For more information, including photos and comments from Promise participants, visit www.promiseoregon.org.



Santiago Gutierrez



Arrik Russell

BRIEFS

Boardman farmer cultivates grant for Riverside FFA

Riverside Jr/Sr High School recently benefited from the America’s Farmers Grow Communities program.

Joe Taylor of Double T Farming in Boardman registered for the program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, which resulted in a \$2,500 grant going to Riverside’s FFA program. Riverside FFA will use the money to attend the Oregon State FFA Convention and upcoming FFA competitions.

Riverside principal David Norton expressed appreciation to Taylor for choosing them as the recipient.

“We are in the second year of our FFA program at Riverside and these funds will be a tremendous help in

continuing to build the program,” Norton said.

Each year, farmers can enroll in the Grow Communities program for a chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit of their choice. The program has disbursed more than \$29 million to farming communities since its inception.

For more information, visit www.growcommunities.com.

Saturday Academy presents digital storytelling workshop

All area fifth and sixth grade girls are invited to a free workshop that serves as an introduction to programming.

Digital Storytelling with Scratch is hosted by the University of Portland Saturday Academy and Pendleton Robotics. Participants

do not have to attend school in Pendleton. The workshop is Friday, April 13 with session options of 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. It will be held in Room 206 at Sunridge Middle School, 700 S.W. Rynnion Ave., Pendleton. While there is no registration fee, those interested in attending must register by Friday, March 23.

For a registration application, contact Cary Varela at 541-350-7334, cvarela@pendletonsd.org or download at goo.gl/Cd2fHS. For more information about offerings through the Saturday Academy, visit www.saturdayacademy.org or call 503-200-5858.

Spray Rodeo seeks 2018 queen

Young ladies from throughout the region are invited to try out as the 2018 Spray Rodeo queen.

Contestants do not have

to be Wheeler County residents. Those applying must be at least 15 years old and never have been married or had children.

The try-out event is Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. at the Spray Rodeo Grounds. In its 71st year, the rodeo, which is held in conjunction with the Eastern Oregon Half Marathon, is May 26-27 in Spray.

For more information or application contact Anna Thomas, Spray Rodeo Association secretary, at 541-362-1799, sprayrodeo1947@gmail.com or visit www.sprayrodeo.com.

Local group welcomes McLeod-Skinner

A meet-and-greet is planned with Jamie McLeod-Skinner, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for a chance to unseat Rep. Greg Walden

in the 2nd District Congressional District.

A graduate of a high school in southern Oregon, McLeod-Skinner calls herself a “rural Democrat.” She is a former city manager for Phoenix, Oregon, and now lives near Terrebonne, a small unincorporated community approximately 25 miles north of Bend.

Some important issues of McLeod-Skinner’s include renewable energy jobs, greater access to affordable health care and protecting

our water and air through sustainable use of our natural resources.

The public can meet McLeod-Skinner Thursday from 12:30-2 p.m. at Agape House, 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. There is no admission charge.

For more information about the gathering, contact Vickie Read at vickie_read@hotmail.com or 541-278-1385 with Jamie McLeod-Skinner for Oregon. For more about the candidate, visit www.jamiefororegon.com.

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