

Umatilla gets five-year STEAM grant

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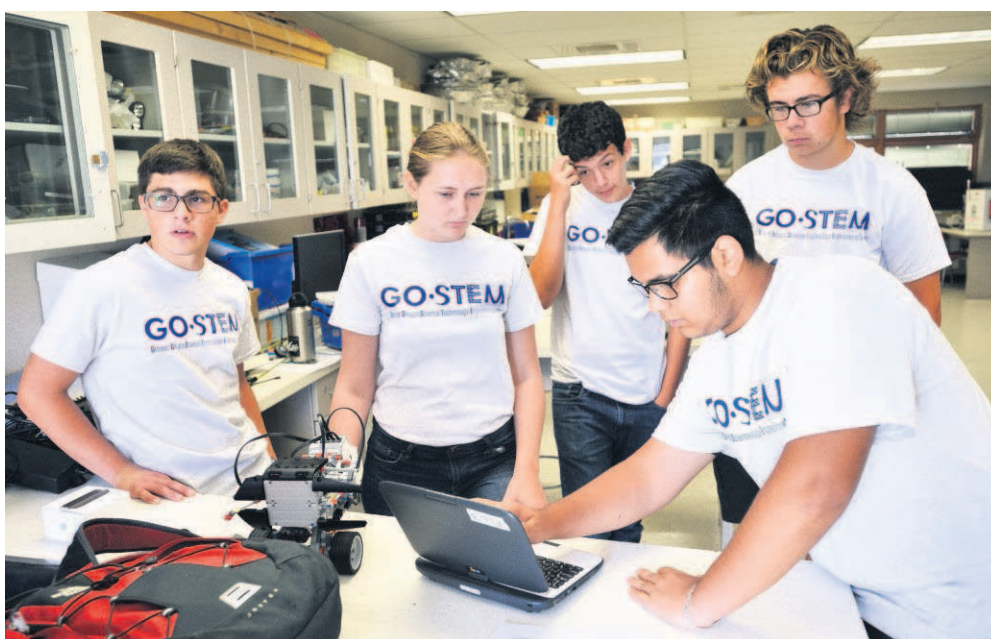
Umatilla students can learn as much outside of class as they do in, with the help of a grant the district just received to fund science and arts programs.

The district received a five-year grant from the Oregon Department of Education, and will receive \$467,572 per year for the first three years. The final two years of the grant will be funded at 75 percent.

Grant money will go toward developing STEAM — science, technology, engineering, art and math — programs.

Superintendent Heidi Sipe said the grant will allow the district to supplement existing programs, as well as add some new classes and services.

“We’ll get to add so many cool things, like Saturday



Alexander Gutierrez, second from right, instructs a group of campers in August 2016 on how to program a robot during the Greater Oregon Science Engineering and Math camp.

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classes and mental health,” she said.

The district has an active after-school program that

about 50 percent of students attend, and offers classes that are driven by student interest and often taught by

high schoolers.

The grant will allow for more classes, Sipe said, and will especially focus

on expanding arts opportunities. Previously, the after-school program focused on “STEM” — science, technology, engineering and math — but Sipe said they are added to include more art components.

“We’re looking at dance, probably more drama offerings than we had before,” she said. “We’re really hoping we can expand the anime club.”

The grant will also fund expansion of the district’s mental health and adult education programs.

“It’ll be a lot of the same mental health services offered during the day,” Sipe said. “But the challenge was that families had to leave work, or kids would have to leave class to participate. This gives families the option of having the same services, after school and in the evening.”

The district will also

expand the time and funding options for evening education programs. Family members can take GED, ESL and parenting classes. The district will now be an approved GED testing site, meaning fees will be absorbed by the district, and testing times will become more flexible.

This year, Sipe said 26 people attended the ESL class, and four are taking the GED class.

Umatilla has had some form of after-school program since 2003, originally funded with Title I money and limited to reading and math instruction. Sipe said the first grant from the Oregon Department of Education’s 21st Century Community Learning Center Title IV-B was received in 2005. A grant in 2013 allowed them to expand the program to include Friday after school, when they conduct many of their field trips.

COURTS

SENTENCES

PENDLETON — The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

•Ana Laura Avila, 29, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine and \$1,000 fine-suspended, plus attorney fees; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear I: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 100 hours community service, \$200 fine and \$1,000 fine-suspended, plus attorney fees; pleaded guilty to two counts of Theft II: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$100 fine and \$1,000 fine-suspended for each count; pleaded guilty to Theft III: sentenced to \$100 fine (sentence to discharge).

•Angel Nehemiah Oseguera, 22, Hermiston, pleaded no contest to Burglary I: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 160 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$2,300 fine-suspended and restitution to be determined; pleaded guilty to Assault IV: sentence discharged.

MISDEMEANOR

•Donald Lee Wade, 63, Stanfield, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$2,255 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver’s license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

SUITS FILED

PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

•Credits Inc. vs. Miguel Pelayo and Isabel Morales of Hermiston: seeks \$503.91.
•Credits Inc. vs. Mary and Bryan V. Dechand of Echo: seeks \$643.33.
•Credits Inc. vs. Ana Rosa Jara of Hermiston: seeks \$5,770.46.
•Credits Inc. vs. Judy Cardenas of Umatilla: seeks \$2,816.88.

•Credits Inc. vs. Melissa Harnack of Stanfield: seeks \$567.56.

•Credits Inc. vs. Brad and Mindy Wilson of Hermiston: seeks \$1,251.30.

•Credits Inc. vs. Amanda P. Villarreal of Hermiston: seeks \$1,161.80.

•Credits Inc. vs. Israel Villa and Maria E. Landeros of Boardman: seeks \$5,534.86.

•Credits Inc. vs. Guillermo J. Rodas Perez and Sally Leon of Hermiston: seeks \$734.08.

•Credits Inc. vs. Helmer Zamudio Jimenez of Irrigon: seeks \$3,401.31.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jordan T. Beckley of Umatilla: seeks \$3,356.34.

•Credits Inc. vs. Justin E. Reyes of Hermiston: seeks \$6,802.69.

•Credits Inc. vs. Nathan and Stephanie L. Johnson of Hermiston: seeks \$675.18.

•Credits Inc. vs. John Herbert Dashnaw Jr. of Umatilla: seeks \$1,504.49.

•Credits Inc. vs. Christine and Wilyam Sabri of Hermiston: seeks \$2,061.21.

•Credits Inc. vs. Daniel and Brandi Verley of Irrigon: seeks \$2,147.52.

•Credits Inc. vs. Juan and Sara Rodriguez of Hermiston: seeks \$1,699.31.

•Credits Inc. vs. Ricardo Guerrero and Thelma Mendiola of Stanfield: seeks \$973.87.

•Corwin Company Inc. dba Eastern Oregon Rental & Sales vs. Lara Arriola dba Superior Northwest Buildings and Center Construction Inc.: seeks \$31,172.65.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Bonifacio Gaspar: seeks \$1,282.26.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Tavis Ferguson: seeks \$1,140.74.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Robin Kennedy Sabri: seeks \$976.85.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Adam Mentzer: seeks \$616.25.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Daphne Henderson: seeks \$575.51.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Helen Kuehn: seeks \$874.47.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Darleen Eversole: seeks \$841.67.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Karen McNally: seeks \$749.15.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Sarah Harmon: seeks \$879.34.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Kelli Calderon: seeks \$594.62.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Leanna Worden: seeks \$1,021.65.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Chad Robbins: seeks \$793.26.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Casey Rogers: seeks \$763.93.

•Credits Inc. vs. Rebekah K. Womack of Hermiston: seeks \$460.12.

•Credits Inc. vs. Timothy Green of Hermiston: seeks \$549.74.

•Credits Inc. vs. Teresa A. LaPaire of Irrigon: seeks \$907.55.

•Credits Inc. vs. Nathan A. Nardi of Irrigon: seeks \$746.38.

•Credits Inc. vs. Javier Carrillo of Hermiston: seeks \$3,533.97.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Jacqueline Miller: seeks \$5,089.85.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Devon Chestnut: seeks \$838.10.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Benjamin J. Harvey: seeks \$1,548.26.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Earlene Reese of Hermiston: seeks \$1,443.20.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Spencer Hull: seeks \$669.39.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Casandra Leonard: seeks \$882.73.

•Hormel Foods Corporation vs. Matthew Prior: seeks \$18,599.79.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Leonides Ornelas: seeks \$2,374.17.

JUDGMENTS

PENDLETON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

•Credits Inc. vs. Michelle Alldritt-Holtz of Heppner: judgment for

\$542.36.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jeremy and Cheree Gillette of Hermiston: judgment for \$7,747.85.

•Ray Klein Inc. vs. Debbie L. Hall of Stanfield: judgment for \$275.56.

DIVORCES

PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Andrew Michio Tao and Danielle Elizabeth Tao of Hermiston.

MARRIAGES

PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

JD Wilord Easley, 35, of Myrtle Point and Megan Faye Futter, 33, of Heppner.

Antonio Soto Contreras, 32, and Veronica Andrade, 38, both of Boardman.

Reymundo Alfonso Gomez, 61, and Patricia Lopez Gomez, 49, both of Hermiston.

Jose Guillermo Chavez, 25, and Monique Cashay Montoya, 24, both of Boardman.

Travis Dean Michel, 27, and Ashlee Nicole Osgood, 26, both of Hermiston.

James Leon Schell Jr., 47, and Kristi Ann Barrett, 43, both of Umatilla.

James Jacob Ross, 28, and Marie Elaine Pedro, 27, both of Hermiston.

Noah Elias Lawson, 19, and Freedom Marie Bennett, 19, both of Irrigon.

Derek Lee Mooney, 37, and Anne Marie Ford, 35, both of Hermiston.

Andy Allen Hall, 32, and Frances Jane Fallon, 30, both of Hermiston.

Jorge Ricardo Munoz, 26, and Courtney Marie Walchli, 25, both of Hermiston.

•Credits Inc. vs. Michelle Alldritt-Holtz of Heppner: judgment for

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BRIEFS

Crash near Warehouse Beach

One man suffered injuries from a crash near Umatilla on July 3, and was life-flighted to the Tri-Cities for medical care.

Around 5 p.m. a pick-up truck driven by Dwight Finch of Hermiston was traveling westbound on Highway 730 near milepost 194, when the left front tire blew out and the vehicle swerved, sideswiping a motorcycle in the eastbound lane.

The driver of the motorcycle, John Torres of West Richland, lost control and the motorcycle fell on its left side, skidding about 255 feet before going onto the south gravel shoulder of the road. Torres was ejected and suffered a broken leg, and was transported by helicopter to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland. The motorcycle had damage to the entire left side, and the SUV had damage to the left front fender and mirror.

One person shot in possible robbery in Boardman

Boardman Police Chief Rick Stokoe reported one person was shot early July 2 in a possible robbery.

He said on July 3 that there was a person of interest but the person was not in custody yet.

Stokoe said Boardman police responded to the call about the shooting around 1 a.m. Monday. An aircraft ambulance flew the victim to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, Portland. Stokoe added the injuries do not appear to be life-threatening.

He also said Boardman police is not revealing other information about the shooting at this time.

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