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Inc. and other health care providers.

Chase said she is excited about this work. An 18-year-old senior, Chase said she plans on getting into the medical field by first becoming a medical assistant. Then she will go to college and medical school, she said.

Sivey was instrumental in making these plans, Chase said, as she learned about phlebotomy from the teacher. Sivey created the opportunity to take the phlebotomy exam, and it worked out for Chase. The 120-question exam has a two hour time limit. She said she passed the exam in about 30 minutes.

Adding to her excitement, she said, is that members of her family are avid blood donors. Her grandmother and father, in particular, donate blood. Also, they have long communicated to her the importance of donating blood, Chase said.

By doing blood work, she said she hopes to make up for not being able to donate blood, herself. She said she has a hemoglobin deficiency that keeps her from being a donor.

Also, she has heard of



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Hermiston High School senior Marcos Preciado, 17, disposes of a vial of blood Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, after drawing it from instructor Janci Sivey during an internship class at the high school. Preciado and three other members of the class recently passed the national phlebotomy certification exam.

a national blood shortage. Through phlebotomy work, she hopes to help with that, something also communicated by her classmate, Preciado.

Preciado, a 17-year-old senior, said he was thrilled about having passed his test.

"I crammed a lot. I'm not going to lie," he said. "Two days before, I was going through flash cards all the time after school. It was hard, but worth it."

Passing this exam helps him with a career he thinks he will like, he said. A

self-described "hands-on" person, Preciado said he enjoys medicine because it involves working with people and doing things that are right in front of him.

Also, he has family with health problems. His father and grandmother are

among loved ones who have received life-saving care. Preciado said he wants to give back to the health care field that has given his family so much.

"I have a need to help people in this field," he said, adding he will go to college

after high school.

Also excited about her own future in this field, Vertrees said she has been enjoying Sivey's class. As part of her studies, she has done an internship at Interpath. At this workplace, she said, she got to watch professionals in the field. She said she also got to practice drawing blood, processing samples and more.

An 18-year-old senior, Vertrees said this work has prepared her for anything she should want to do in medicine.

"I thought that this would get my foot in the door," she said.

Following high school, she said she wants to go to Blue Mountain Community College, transfer to a university, earn a bachelor's degree in biology and then go to medical school.

She said she wants to become a doctor, which she said is attainable because of her "good study techniques" and time-management skills. According to Vertrees, she feels prepared for her future. In the meantime, however, she has more immediate plans for her phlebotomy certificate once she receives it in the mail.

"I'm going to frame it," she said.

Her classmates said they would do likewise with their own certificates.

Brazeau:

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memorial service, which was Jan. 22 in Salem. Dorran said he considered Brazeau a "really good friend."

Dorran said the memorial service was heart-felt. Several people were there, he said, and they spoke of their disappointment about the man's death. Based upon the outpouring of emotion from funeral attendees, Dorran said it was obvious how people felt about the former principal: They loved him, Dorran said.

The two worked together on several projects, Dorran said. In addition, Brazeau was principal when Dorran's children were students at the high school. They also attended church together, he said. As such, their families got to know each other well.

"If you knew Buzz, you had a friend," Dorran said. "You always came away from him a little smarter, a little kinder, with a little different view of the world

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after every conversation with him."

He was an intellectual as well as a bigger-than-life personality, Dorran said.

Over at Hermiston High School, Principal Tom Spoo expressed many of the same feelings and insights. He worked in the school district alongside Brazeau and described him as a smart and powerful individual.

Spoo said he was an agricultural science teacher at the school when Brazeau began working as the assistant principal. When Brazeau became principal, Spoo took



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Former Hermiston Principal Buzz Brazeau gives a hug to senior quarterback Faafaula Ene after the Bulldogs on Nov. 7, 2009, held on to beat Pendleton on its home field. Brazeau died Jan. 12, 2022. He was 72.

the job as assistant principal. The pair worked together for four years before Spoo left to be principal of Armand Larive Middle School.

As co-workers, they spoke daily and constantly, Spoo said. Both morning people, the pair frequently

met early in the day. Still at work into the evening on some days, they had multiple conversations throughout work hours.

Spoo said they did not always agree with one another, but he always felt impressed with Brazeau.

The former principal, according to Spoo, always put students first.

He credited Spoo for an excellent and impressive attitude toward students. Spoo also holds young people in high regard, just like his old boss, he said. Still,

Brazeau had a special way about him that made him different, he said.

"He was a big, old teddy bear," Spoo said. "That is, until you got him fired up. Then he'd turn into a grizzly bear."

Spoo said the old bear would get very excitable while watching his school's teams play sports. At games, Spoo recalled, Brazeau would lead fans in cheers, which endeared him to the students.

"I think a lot of kids saw him as a grandfather, in some regards," Spoo said.

As for Spoo, he said he saw Brazeau as both a mentor and a friend.

The commissioner and the principal said they are not alone in missing Brazeau. His impact was felt by a generation of people not only through the high school but also through Brazeau's community service. He served on boards for the Umatilla County Fair and the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center.

New law expunges juvenile arrest records

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A new law passed in the 2021 legislative session in Oregon is now taking effect, and will automatically expunge juvenile arrest records of everyone who turns 18.

Senate Bill 575, otherwise known as the Youth Expunction Reform Act, saw wide support in the House, passing 54-1. It also passed the Senate, 26-3, and went into effect Sept. 25, 2021.

Under this new law, notices will be sent to teenagers who have records with the juvenile department on their 18th birthday, notifying them of the expunction. The new law does not affect convictions, only arrest records and other records relating to a juvenile's arrest.

Nor is the law retroactive — anyone who is already 18 or older will have to file a request with the juvenile department through existing application processes for expungement in order to have their record cleared.

"Choices have consequences. Lord knows I made (mistakes) when I was a kid that had some pretty negative consequences," said Union County Sheriff Cody Bowen. "But I don't think they should be held over a kid's head. Once they



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An Oregon State Trooper's signature hat sits in the cabin of an OSP service vehicle on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022. A new law passed in the 2021 legislative session will automatically expunge juvenile arrest records of everyone who turns 18.

learn from their mistake and pay for the consequences, if they turn 18 and it goes away, I'm all for that."

Bowen spoke from experience — in his youth, he was cited for disorderly conduct. A framed record of that 1993 citation hangs in his office as a reminder that people can change course in life.

He said that most juvenile criminal cases can be addressed through education, structure and consequence at the home. If the home life of a juvenile does not provide those elements, then the juvenile department can provide them, he said. Bowen noted that in some serious crimes, like ones that victimize a person, should stick to a consider-

able amount of time, if not life in certain circumstances.

The new law does not affect records relating to serious crimes such as assault, manslaughter and other sexual or violent crimes. It also does not affect education transcripts or medical records not related to insanity pleas. Those records will remain with the juvenile department and are exempt from expungement.

Under the new law, people with prior arrest records that are expunged will be able to say that the arrest never happened without having to file paperwork with the juvenile department. However, they will still have records for any federal-level arrests, which

operate on a different system.

That distinction is important for individuals in the system if they seek out careers with exhaustive background checks, such as public service, military, or security clearance investigations. They may also face challenges when filling out a rental application.

"I think it's great for kids to be able to do this because a lot of them grow up and forget the original records," said Digna Moreno, Umatilla County Juvenile Division Supervisor. "And so I think it's great that we're able to do this for them. Some of them want to enlist in the service and sometimes their records may get in the way."

So with it being automatic, it helps the process," Moreno said that the new law will increase the amount of work for her department, but that it won't be a bother.

"It's a little bit more time consuming, but I think it's also great for the kids when they come into our system when they see they have this opportunity for the record to be destroyed at the age of 18," Moreno said. "It gives them a huge carrot to work toward completing their conditions of supervision, being successful and staying out of legal trouble."

Digester:

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manure, which is recycled as animal bedding. The violations occurred from June 2019 to September 2020, for which the farm was fined \$19,500.

Tyler Lobdell, staff attorney at Food & Water Watch, said companies that participate in the LCFS must comply with all environmental laws.

Even as CARB was reviewing Threemile Canyon's LCFS application, Lobdell said the farm was using excess natural gas.

"Under these circumstances, CARB should have never granted Threemile's LCFS application," he said. "But the agency has the opportunity and obligation to correct that error now."

Jennifer Maleitzke, a spokeswoman for R.D. Offutt, said Threemile Canyon takes environmental compliance seriously and corrected the situation immediately after being notified by DEQ in October 2020. The farm has paid the fine, she said.

Maleitzke said the complaint filed by Food & Water Watch ignores the fact that Threemile Canyon is turning a waste product into renewable energy. Renewable natural gas is considered carbon neutral and is fully compatible with the

existing gas distribution infrastructure.

"We are proud to provide RNG as an alternative fuel for transportation vehicles and contribute to carbon reduction goals," Maleitzke said. "The path of innovation isn't perfect but it is necessary if we are to continue to meet the nutritional needs of our population as well as ensure the long-term sustainability of our planet."

Stanley Young, communications director for CARB, said the agency is looking into the matter and will do its own fact-finding before taking any action.

At stake is a potentially valuable revenue stream for large dairies such as Threemile Canyon. The USDA Economic Research Service wrote in 2011 that, even with moderate carbon offset prices, the sale of credits could substantially increase revenue for farms with digesters.

For example, a dairy with at least 2,500 animals could generate \$419 million in revenue over 15 years with credits valued at \$13 per ton of carbon. That is about 46% of the total value of dairy digesters.

At \$13 per ton, it would not be profitable for dairies with fewer than 250 head to adopt a digester, the researchers determined.