

Matt Medeiros receives Eagle Scout award at Pacific University

Matt Medeiros, 17, has earned his Eagle Scout Award. Recognition ceremonies will be November 4, at the Pacific University Museum at 3:00 p.m.

Medeiros is a member of Troop 195 sponsored by the Banks Branch, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS).

Boy Scouts must complete many requirements to achieve Eagle, the highest rank in the organization. Requirements include earning 21 merit badges, learning

skills in first aid and camping, performing community service and holding leadership positions. Living by the Scout Oath and Law are also important parts of becoming an Eagle Scout. Only about two percent of those who join the Boy Scouts of America earn their Eagle Scout Award, Scouting's highest honor.

Medeiros' service project involved cleaning up the Whispering Winds Wetlands located behind Banks Elementary School. He worked with Vern Beeson, biology

teacher at Banks High School, and many others to plan and carry out the project. It included cutting blackberries and hauling trash that had been dumped in the wetlands. Swatco Sanitary Service donated trash removal on the day of the service project.

Medeiros has served as Senior Patrol Leader for over

a year with Troop 195 as well as in many other leadership positions. He has worked for three summers as a lifeguard and swimming/life-saving instructor at Camp Cooper, a Boy Scout camp located north of Willamina.

He is an honors student at Banks High School, a member of the football and track teams and the National Honors Society. Medeiros is a

Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow, a service group of honor campers within the Boy Scouts.

Medeiros will graduate from Banks High School this coming June. After high school he intends to pursue a degree in biology.

Medeiros' parents are Sharon and John Medeiros of Banks.

Golf tournament fundraiser helps fill CRG coffers

A successful golf tournament/fundraiser was enjoyed by members and guests of the Coalition for Responsible Growth, last month at Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks.

The 4-man scramble ended in a three-way tie for first place, requiring a putt-off to

determine the winner. The winning team was composed of Oskar Neumann, Leo Hartfeil, Terry Halpin and Erik Neumann.

Other winners were Jeff Thorne, Putting Contest; Andy Magner, Longest Drive; Jerry Jerome, Closest to the

Pin.

All money raised from the tournament will be applied to the continuing effort to promote responsible growth in the Banks area, according to spokesperson Karen Kiss. The Coalition is a non-profit organization formed last December.

Sondheim musical to be presented at Pacific Univ.

Into the Woods, a musical by Steven Sondheim and James Lapine, will be staged at Pacific University on November 15, 16, 17 and 19. The 7:30 p.m. performances will take place in the Tom Miles theater on campus.

The musical is based on several fairy tales, including Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood. In the musical, however, the characters — Jack, who could be considered a thief and a murderer; Cinderella, who's really an impostor; and Little Red Riding Hood, who murders the wolf — are held accountable for their actions.

The 24-person cast consists of Pacific students and alumni including Tony Beckett as the Narrator, Courtney Crews as the Baker's Wife, Eddie Hargreaves as Jack, Heather Houston as Cinderella, Carol Pfeifer as the Witch,

Garrett Pool as the Baker, Lavinia Sheets as Little Red Riding Hood, and Shelby Wickhorst as the Wolf.

The performance is directed by Ed Collier. Dr. George Harshbarger is musical director. Costumes are by Greta Christensen and set design is by Michael J. Prosser. Allison Batty is the vocal coach. Liz Edwards and Genevieve Gar-

diner are student assistant directors.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Groups of ten or more will receive a \$1 discount off each ticket. Tickets are available through the Box Office at (503) 359-2918, and also at the door. There will be no late seating.

Voter registration deadline soon

If you are not a registered voter and want to vote in the special Senate primary election, Dec. 5, to nominate candidates for the position formerly held by Sen. Bob Packwood, time is running out. Nov. 14 is the deadline for new registrations. The same deadline applies to changes of address or a change of party affiliation.

Registration forms are available in county courthous-

es, city halls, libraries, banks, state DMV offices and U.S. Post Offices. In Vernonia, registration forms are also available at the offices of West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Vernonia Federal Credit Union and *The INDEPENDENT*.

Ballots for the December vote-by-mail election, will be mailed to voters no later than Nov. 17.

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