

Community Hero Awards



Three young Vernonians were honored as Community Heroes at Washington Grade School on June 8. The Community Heroes Awards is a new program of the Vernonia Volunteer Emergency Services Association (VVESA), which includes volunteer EMTs and Firefighters in the community.

The Community Heroes program is designed to give recognition to young people who take the time to get involved when someone is in need of help. The award is a framed certificate of acknowledgement for behavior that exemplifies safety, bravery and the caring of another human life.

The awards were presented to Sierra and Brittanie Roberts for knowledge and composure shown when a sibling received a severe cut on the foot. One sister applied pressure to con-

trol bleeding with a towel while the other called 9-1-1. They also packed a bag and were ready for transport when the paramedics arrived. The responding Paramedic said "I was very impressed with their family and the calm actions of the children."

The other award went to Kieffer Paragon for recognizing an emergency, then running for assistance and having someone call 9-1-1. This occurred when the Washington Grade School Principal, Nate Underwood, accidentally swallowed a piece of candy and was choking.

Both Mr. Underwood and the Roberts' child are fine now.

By presenting these awards, the VVESA hopes that others will be encouraged to recognize emergencies and activate the 9-1-1 emergency systems.

North Plains sophomore wins financial essay contest

Essays about financial savvy earned prize money for two high school students this week from the Division of Finance and Corporate Securities (DFCS) of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services.

First place winner Jessica Mannen, North Plains, is 17 and a sophomore. She won a check for \$1,000 to use in any wa she chooses.

Second place winner of a check for \$500 was Kelliann Wright, Hillsboro, also 17 and a junior.

"We were pleased with the

← ← **Left at top, Sierra and Brittanie Roberts received the first Community Hero Awards presented by Robin Smith on the right and Michelle Threet on the left. Bottom, Kieffer Paragon also received a Community Hero Award presented by Smith and Threet.**

response to the essay contest," said Floyd Lanter, DFCS administrator. "Teenagers are at the beginning of a lifetime of earning, saving, investing, and making the most informed financial decision they can make. Knowledge about financial matters is important to everyone, and the earlier that students think about and learn about finances, the better their lives can be. Our congratulations to the students, their schools, and their parents for teaching these young people well."

The essay contest, "Test Your Financial IQ," was an outreach effort of DFCS' Investor Information Program. 70 entries were received and judged on originality, practicality, research, clarity, presentation, and grammar.

An excerpt from Jessica Mannen's winning essay: "Although it is enticing to think that

one can make money without working, one must also consider the fact that the more money he or she is making, the higher the chances of losing the original investment. The wisest way to invest is to build a balanced portfolio of high-risk, high-return investments; low-risk, lower-return investments; and a spectrum of investments falling somewhere in between.

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Henry David Thoreau
American writer
(1817-1862)

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