

Eagle Update

“Information is just a squawk away.”

Alumni Highlight

For this month's alumni highlight our spotlight is on Alayna Denney. Alayna was a graduate from Spray High School 2 years ago and went on to attend Eastern Oregon University. She is currently in La Grande, working on a business degree. When Alayna moved to La Grande she started working at Antler's Coffee Shop while attending school. When Alayna finishes her business degree she would like to open up her own coffee shop in Oregon. Alayna was asked what she misses the most about high school and she said that she misses the sports the most. She felt that she “found herself” when she played sports and when she could no longer play them, she felt like she lost a little bit of who she was. She was also asked what she misses the least about high school and said, “being in such a small town was hard for me because I like to have options of who to hang out with and different things to do”. Alayna's graduating class from Spray High School was 4 girls. Alayna played 4 years of volleyball, 2 at Crook County High School, and 2 at Spray High School. Alayna also played 2 years of basketball at Spray High School. Alayna was asked to give some advice to those who are

graduating in the coming years and says, “for those that are about to go into the real world, you are exactly who you are supposed to be at this point in life. Stop comparing your story to someone else's.” Thank you for taking the time for this interview, and good luck on your degree Alayna!

By Kiawna Denney



Holiday Lights

This year the Fossil Extension Office put on the annual Holiday Light Festival at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds. On Saturday, December 17th, the event kicked-off with the turning ON of the lights at the Isobel Edwards Hall. Santa was there in addition to games, crafts, and hot cocoa. The light display was available for drive-thru but was unfortunately closed early due to the chaotic wind and ice storms. The light display was



beautiful and we are so thankful to have the wonderful people of Wheeler County contribute their time and money into an event that brings the Wheeler County community together.

By Kiawna Denney

Christmas Spirit Week

On Monday December 19th, the Spray High School started their annual Christmas spirit week. Starting the 19th we had hot cocoa, and Christmas letters to the Heaven House Retirement Center. Then on the 20th we had a white out where everyone dresses in white, and had a ginger bread making day. The 21st we had a Pajama Day and watched the movie Home Alone. Finally on the 22nd we ended the week with ugly Christmas sweaters and white elephant gift exchange with a minimum of \$5.00 spending. All of the students that were at school participated and had a wonderful time. Way to be in the Christmas spirit!

By Kiawna Denney

Election Results

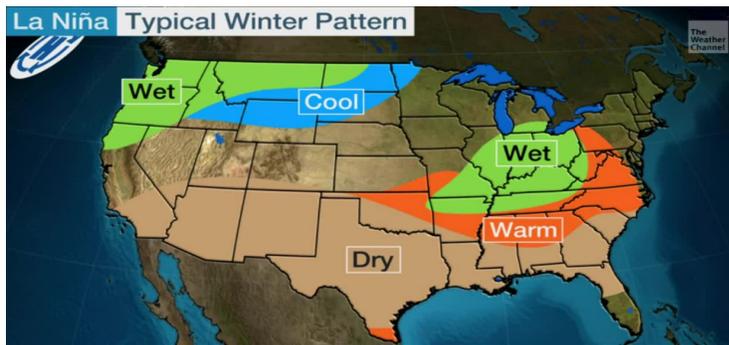
The United States Election was held on November 8, 2022. For election results in Oregon it was revealed that Ron Wyden won the Senate. Tina Kotek also won Governor and Democrats have won the house and senate. Both the Senate and Governor 2nd place were close to winning but didn't win.



By Tanner Mertens

Weather Update

It's that time of the year again the temperature is dropping quickly, and it's getting really cold. For the next couple weeks it's supposed to drop to 20s, and high 10s, and don't be surprised if we get snow. For the 3rd year in a row Northwest Oregon is projected for La



Nina. The weather service has increased the chances of La Nina sticking around through November to 91%, a near certainty. The certainty drops farther into winter, with an 80% chance of La Nina from November to January and a 54% chance from January to March. La Nina typically means cooler and wetter weather on average in the Pacific Northwest as the jet stream moves in from over the Pacific.

By Tanner Mertens

Word Search/Coloring

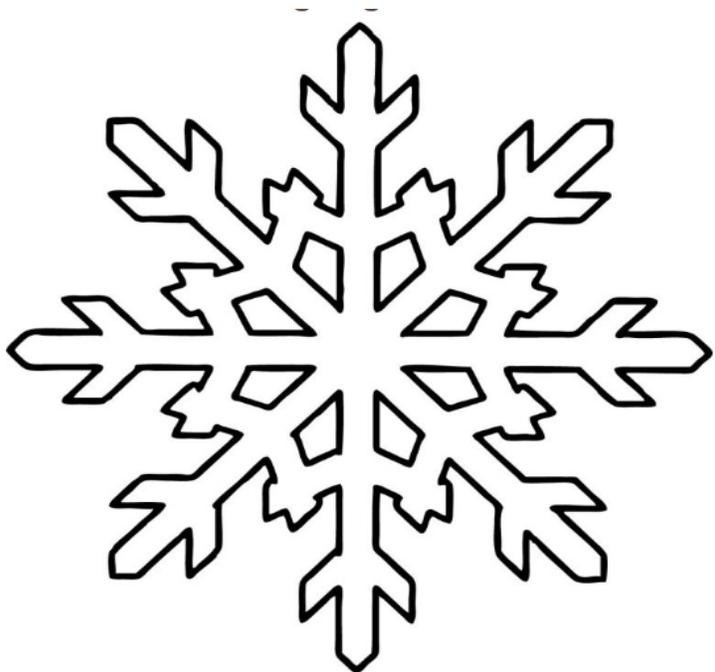
Players Of The Month

word search

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- TREE
- MATH

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By Elijah Wilks



The player of the month for the girls basketball team was chosen by Mr. Jones and is the senior Teagan Towell. Teagan was an outstanding player by leading the team in scoring points on Friday by scoring ten points plus she was able to pull down eight rebounds in the same game. She also had a good game on Saturday.

By Elijah Wilks

This month's player of the month for boys basketball is Nathan Clark! Nate has been playing basketball since he was in first grade, and loves the sport overall. His favorite part about it is that it's a team sport, and it takes 5 players to win. Karl Hudson is his biggest inspiration, because he always told him and other players about the importance of the sport and how it relates to life. Nate said he thinks his strong points are low post and defense, and the thing he can do better and work on is making all of his 3 point shots. His goal for the season is making it to the state championship. Way to go Nate, it's going to be a great season!



By Josey Holm

November School Board Meeting Notes

By Oran Davis

The November School Board meeting started with the board approving the minutes from the October meeting. During public comments, Mrs. Sweeney brought up the playoff game in Fossil and how out of hand the game got. In case you missed that game, Logan Sweeney was ejected for trying to protect his team mates. Mr. Starr said it was appealed but we were denied. Then Mr. Neuburger brought up the topic of service dog in training in school. He said it looks like a distraction to the kids. Other parents disagreed. The board decided to discuss it with the public and make a decision at the next meeting. Coach Kaylee then presented the fundraising she has been doing to buy new jersey's for the middle school sports teams. She said she has raised about \$1200 and only needs a little more to afford all the necessary jerseys. The board decided to pitch in the rest of the money that was needed to buy the jerseys. The next topic that was discussed was the need of a school counselor. We are on the look-out for a counselor for our school. On February 3rd we will be having a military recruiter come out to discuss options for after school. Mr. Starr then discussed all the sports teams. He mentioned that the middle school sports did extremely well this year. He also was impressed with the volleyball team with going to the playoffs, as well as our

cheering section. Mr. Starr then said the boys are going into the playoffs again. Basketball season is going to start up soon so we need to figure out a firm practice schedule. The rest of the meeting was action items as well as financial items.

By Elijah Wilks

Basketball Coach Interview

Dakota Perkins is the assistant girls basketball coach and she said she wanted to coach because she grew up playing sports and has always loved the game. She played volleyball and basketball for 8 years and she learned a lot more than just sports from the coaches I had and I really want to do the same for kids. The hard work and positive attitude from sports can translate into a strong work ethic for students that hopefully they will continue to grow after high school. She came to Wheeler county because she was looking for a new job and heard there was an opening at the fossil school district, so she applied for it and got offered the job. So she moved down to fossil in June after I finished working at the Dayville School District. She is very thankful to be able to help Jon and Dennis this year with coaching. She says the worst part is having to travel for the co-op. She loves helping the players. She thinks that sports are more than just playing and competing. There is so much kids can



learn about themselves through sports and she loves being able to help them learn those things. Her favorite memory is the dayville/monument game because both the jv and the varsity girls played well and all the girls just made the whole evening enjoyable with their positive attitudes.

By Robert Smith

Coach Jones is a new coach in Spray, he helped coached the Rattlers Football team and is head coach for the girls basketball team. He worked with the defensive backs, wide receivers, and linemen in football and helped them win the 2nd consecutive 1A 6-Man football State Championship. He says he loves coaching both sports equally. He says he loves watching the players get hyped up before games.

When asked if he likes coaching he said “yeah its a blast.” The hardest part of coaching is getting your thoughts out of your own head so its understandable to the players. Another challenge is criticizing players



without bringing them down. “There's a fine line with constructive criticism with helping them and bringing them down instead of building them up.” His favorite memories with coaching is the semifinals game against Powers or the state championship win. He also said while coaching middle school football was fun as well, especially when they played Fossil in Fossil. Jones is looking forward to a great season in basketball.

By Carson Conlee

Football Documentary

The Bend ABC local news did a documentary on our county football team. They interviewed a few of the players and two of the coaches. They talked to the team about last season, this season and how 6-man is different from 8 and 11 man. Video of the home game against Echo and shots from the locker room were included. They also took a lot of really cool drone shots that showed the landscape of Wheeler County very well. It was a very cool thing to have done for our small community. If you want to go watch it for yourself you can find it at



CENTRALOREGONDAILY.COM

Wheeler County Rattlers: 3 tiny Oregon towns for one 6-man HS football team

<https://centraloregondaily.com/oregon-football-wheeler-county-rattlers-6-man/>

The Bend ABC Local news chooses their favorites stories of the year and this year the Wheeler County Rattlers Football team special was at the top of the list.

By Robert Smith

Basketball Update

The basketball season is just starting. The first official girls practice started on the 14th of November and the first official practice for the boys started on the 28th of November. Our first game will be on December 2nd for the boys and girls at the Sherman Huskies basketball tournament. There will be four teams there which are as follows, Sherman Huskies, Wheeler County Rattlers, Grant Union Prospectors, and the Culver Bulldogs. The boys are 6-2 with our only losses being against Crane where the ending score was 34-58 and Burns where it was 44-60. Our wins were against Madras Jv 42-38, Culver 46-40, Dayville/Monument 69-31, Willamette Valley Christian 53-40, Sherman 56-46, Central Christian 84-31.

By Robert Smith

Christmas Break

Our Christmas break this year was a little bit shorter than usual. Our last day of school was a half day on the 22nd of December and our first day back was on Jan 3rd. The purpose of this short Christmas break was to be able to start summer break at Memorial Day weekend and still accommodate a later school start date in August, after the Wheeler County Fair and Rodeo without adding extra Friday School days.

By Robert Smith

Teacher Of The Month

Rosie Day has been teaching here in Spray for about two years now. Before coming here she taught English in Japan and taught photography and art in Portland and Chicago. She was out here doing a photography project and fell in love with Wheeler County and when she got offered a job teaching in Spray she took it. Miss Day

teaches photography, videography, digital art, welding, and elementary art. Having such a wide variety of classes and only having one hour for each class makes it difficult to really dive deeper into some of the subjects, says Day when asked about the hardest part of teaching. She says it's definitely worth the hard work and difficulties to be able to share her passions and watching her students learn and grow over the years.



Her favorite class to teach is videography because that's where the most creative, crazy, and funny ideas come out and she really enjoys watching them come to life. Miss Day has a bachelor's degree in photography from University of the Arts London and a masters degree in photography from Falmouth University. She also has a CTE Teaching certification for all the programs she teaches here. She has helped get a lot of grants for the welding shop and photography equipment and students have benefited tremendously from these improvements. Miss Day is always super helpful in class and will often take kids to awesome locations to get that perfect shot for photography and videography. She also has brought kids to the TriTech welding program in Kennewick Washington to check out some different methods of welding. Miss Day does a lot for Spray and we all appreciate her hard work.

By Carson Conlee

Butler Blog

Last month we had a Thanksgiving appreciation luncheon for our community members and the children that contributed in gathering ideas and making recommendations for how we spend our grant funds i.e. (Student Investment Act, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, Student Success Act). The school invited the entire community to thank them for being engaged in our school and our kids. We had a fairly large group of elementary parents and relatives attend and they all enjoyed having lunch and talking with their children. We only had a few of the middle school and high school parents attend. Most of the student body attended the meal that our wonderful cook prepared. The eyes of all the students opened very wide and huge smiles came to their faces as they viewed all the food and fixings that were prepared. This was a very pleasant way to thank everyone for their participation and collaboration in the community involvement functions that we have had over the past year.

By Skip Butler

Dorm Spotlight

This month's dorm spotlight is on Net Khwankaew and Ulises De Leon!

Net is almost 18 years old, and is from Thailand. She became a foreign exchange student in America because she wanted to have new experiences, and to try something different. Her favorite part about America



is California, and her favorite part about Spray is nature. Net's favorite things to do are to watch movies, and play guitar.

Ulises is from Mexico, and is 18 years old. The reason he decided to become a foreign exchange student is because he thought it would be fun. He says he likes the Spray area a little bit, and his favorite part about it is that it's in the middle of nowhere. The thing he likes the most about America overall is the sports. Ulises said his favorite things to do are to listen to music, hangout with friends, and to play sports.



By Josey Holm

Football State Championship

This year's football season was a great one, but finally came to an end when we won back to back state championships against Triangle Lake! The previous games leading up to it was against Siletz Valley, and the score was 60-12, and the semifinal game against Powers was 55-19. The football team left Spray to go to Bend on Friday, and the whole town gathered to send them away. It was definitely a sendoff to remember, there were fire trucks and ambulances just making all of the loud noises they could! The actual game against Triangle Lake was on Saturday, but they had the opportunity to come early on Friday to practice on their field and get comfortable on it. The football boys have worked so hard this season to get to the championships, so everyone was ecstatic

when they won 32-13! Congratulations on winning the state championship boys, you had a great season, and everyone is so proud of you!



By Josey Holm

Senior Spotlight

Nathan Clark is a senior here at Spray High School.

Nate was the starting full back and linebacker on the Rattler football team, as well as the student body vice president. Nate is starting on the varsity basketball team, while also competing in three events in highschool rodeo. Nate has always been a responsible student



in his classes. Nate says he is excited to attend college at New Mexico State on a full Rodeo Scholarship and compete in the next level of athletics. He is planning to study Agricultural

Business and Marketing. He says he will definitely miss highschool, but isn't sad to move on in life.

By Oran Davis

Guest Article:

Opinion: Unborn Humans Have a Right to Life

Abortion is a topic often discussed in the media, from the News to Facebook. It is a complex subject and has become a point of contention across the globe. There are many varied opinions; even within our government there is not a clear consensus.

Some argue that an unborn baby is not a living human being, claiming it is just a clump of cells in a woman's womb. Even though the baby may not be able to walk or talk, it is a living being and has a right to live like every person on this earth. In the book "Tearing Us Apart" by Ryan T. Anderson and Alexandra DeSanctis, Mr. Anderson states, "The role of government is to protect any innocent human being from lethal violence". Why isn't the government required to do that with human beings that are still in the womb? They are innocent and deserve a chance at life. Some argue that if you don't participate in regular human activities then you are not human. This slippery slope argument leads to dangerous ground for people with disabilities, the elderly and the terminally ill.

Some argue that a child born with a disability or health problems will have a "low quality of life" but who are we to decide if someone is "better off dead"? Abortion shouldn't be an

option just due to the baby's health or mental disability. There are many stories of women refusing abortions after test results said the baby would have defects or health problems, but the baby arrives perfectly healthy. One example I came across in my research was about a pregnant woman who was told by the doctors that her baby was going to die. They told her to get an abortion, but she said no, everytime they asked. She said she would rather have the baby die in her arms than get an abortion. Once the baby was born, all the tests were wrong, the baby was a healthy little girl. Andrea Bocelli's mother was told to get an abortion because he would be born with a disability (he is blind) and he is now one of the most renown singer/songwriters.

There are other famous people whose mother was going to get an abortion but decided not to, for example: Justin Bieber, Celine Dion, Jack Nicholson, Tim Tebow, and even Steve Jobs. Imagine the world without these people; they are leaders, artists and innovators. For example, without Steve Jobs, iphones would have never existed. Think about how many potential leaders, artists, and innovators, abortions are costing future generations. I know it may be hard for some families to raise a baby, but there are adoption options. It is my belief that abortion is very wrong, because it hurts and kills innocent babies. There are other options for people experiencing unplanned pregnancy like Crisis Pregnancy Centers, 1st Way Life Centers and adoption agencies across the country.

By Lily Newton

Letter To The Editor

We are looking for ways to publish more community input. If you would like to write a letter to the editorial team here at the Eagle Update or if you would like to submit a guest article, we would love to hear from you. Additionally, if you have feedback, constructive criticism or ideas for articles, we welcome your thoughts. Please send written correspondence to: Eagle Update % Spray School District 1, PO Box 230, Spray OR 97874 or directly by email to ksweeney@spray.k12.or.us. Please make sure to include your first and last name and indicate if you are comfortable with your correspondence being published in the next Eagle Update.

By Kristin Sweeney

Elementary Christmas Program



This year's annual elementary Christmas Program took place on December 19th, and everyone had a blast! The kids did cute little dances and sang songs, and Ms Day

and her class showed their Snowman video. You can check the video out on Spray School District's facebook page! It's awesome! Although we had several students out sick, staff stepped in and pulled off the event. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our students and celebrated the Holiday season!

By Josey Holm

Sports Calendar

Friday Jan. 6 VS Bickelton at Bickleton

VG 6:00

Saturday Jan. 7 VS Ione/Arlington at Spray

JVG,JVB,VG,VB 11/12:30/2:00/3:30

Tuesday Jan. 10 VS Condon at Fossil

1/2JVB/VG/VB 4:00/5:00/6:30

Thursday Jan 12 VS Dayville at Spray

Middle School 2:00

Friday Jan. 13 VS South Wasco at Mitchell

JVG/JVB/VG/VB 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

Saturday Jan. 14 VS Trout Lake at Trout Lake

JVG/VG/VB 12:30/2:00/3:30

Tuesday Jan. 17 VS Burnt River at Spray

JVB 6:00

Wednesday Jan. 18 VS Monument at Spray

Middle School 2:00

Thursday Jan. 19 VS Long Creek at Mitchell

JVB 6:00

Friday Jan. 20 VS Horizon Christian at Hood

River JVB/VG/VB 4:00/5:30/7:00

Saturday Jan. 21 VS Klickitat/Glenwood at Spray

VG/VB 2:00/3:30

Tuesday Jan. 24 VS Sherman at Spray

JVG/JVB/VG/VB 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

Thursday Jan. 26 VS Mitchell at Mitchell

Middle School 2:00

Friday Jan. 27 VS Dufur at Dufur

JVB/VG/VB 4:30/6:00/7:30

Saturday Jan. 28 VS Lyle/Wishram at Mitchell

JVG/JVB/VG/VB 11:00/12:30/2:00/3:30

College Tours for

Upperclassmen

Several students recently went and toured Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton



Oregon. Mr. Jones took six kids to the college, where we had a tour around the campus. We saw the agricultural building, the art building, the sports facility, and more. We were also able to meet with some of the teachers, as well as the rodeo coach to learn more about the programs. We had advisors inform us about scholarship options for the future. Mr. Jones is also planning to take students to tour OSU, OIT and Walla Walla CC in the near future.

By Oran Davis

Frontier Regional Emergency Alert

Parents, we encourage you to sign up for the Frontier Regional Alert system that includes school closures, delays and emergencies. We will not be calling families regarding school closures or delays. The alert system contacts you by phone call, text and/or email. You need to set up an account and tell the system how you want to receive alerts. It is also up to you to update the system if your phone number or email changes. We have a link on our district web page under the menu tab, or you can visit the wheelercountyoregon.com. On the left hand side of the county web page there is a link called, "Everbridge Frontier Regional Alert for WC". Follow this link to set up your account.

By Renae Harris

SAT Testing

An SAT test was offered on December third at the High School in Fossil. Spray had two students attend, Logan Sweeney, and Oran Davis. The SAT's are designed to evaluate the reading, writing, and math skills you will need for college classes. Some colleges will use your SAT score to determine what classes are appropriate for your skill level. You will also be able to get into higher level schools if you achieve a high score. Scholarships are also easier to get if you place well on the test. If you are struggling with a certain subject, then you will be advised for certain advisors or support. The highest

possible score is a 1600, which is combined between your two scores from evidence-based testing of reading/writing, and math. Several seniors are planning to take it in the near future.

By Oran Davis

WC Rattler Hats

The student council is selling Wheeler County Rattler hats for \$20 each. The proceeds will go to the Student



Body Fund to help pay for dances and activities. The hats are black and white Richardson 110 FlexFit, sizes SM-MD and MD-LG are available. They will be sold from the school office

during the school day and from the concession stand during home Basketball games.

By Kiawna Denney

Quote of the month

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

-Aristotle

Ms. Day's Career and Technology Education

PORTRAITURE



Spray SD

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 nd B-Biscuits and Grawy, Fruit L-Spaghetti, Fruit	3 rd B- Pancakes, Sausage and Fruit L- Tacos, Fruit	4 th B-Cereal or Oatmeal, Fruit L- Hamburgers. Fruit	5 th B- Yogurt parfaits L- Turkey soup, Fruit	6 th
9 th B- Coffee Cake and Fruit L- Hamburgers pork and bean and Fruit	10 th B- Bagels and Cream Cheese and Fruit L- Chili and Fruit	11 th B- Sausage, Biscuit and Fruit L- Spaghetti and Garlic Bread, Green Beans and Fruit	12 th B- Breakfast Burrito and Fruit L- Chicken Burger, pork and beans and Fruit	13 th
16 th NO SCHOOL	17 th B- French toast and Fruit L- Sloppy Joes and Fruit	18 th B- Cereal, toast and Fruit L- Tacos and Fruit	19 th B- Cinnamon Rolls, boiled eggs, and Fruit L- Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, vegetable and Fruit	20 th B- Biscuit, Sausage, and Tater Tots, and Fruit L- Chicken, Broccoli Bowl and Fruit
23 rd B- Biscuits and Grawy and Fruit L- Corn Dogs and Fruit	24 th B- Pancakes, Sausage, and Fruit L- Spaghetti and Garlic Bread, Green Beans and Fruit	25 th B- Cinnamon Rolls, Chicken patty and Fruit L- Grilled Cheese and Tomato soup and fruit	26 th B- Coffee Cake and Peaches L- Hamburgers pork and bean and Fruit	27 th
30 th B- Scrambled Eggs Sausage and Fruit L- Chili and Fruit	31 st B- Sausage sandwich and Fruit L- Chicken Burger, pork and beans and Fruit			



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- Breakfast is served at 7:30 am to 7:50 am with milk, juice, and fruit.
- Elementary lunch is served at 11:00 am and High school is served at 11:50 am to 12:20 pm with milk water and fruit and salad bar.
- Choice of milk is always available



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