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December Delights

By Jaime Szijarto

Look outside
A flit here, a flutter there
Flashes of red
A little bird head
Wings alight
Taking flight
Jumping to the next delight
Winter mist
Hangs in the air
The golden sun
Barely peeking through
December air
Chilly comfort
Winter joys
Little birds
So hungrily active
Warming my heart
As I
Look outside

Jaime began volunteering for Oregon Stewardship as a high school student in Prospect. She currently teaches Spanish and English at Illinois Valley High School and is a member of Oregon Stewardship. Thank you Jaime for this beautiful addition to our newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In lieu of an in person membership meeting, please go to Oregonstewardship.org for a trail walk viewing spawning Chinook Salmon. The film was produced by a St. Mary's student Gabriella.

THANK YOU FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS— Excerpts from letters

Thank you for the scholarship and the opportunity to be a part of your program. I enjoyed working outdoors alongside classmates and Mr. Hutchins. Layne

By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial load and allowed me to focus on my education. I hope that one day I will be able to help students as you have helped me. Madison H.

You really made a great impression on me. I learned so much. I will use the things you taught me for the rest of my life. I will attend Southwestern Oregon Community College studying criminal justice. Mia

I have recently taken a job at an automotive repair shop to complete an apprenticeship to become a mechanic. I will also work towards earning my Automotive Service Excellence certification. I am personally responsible for purchasing all of my own tools. Garet

Thank you very much for the opportunity that your scholarship has given me. I will be majoring in criminal justice at Western Oregon University. Madison B.

BELIEVE YOU CAN ACHIEVE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECTS

All high school participants are offered a scholarship for college or vocational training. Thank you to the Dubs Foundation and Jacksonville Garden Club for supporting our scholarship program. Because of these generous grants, this year's students are eligible for a \$1000 award after they provide proof of enrollment. In addition, we are able to support some former students as they pursue their educational goals.

Coquille High School



School administrators put up outdoor tents in August, preparing for registration. Willow and osier dogwood cuttings will again be planted along Cunningham Creek. The students also worked on maintaining their campus gardens. They have transplanted geraniums, potting them and moving them to the greenhouse. Next spring these geraniums will again decorate the front of the school.

Gold Beach High School



High School seniors maintain the front garden at the school and work on Elephant Bar and Rotary Trails. They are working on an interpretive pamphlet for Rotary Trail. Gold Beach students will mentor elementary students on a hike on Elephant Bar Trail if field trips are allowed in the spring.



MYRTLE POINT HIGH SCHOOL

Students maintain a garden at Myrtle Point High School and the rose garden at Myrtle Crest Elementary School. They also will be putting up wood duck boxes on the pond at Myrtle Trees Motel. If possible they will be mentors for Myrtle Crest students on a field trip to Camp Mytlewood.

Pacific High School

Because of Corona virus, Pacific students will not attend school until December. They will begin with their annual bulb planting at the school entrance. Two students this year will continue to work on Crooked Fir Trail on the Sixes River and the Elk River Fish Hatchery.



SCHOLARSHIP HELP CONTINUES

Recognizing the expense of college, Oregon Stewardship and the Dubs Foundation are able to continue helping a few students as they continue in college.

Taylor is the first in her family to graduate from high school. She attends Rogue Community College, works for Oregon Stewardship mentoring high school students, and supports herself with another job. And with all of this, she gets good grades!

Sarah is studying for a degree in biology and Oregon State. She will graduate this year! She works with Oregon Stewardship when she is in the Rogue Valley and also has another job.

This summer Olivia was taking classes online, working at a nursery, and volunteering for a program teaching elementary students about plants and animals in the area around Eugene. She may decide to become a teacher.

BEAR CREEK

2020 SALMON COUNTS

Salmon counts on Bear Creek were almost double last year's number. Spawning was widespread from downtown Medford to Ashland.

Year	Totals
1994	10
1995	144
1996	27
1997	26
1998	17
1999	4
2000	146
2001	65
2002	158
2003	283
2004	59
2005	70
2006	162
2007	77
2008	17
2009	78
2010	101
2011	109
2012	115
2013	125
2014	404
2015	321
2016	187
2017	234
2018	231
2019	109
2020	197



South Medford High School seniors are working hard at Bear Creek Park and the citizens are noticing! To the right is a letter to the Mail Tribune and another note to Medford Parks.

Students added another 600 feet of bark chip trail winding along the edge of Bear Creek. They are planting native species plants along that section. The trail now winds from Barnett Road past Bear Creek Park.

Thanks for Panther Pride Trail

We've been going through a lot lately, and sometimes it just helps to let others know how much we appreciate what they've done for our community.

The Panther Pride Trail at Bear Creek Park has been lately maintained, improved and lengthened by our young people even throughout this lousy summer we've been having. A big thank you to Taylor and all the others who make the park better for all of us and for future generations.

Thank you to whomever is cultivating the Panther Pride Trail at Bear Creek Park! (Students?) My dogs and I are loving the early morning walks along the creek.

..... UPDATES ON PREVIOUS STUDENTS

Walker Ross was one of the high school students who began the restoration of the Bear Creek riparian area. He has earned a doctorate in Sports and Entertainment Management from the University of South Carolina and is working as an Assistant Professor of Management at Florida Southern College.

Erim Gomez served on the Oregon Stewardship Board while studying at Southern Oregon University. He has earned a doctorate in Environmental Science from Washington State University and is currently working at the University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation.

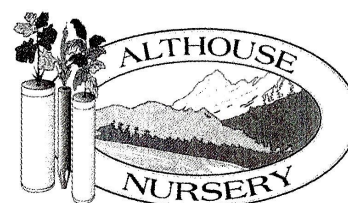
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Mission Statement and Vision Statement

It is our mission to offer education that encourages the community to provide stewardship for the land of Oregon.

We encourage students, adults, and all community members to participate in the grassroots stewardship of our environment. We will do this with integrity, responsibility, balance, and knowledge and with community commitment and stewardship.

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