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At top, students in grades kindergarten through second grade exchanged pennies for dollars for a history trip to Baker City and displayed the results of their fund-raising as they stood outside of US Bank. Above, Dylan Pritchett shows students from Seneca School how to play musical instruments as part of his depiction of life on the Oregon Trail for African-Americans. Pritchett was a featured presenter at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

Ice cream, history blended on Seneca School penny trip

BAKER CITY — The K-2 class of Seneca School took its fourth annual penny trip on June 5 to Baker City and the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. This year during their year-long math project, the students collected 11,300 pennies, which they exchanged for dollar bills at US Bank in Baker City. The next stop was across the street at Charley's Ice Cream Parlor, for all were hungry after the long drive. Everyone enjoyed giant scoops of hard-packed ice cream in waffle cones.

On they went to the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, where the students got a special, unexpected treat. A storyteller from Washington, D.C., Dylan Pritchett, was a featured guest at the museum that day. He told stories highlighting the experience of African-American people on the trail. He brought sever-

al of the Seneca students up on stage and taught each how to play a rhythm on different African instruments. Then all the rhythms were put together for a song.

Afterwards, the students toured the wagon train display, then shopped in the museum store, where each bought a souvenir. Then they took a short hike to see the Oregon Trail itself, as well as a mine shaft, stamp mill, and a dugout house on the grounds around the Interpretive Center.

Back in Baker City, the students were treated to a late lunch at Sumpter Junction Restaurant, where they got to watch a model train make its rounds throughout the restaurant. The students received their drinks in souvenir plastic engines to take home.

The children spent every last penny, and had a marvelous time doing so!



History in action

On June 10, the public was invited to Seneca School for the unveiling of the Seneca History Project's mapping and model work in progress that has kept students in grades K-8 busy throughout the spring. Following the displays and presentations, guests were invited to go on a history walk with students in the K-4 classes, who took them to view the special places highlighted in their model of old Seneca. The students took turns sharing historical facts with the group. Many of the guests were inspired to share some of their own stories with the students along the way. Below, second-grader Christopher Gibson speaks from the porch of the old Bear Valley Lodge.



Above left, John McGhee points out "Cat Test Hill," where Hines Lumber Co. tested its Caterpillar tractors. Above right, this golf bridge is at the approximate site where the pipes from the steam plant once crossed the Silvies River to carry steam to heat the hotel and the store building.

College Briefs

Madden, Winegar, Westmoreland OHSU graduates

PORTLAND — Three Grant County students received bachelor of science degrees on June 4 from Oregon Health & Science University, School of Nursing — Lindsay Madden and Karen Westmoreland of John Day and Shannon Winegar of Mt. Vernon.

Wood attains degree from EOU

LA GRANDE — Teresa Barott Wood of Prineville

ness management; Zachary Williams, senior, agricultural and resource economics.

Dayville student Grant E. Smith, a senior studying civil engineering.

From John Day, Shawna M. Kuykendall, senior, business administration; and Levi J. Watterson, senior, exercise and sport science.

Kathleen M. Daly of Mt. Vernon is a junior majoring in merchandising management.

Prairie City students include: Lindsay M. Harris, senior, forest management; Jessica D. Kincaid, sophomore, mathemat-

Cooper, Tschida make UI dean's list

MOSCOW, Idaho — Two Grant County students received academic honors during the spring term at the University of Idaho.

Jessica Cooper and Riley Tschida of John Day each were named to the U of I's dean's list for achieving a grade point average of 3.3 or higher while carrying 14 or more graded credits.

Cooper studies at the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. Tschida attends the College of Science.



At left, adults and students are standing on the site of the old Hines Lumber Co. swimming pool in the Silvies Valley.

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