Kiwanis group picks students of the month

COTTAGE GROVE — Kyle Wreath and Daina Tague, both seniors at Cottage Grove High School, have been named students of the month by Bohemia Sunrisers Kiwanis.

Wreath is a letterman in football, soccer and wrestling, and has been a student officer all four years of high school.

He also is involved in FBLA and is a Lion King candidate. He also has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and Pop Warner football.

He plans to study criminal justice at Western Oregon University in the fall.

Tague is a member of the basketball team, golf, FBLA, Interact and National Honor Society, and has volunteered with outdoor school, Vision Keepers and the Youth Advisory Council.

She plans to attend the University of Oregon to major in political science.

Two Eugene schools win technology grants

Two Eugene elementary schools have received grants totaling more than a half-million dollars to provide technology and training to create technology-rich classrooms.

Adams Elementary, with about 200 students, recently received a $270,000 grant, one of 17 that went to Oregon schools and districts through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Cesar Chavez Elementary received a $260,000 grant last summer through an Oregon Department of Education educational technology program that awarded funds to eight districts.

Both grants will fund specifically prescribed technology and training in four
classrooms serving students in grades 3 through 5.

They will provide laptop computers at a 2:1 ratio this year, and will add iPod Touches next year to bring the ratio of mobile devices to student to 1:1.

The grant will also fund laptops, projectors, document cameras and digital whiteboards for each teacher; software subscriptions; ongoing professional development; and a certified technology coach who will work with teams of teachers weekly.

The two grants are the largest in district history for any single elementary school.

**Gates Foundation grant goes to policy center**

Eugene’s Educational Policy Improvement Center (EPIC) is one of 15 recipients of grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation totaling more than $19.5 million to support the development of prototype classroom assessments and instructional tools in math and literacy.

EPIC, founded and headed by David Conley, will use its one-year, $777,439 grant to identify a set of standards that define a path to college readiness and can guide instruction and measures of student progress.

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