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## Head start returns to Chiloquin

Oregon Child Development Coalition takes over program

By **SAMANTHA TIPLER**  
 H&N Staff Reporter

Starting in September, preschoolers will have a place to attend head start in Chiloquin.

The Oregon Child Development Coalition received funding to start a Head Start program in Chiloquin this fall, restarting the program that closed last year. It will have open spots for 40 children, ages 3 to 5 in preschool. Head Start is a federal program promoting school readiness for children ages birth to 5 from low-income families.

"Since it's brand new we've got to fill all 40 of them," said Cary Kinkead, with the Oregon Child Development Coalition office in Klamath Falls. "We want to have as many kids signed up as we possibly can."

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In Klamath County

## Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile

By **TRISTAN HIEGLER**  
 H&N Staff Reporter

One group of Klamath County mosquitoes has tested positive for West Nile Virus. No human or other animal infections have been reported as of Friday.

According to Michael A. Morstad, manager of the Klamath Vector Control District, 320 groups of approximately 50 mosquitoes were tested.

He said the positive test came from the Midland area, south of Klamath Falls. Due to high bird and bug populations around Midland, it's a natural place for the virus to pop up.

**Infection**

The virus has a very low mortality rate. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most people who become infected never even show symptoms.

About one in five of those who get the virus develop a fever, headaches, body aches and other flu-like symptoms. Less than 1 percent of the infected develop serious neurological illnesses that can lead to death in a fraction of the cases.

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# ACED IT

## Xander the Wonder Dog wins national award

AKC recognizes blind therapy pug with Award for Canine Excellence

By **SAMANTHA TIPLER**  
 H&N Staff Reporter

The American Kennel Club has recognized what many in the Klamath Basin already know. Xander the Wonder Dog is one amazing pug.

This week the AKC announced the five winners of the humane fund Awards for Canine Excellence, or ACE. Xander won the therapy dog category.

"This is outstanding, once in a lifetime," said Rodney Beedy, who owns Xander with his wife, Marcie. "He'll never get it ever again."

Xander is in good company for the recognition. Other categories were companion dog (Boomer, who fought off a bear for his owner), service dog (Gander, the first mixed-breed dog to earn an ACE award), uniformed service K-9 (Bruno, who took a bullet in the line of duty and is now retired) and search and rescue dog (Patella, who led recovery efforts after Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines).

In 2012 another Klamath Basin dog, Joy Akita that sniffed out her owner Terry Sharpe's cancer, won the kennel club's exemplary companion ACE award.

**Rags to riches**

Xander's own story is no less remarkable.

An accident when Xander was young caused him to lose his eyesight and his eyes were removed. He was put up for adoption at the Klamath Animal Shelter, where the Beedies found and adopted him. They immediately saw Xander's innate ability to give back and to help others and began training him as a therapy dog. Today Xander works with Klamath-Lake CARES and Hands and Words are Not for Hurting. He visits hospitals, nursing homes and schools, and appears



H&N file photo by Steven Siltou

Xander the Wonder Dog makes many public appearances in local parades.

at many parades and events in the community.

"It's almost a rags-to-riches type of thing," Rodney said.

Xander went from being blind and homeless to helping others and becoming an international celebrity. In 2013 he was named as one of Buzzfeed's top 31 pugs of the year. The Herald and News published a story about Xander in May 2013, which was picked up by NPR, Ladies Home Journal, the Huffington Post and others.

"He has over 8,500 friends on Facebook. He's constantly gaining more and more and more," Rodney said. "He is popular on the Internet and across the world. It's almost every country in the world has publicized him."

Since his ACE award was announced, Xander is slated to have a story in the Oregonian and the Pet Partners therapy animal program magazine. The Beedies and Xander will fly to Orlando in

December to receive the award. It will be both Marcie's and Xander's first time on an airplane.

**Xander's big heart**

Even with all the attention, Xander is still a hardworking pug. Last year Marcie, who is diabetic, was in the hospital in January in a diabetic coma. Since she recovered, Rodney and Marcie saw Xander get anxious whenever Marcie's blood sugar rose. Rodney is training Xander to be a service dog for Marcie, too.

Rodney said Xander's natural ability to help others always shines through.

Recently at Double-C Dog Training, a young boy was playing with Xander. They played for a time, and when the boy was tired he lay down for a rest on the floor of the training area.

"Xander came up to him, touched him, gave him a kiss and sat down," Rodney said.

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**DAILY BRIEFING**

**Movie set coming to Klamath Falls area**

Calling all film enthusiasts: Extras are needed for a movie to be filmed in the Klamath Falls area starting next week.

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**U.S. bombs militants in Iraq as crisis worsens**

The U.S. unleashed its first airstrikes in northern Iraq against militants of the Islamic State group Friday.

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