

PENDLETON

# Pendleton salutes its finest

Johnson named Man of the Year, Douglas wins Woman of the Year

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With both winners were praised for their humility during their nomination speeches and Dwight Johnson and Bonnie Douglas stayed true to form Friday night while accepting their awards for man and woman of the year at the Pendleton First Citizens Banquet at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino.

A visibly overwhelmed Johnson dedicated his award to his comrades on Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Unit.

"I accept this award on behalf of everybody I work with," he said.

What the winners lacked in speech length they made up for with levity.

As former state senator and master of ceremonies David Nelson regaled the crowd with tales from the Oregon Legislature, winner after winner used humor to brighten their speeches.

After accepting her award, Douglas said she finally figured out why her husband cut short a trip to Seattle to see their grandchildren.

**Man of the Year**

Like many a retiree, Dwight Johnson enjoys making pancakes every Sunday morning.

Unlike most retirees, he doesn't make those flapjacks for himself or his family, but instead for the homeless at Veda's Breakfast.

Feeding the hungry is only one part of Johnson's impressive post-career résumé.

As the commander of the Search & Rescue Unit, Johnson helped save a lost and injured hunter outside Milton-Freewater in November. After descending from a helicopter, Johnson walked with the hunter for three hours until they reached safety.

Additional philanthropic activities Johnson participates in includes Pendleton Lions Club, Pendleton Warming Station, Cub Scouts and the Helping Hand Board.

**Woman of the Year**

Bonnie Douglas's case for Woman of the Year can be surmised in the quotes Betty Klepper and Karen Kullnat included in their nomination letter.

People that have worked with Douglas have called her "the backbone of the organization," a "true advocate" and "a woman of character and integrity."

Since arriving in Pendleton in 1975, Douglas has volunteered at various events and organizations a combined 42 years.

Douglas has volunteered with New Directions, a program that provides Eastern Oregon Correction Institution inmates with college-level classes, Peace Lutheran Church Food Pan-



Bonnie Douglas receives the award for Woman of the Year from last year's winner Susan DeMarsh at the Pendleton First Citizens Banquet on Friday in Mission.



Dwight Johnson speaks after being named Man of the Year during the Pendleton First Citizens Banquet on Friday in Mission.

try, Pendleton Friends of the Library and Oregon Trail Manor, an organization that provides affordable housing for senior citizens.

**Business of the Year**

One of the events sponsors, Cayuse Technologies, also became the business of the year.

Mary McCord, co-founder and general manager, said the award wouldn't have been possible without the company sticking to its six core principles — diversity, integrity, quality, work ethic, teamwork/family and a harmonious heart.

**President's Award**

Nelson prefaced the award presentation by saying it isn't always issued annually and is given at the discretion of Pendleton Chamber of Commerce president.

Citing their successful \$55 million bond campaign, President Susan Bower presented the Pendleton School District with the award.

Assistant Superintendent Tricia Mooney was "at a loss for words," something she

said doesn't happen to her often.

**Boss of the Year**

To complement his victory for boss of the year, the curtain behind Intermountain Education Service District Mark Mulvihill opened behind him to reveal his family bearing mock *Time* magazine covers with his face on it.

After joking about his family and his days as a high school quarterback, Mulvihill said this was the "best recognition" he could receive.

**Customer Service Excellence**

The nomination speech for Armchair Books' win for the customer service excellence award was rife with references to the willingness of the business to find any book for their customers.

During her acceptance speech, co-owner Terry Dallas pulled out the blank card she carries with her everywhere just in case she gets a request from a prospective customer.

**SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY**

*Back to the 40's*

**When:** Friday, February 27th • 6-9 pm  
**Where:** Hamley's Slickfork Saloon  
**What:** • no-host bar • hors d'oeuvres  
 • silent auction • music by the PHS Jazz Band  
 • dressing up optional but encouraged  
**Cost:** \$40 pre-registration • \$50 at-the-door  
**Tickets:** Armchair Books & Heritage Station Museum  
 (541) 276-0012  
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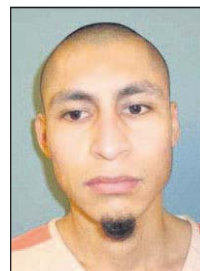
# Man breaks into apartment, stabs ex-girlfriend

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A Milton-Freewater man was arrested Thursday for breaking into his ex-girlfriend's apartment and stabbing her while their 4-year-old child was in the home.

At about 10:30 p.m. Thursday, police were called to Washington Park Apartments, 921 Cowl St., Milton-Freewater.

When officers arrived they heard a man yelling in an apartment. They entered and found Ramon Jonathon Leon Gonzalez, 22, and detained him without incident.



Gonzalez

Officers then found Angelica Campos-Diaz, 22, bleeding profusely with stab wounds in her torso and throat. She was rushed to St. Mary Hospital, Walla Walla, where she underwent emergency surgery.

Police arrested Gonzalez, 22, on charges of attempted homicide, assault, burglary and more. He is booked in the Umatilla

County Jail, Pendleton. The estranged couple's child was in the apartment during the attack but was not injured. Police said Gonzalez broke a window to enter the home.

# Small quake shakes area northeast of Pendleton

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MISSION — A 3.6-magnitude earthquake shook the Umatilla Indian Reservation near Pendleton at 5:45 Friday morning.

The United States Geological Survey reported the epicenter was 6 miles northeast of Mission and directly south of Adams. No damage has been reported in the area, but residents in Athena, Adams, Mission and Pendleton reported feeling the ground shake.

Donna Evans, 83, who lives on Southwest Perkins Avenue in Pendleton, said she was awake and felt her house shake for a quick second, as if a strong gust of wind had just hit the door. But when she went to look outside, the trees were still.

"I laid my book down

and thought, 'What was that?'" Evans said. "I was really puzzled on what it was."

According to the USGS, an earthquake of that magnitude (3.0-3.9) can be felt "quite noticeably by persons indoors, especially on upper floors of buildings." It feels about like a passing truck and may not be recognized as an earthquake, though standing vehicles may rock slightly.

Since July 12, an earthquake swarm has been shaking northwest Nevada and southern Oregon. As of early December, more than 1,700 quakes had been reported in the area.

A series of eight earthquakes shook Oregon's southern border Wednesday night and Thursday morning, the U.S. Geological Survey reported.

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 Pendleton City Hall  
 Community Room

[www.relayforlife.org/pendletonor](http://www.relayforlife.org/pendletonor)



For More Information, Please Contact:  
 Event Lead, Sandy Morris 541.969.1712  
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## Eat Smart for Your Heart

Tuesday, February 17th  
 5:30 - 7:00 PM • Room #2

**Topics Covered:**

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- Carbs are bad, right? Come and find out!
- Heart healthy foods to include in your diet
- Food samples!

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