

# Students win World Series of Reading

The sixth grade classes at Sandstone Middle School lived up their learning with a friendly competition between each other with a "Take Me Out To the Ballgame" theme, including the World Series of Reading.

"We made this a healthy and fun competition and used the full length of our sixth grade hallway to line out a score board with our teams' names," said **Shari Wick**, reading/language arts teacher.

Students earned a baseball for every point passed and the hallway was filled with hundreds of baseballs. Students had no idea the challenge would end with a surprise visit from Dusty, the Tri-Cities Dust Devils mascot.

Dusty presented baseball tickets to the top winning readers from each (team) class. The following earned two tickets for any game of the season: **Shawn Conant** of Team Utter; **Pagie Counsell** of Team Tew; **Michael Garza** of Team Wick and **Brandon Rivera** of Team Tew. And highest point reader was **David Alatorre** of Team Wick.

First year teacher **Daniel Tew's** fourth period block team crept up on Team Wick's total of 567 with a whopping 587 points and also earned a pair of tickets to any game this season.

To celebrate all of the reading and hard work, the World Series ended May 28 with a ballpark barbecue of hot dogs,



Photo contributed by Shari Wick  
**Daniel Tew's fourth period block team won a reading competition at Sandstone Middle School. The Tri-Cities Dust Devils mascot, Dusty, presented tickets for a game to Tew, as well as several students involved in the contest.**

popcorn and licorice.

The Tri-Cities Dust Devils, who are affiliated with the San Diego Padres, and Dusty awarded Sandstone Middle School with a Baseball Night scheduled for Wednesday, June 24. The school will receive a \$1 for each person who

comes to the game.

The gates open at 6:15 p.m. as the Dust Devils take the field against the Vancouver Canadians. Also, all Hermiston students will get to participate in the on-field promotion activities and Dusty will be signing autographs.

## THANK YOU'S

### Pregnancy Care Services thanks community

Pregnancy Care Services would like to recognize the local businesses of Hermiston and Pendleton for their generous contributions making our 2015 Walk/Run for Life and Mayfest a success. Over 100 people came out to participate in these events and collected over \$5,550 to help us continue offering life-affirming services to our communities. Thank you for being difference-makers!

Abby's Legendary Pizza, Barhyte Specialty Foods, Big John's Hometown Pizza, Buckin' Bean Coffee Roasters, DG Gifts, Diana's GF Bakery, Dickey's Barbecue Pit, Double J Drive Thru, Dr. Neal, Eden's Kitchen, Grocery Outlet, Les Schwab Tire Center, ISU-The Stratton Agency, Pediatric Specialists, Pendleton Art and Frame, Pendleton Dairy Queen, Pepsi, Perfect Nails, Roundup Athletic Club, Short Stop, Sorbenots Coffee, St. Anthony Hospital, Starbucks, Sunshine Gourmet Shoppe, Thimbles Fabric-N-More, Wal-Mart, and Western Auto. Fiesta Foods, Greg's Sleep Center, Desert Lanes, Dominos, Pizza Hut, Yo Country Frozen Yogurt, 60-Minute Photo, USA Subs, Ace Hardware, Hermiston Drug, Rollerink.

**Debbie Cissna, director**  
Pregnancy Care Services

Chamber of Commerce for selling the tickets.

We are grateful for the Girl Scouts, volunteers and friends, the Umatilla High School Key Club and Umatilla Robotics Team for helping us set up before, host during and clean up after the dance, as well. All of their support helped to provide an elegant evening for girls of all ages in our community and their fathers or father figures.

Finally, we would like to show our appreciation to the men who brought their girls to the ball this year. We were amazed when our tickets sold out nine days before the big event! It is very touching to see the beaming faces of both the young ladies and their "dates" as they walk in the door, and watch as the men give their undivided attention to their special "little girls" for an entire evening.

We hope you took away many wonderful memories of the evening that you will forever hold dear. On behalf of the Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington, Service Unit 22, thank you.

**Michelle Kane**  
Me and My Prince Ball Committee member

### Thanks for help on BMCC bond

On behalf of the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Education, I would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the communities of Umatilla and Morrow counties for their support of the BMCC bond, which passed during the May 19 election.

A lot of hard work, planning, tenacity and miles were put into this bond in an effort to make sure it was reflective of what our local communities expect from their community college. We're very excited to see the bond come to fruition as projects commence, and even more so, we look forward to seeing the benefits BMCC students and the local region will encounter thanks to these improvements and additions.

Bond projects are expected to begin as early as this summer, and will continue over the next two years. BMCC will enlist a Bond Oversight Committee of community members and stakeholders to hold the college accountable to its commitment to taxpayers. The Board of Education and college administration look forward to keeping the community up to speed on the progress of our bond projects as we forge ahead. BMCC looks forward to continuing to provide an affordable education that leads to family wage jobs in our region.

**Ed Taber, chair**  
BMCC Board of Education  
Pendleton

### Supporters made Me and My Prince Ball a success

The volunteer members of the Me and My Prince Ball Committee would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the unprecedented support we received from our community this year. We had the most sponsors we have ever had for the ball — 21 in all — and more than half of them were for the top two levels of sponsorship!

It is because of all of our sponsors that we are able to keep the ticket prices the same in our 11th year of the ball as it was at the first one. Some of the sponsors even donated their complementary tickets to our family assistance fund, so that those who are experiencing financial difficulty could go to the dance.

We would also like to thank the businesses and individuals who donated items that were given as door prizes. Moreover, we would like to extend a huge thank you to 60 Minute Photo for taking hundreds of portraits of our guests, Serenity Sisters for working diligently to provide refreshments for everyone, and 60 Minute Photo and the Hermiston

## Hermiston students join National Honor Society

More than two dozen students from Hermiston High School were inducted as new members of the National Honor Society.

A ceremony was held May 26 and an alternate induction May 28 for a pair unable to attend the earlier event. The members were selected by the chapter's faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Students inducted were:

**Juwan Aguayo, Salma Anguiano, Taylor Betz, Beau Blake, Jasmin Chen, Robert Coleman, Elina Cross, Frederick Gonzalez, Magdalena Ibarra, Shasta Jundt, Dallas Kile, Brady Linnell, Makayla Loper, Ashley Love, Emily Marvin, Lindsey McAllister, Maria Meza, Reed Middleton, Kody Moss, Alexis Myers, Tanna Osmin, Wyatt Paschal, Jessie Pollard, Trystin Seavert and Hannah Walker.**

"We are very proud to recognize these outstanding members of our student body. National Honor Society members are chosen for and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said **Chris Demianew**, chapter adviser.

Beginning in 1921 and with chapters in more than 16,000 high schools, the National Honor Society is one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. The Hermiston High School chapter has been active since 1949. Each year the chapter sponsors several service projects for the school and community.

For more information, call Demianew at 541-667-6100.



Contributed photo  
**Marty Ward, left, and Terry Bechtold, right, of the Blue Mountain Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, presented a donation to Guardian Care Center to Executive Director Marisa Remington and Board Chairman Dennis Burke.**

### NAIFA donates to Guardian Care Center

The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors-Blue Mountain Chapter recently made a donation to Guardian Care Center.

Executive Director Marisa Remington and Dennis Burke, chairman of the board of directors, accepted the \$5,000 check May 20. The money will help pay for assessments by specially trained interviewers

who create a safe environment for children who may be victims of abuse.

NAIFA/Blue Mountain has generously donated to Guardian Care Center for several years. The center is Umatilla County's nonprofit child abuse assessment center.

For more information, visit [www.guardiancarecenter.org](http://www.guardiancarecenter.org) or call 541-276-6774.



Photo contributed by Jamie Lacey  
**Ginny Koehne, Sonya Smith and Joanna Hales of the Presbyterian Preschool in Pendleton pose for a photo with Addison Lacey.**

### Mother thanks outbound teachers

**Jamie Lacey** said a trio of women who have worked many years at the Presbyterian Preschool deserve recognition.

**Ginny Koehne**, who has been at the school for 20 years, and **Sonya Smith** and **Joanna Hales**, who have both been at the preschool for nine years, are all leaving, Lacey said.

Lacey said her daughter, **Addison Lacey**, is heading

to kindergarten in the fall and spent the past two years at the Presbyterian Preschool. She said the teachers have been absolutely wonderful, caring and understanding, including **Roberta Tullis**, who will return in the fall.

"My daughter learned so much and had an amazing time," Lacey said. "She loves, loves, loves school because of them."

## Round-Up gets new ride

**Crop Production Services** of Athena recently donated a 1978 International flatbed truck to the **Pendleton Round-Up Foundation** for use by the Pendleton Round-Up.

**Dean Parker**, manager of the Athena and Pendleton branches of Crop Production Services, said since the truck was no longer needed, he was looking for a good home for it.

**Bill Quesenberry**, president of the Round-Up Association, said the efforts of **Bob Rosselle**, grounds director, helped finalize the arrangement.

"The kind of community support demonstrated by Crop Production Services is what Round-Up is all about," Quesenberry said. "The truck will be put to good

use throughout the year for the maintenance and use of our grounds."

The Round-Up maintenance effort includes keeping everything ready for the annual one-week event and keeping the facilities in working order for community and individual uses throughout the year.

## BIRTHS

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**  
**JUNE 2, 2015**

**THOREN** — Emily Thoren and Chris M. Thoren of Heppner; a girl, Josie-Leigh Mae Thoren.

**JUNE 3, 2015**

**BAROS** — McKenzie L. Baros and Logan R.S. Baros of Hermiston; a girl, Oaklie Larena Spencer Baros.

**JUNE 4, 2015**

**EASLEY** — Brittany R. Taylor and Stephen B. Winebarger of Pendleton; a girl, Lilly-ann Augusta Easley.

**AMEZOLA NAVARRO** — Gladis Navarro Hernandez and Jose R. Amezola Vazquez of Boardman; a boy, Jayden Roberto Amezola Navarro.

**JUNE 7, 2015**

**HA** — Hang Nguyet Thi Le and Lam Thanh Ha of Pendleton; a boy, Haven Ha.

**JUNE 8, 2015**

**MABEN** — Katie M. Maben and Casey W. Maben of Heppner; a boy, Liam Wallace Maben.

**SMITH** — Melisa M. Smith and Kevin J. Smith of Pendleton; a girl, Brooklyn Marie Smith.

**WALKER** — Sarah N. Walker and Timothy T. Walker of Pendleton; a girl, Avery Olive Walker.

**JUNE 9, 2015**

**HAMM** — Amanda L. Hamm and Guy Harrison Hamm of Pendleton; a girl, Arya Elizabeth Hamm.

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**JUNE 3, 2015**

**DEARDORFF** — Sarah Deardorff and Brandon Deardorff of Hermiston; a boy, Dane Dennis Deardorff.

**JUNE 4, 2015**

**OTTMAR** — Kiya D. Ottmar and Chalen J. Ottmar of Hermiston; a boy, Roczen Wayne Ottmar.

**JUNE 7, 2015**

**JAIMES** — Tiffani L. Wilson and Noe M. Jaimes of Umatilla; a boy, Luis Rene Jaimes.

## Pet of the Week

**Buckley**

**3 Year Old, Neutered Domestic Shorthair. Approx. 17.9 lbs.**

A little weight training anyone? I may be a little on the heavy side, but I am so mellow and laid back that no one really sees. I am in search of a easy-going home with one special sunny spot just for me! I am up-to-date on my vaccines and have been declawed in my front-end. Are you looking for that special "buddy" to make your day (and night)? Come see me and let's get acquainted.

**Visit Buckley at the Pioneer Humane Society/PAWS**  
517 SE 3rd St., Pendleton, OR  
541-276-0181 • [pendletonpaws.org](http://pendletonpaws.org)

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