



Photo contributed by Karen Hoholik

McKay Creek Estates cooks up holiday cheer

Residents of McKay Creek Estates and community members enjoyed an old-fashioned holiday meal at the Pendleton assisted living facility.

Photos focus on Hermiston marching band’s success

A flurry of photos of the **Hermiston High School marching band** filled Facebook and *East Oregonian* email boxes as students celebrated their performance at the **Holiday Bowl Parade** Dec. 30 in San Diego.

Family, friends and the community applauded the band’s accomplishments as it swept the awards in their division, coming home with an armload of trophies. The hardware included the overall grand prize, as well as first place trophies for best music, best percussion, best color guard, best marching, best drum major and best general effect.

To view more photos and posts about the band’s trip, visit www.facebook.com/hermistonband.



Photo contributed by Joshua Roberts

Members of the Hermiston High School marching band participate in the Holiday Bowl Parade Dec. 30 in San Diego.

Sherwood Heights robotics teams gear up for state tournament

A pair of robotic teams from **Sherwood Heights Elementary School** have advanced to state after participating in the Dec. 5 Intel Oregon FIRST LEGO League Qualifying Tournament held at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

The **Brick Blocks**, which placed first at the qualifier, and **Water Robots** will compete this weekend at the Intel Oregon FIRST LEGO League State Championship Tournament at Liberty High School in Hillsboro. The team’s mentor/coaches include Sherwood teachers **Kirsten Campbell, Jason Campbell** and **Ellen Wardell**.

In addition, **Stanfield Secondary School’s The Sanchez Crew** and **The Bionic Babes** and **Keagan** qualified for the state tournament. Other local teams



Photo contributed by Rhiannon Hart

Members of the **Brick Blocks** and **Water Robots** robotic teams and their mentor/coaches from Pendleton’s **Sherwood Elementary School** will compete in the state tournament this weekend in Hillsboro.

that competed in La Grande include the **Loggerheads** and **Robot Legends** of Stanfield.

For more information about the state competition, visit www.ortop.org/fll.

BMCC’s eLearning coordinator is finalist for education award

Bruce Kauss of Blue Mountain Community College is among 20 finalists for the **2016 Online Learning Excellence Awards** for outstanding K-20 leaders working in online or blended learning environments.

BMCC’s eLearning coordinator, Kauss has worked at the college for nearly 16 years. Prior to that, he served in the U.S. Army for 22 years.

Presented by **Pearson**, a learning company, the awards honor educators and administrators who have demonstrated measurable best practices and innovation in online

education. Two award winners in each category (kindergarten through 12th grade and higher education administrators and teachers) will be announced Feb. 10 at **Cite 2016**, Pearson’s online learning conference, in Amelia Island, Florida. Also, Pearson will donate \$1,500 to the scholarship fund of each winner’s choice.

Pearson is a company with 40,000 employees in more than 80 countries that helps people make measurable progress in their lives through learning. For more information, visit www.pearsoned.com.



Photo contributed by Karen Hutchinson-Talaski

Barbara Chadwick, president of the **Bloomer Girls Garden Club**, and **Carolyn Jacobs**, secretary, show off items donated during Christmas to **Domestic Violence Services**.

Garden club provides Christmas delivery to shelter

The **Bloomer Girls Garden Club** recently played Santa Claus, providing a donation to **Domestic Violence Services**.

The club donated more than \$100 in paper products, detergent, toiletries and other items for the organization’s shelter in Hermiston. Last year, the Bloomer Girls also gave more than \$400 to the organization, which was raised through its annual plant sale.

The Bloomer Girls Garden Club meets the third Monday of each month to discuss gardening and learn

more about planting in the Hermiston area. For more information about joining the club, contact President **Barbara Chadwick** at 541-567-2043.

A nonprofit organization, **Domestic Violence Services** provides support, including emergency shelter, to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Umatilla and Morrow counties. For more information, call 541-567-0424, 541-276-3322 or visit www.domesticviolenceservices-or.org. In addition, the toll-free crisis number is 800-833-1161.

SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

Submit Your EO News information and high-resolution photos to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of **Tammy Malgesini** at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, or **Renee Struthers-Hogge** at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
DEC. 31, 2015
CIMMIYOTTI — Nancy Garfias and Steven S. Cimmiyotti of Hermiston; a girl, Ellie Daria Cimmiyotti.
MAJORS — Kariann L. Edmiston and Robert J. Majors of Pendleton; a boy, Rhett Callen Majors.
JAN. 1, 2016
STEWART — Hanna N. Hiltz and Tyler L. Stewart of Pendleton; a girl, Eden Elizabeth-Adele Stewart.
JAN. 4, 2016
BOYER — Megan R. Boyer and Michael K. Boyer of Pendleton; a boy, Michael Dean Boyer.
Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
DEC. 28, 2015
SUAREZ — Gaby Suarez and Antonio Suarez of Hermiston; a girl, Ilene Gabriela Suarez.
DEC. 29, 2015
LOPEZ CAZARES — Erika Y. Lopez Cazares and Alfredo Lopez Prieto of Hermiston; a girl, Natalia Yanet Lopez Cazares.
JAN. 3, 2016
OROZCO MAYA — Jaque-line Maya and Edgar Orozco of Hermiston; a boy, Edgar Orozco Maya.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JAN. 9
MEN’S BREAKFAST, 8 a.m., Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton.
FRIENDS OF THE UMATILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9 a.m., Umatilla City Hall, 300 6th St.
RETIRED UMATILLA ARMY DEPOT WOMEN’S CLUB, 9 a.m. no-host breakfast, Pheasant Cafe, 149 E. Main St. Hermiston.
AAUW, 11 a.m. no-host lunch, Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Harriet Isom will present “Women in Iran.” Everyone welcome.
EASTERN OREGON CELTIC SOCIETY PIPERS GATHERING, 1 p.m., The Old Meeting House, 901 M Ave., La Grande. For pipers of all skill levels. Instruction is free, but a \$2 donation for use of the building is appreciated. (541-568-4643 or pelder@oregontrail.net).
PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-8 p.m. dinner, music 8 p.m. to midnight, Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828).
SUNDAY, JAN. 10
HERMISTON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 8-11 a.m., 160 N.W. Second St. Members and guests welcome.
PENDLETON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 9 a.m. to noon, Pendleton Eagles Lodge #28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828).
MONDAY, JAN. 11
TELEPHONE PIONEERS, 9:30 a.m., Cookie Tree Cafe, 30 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Trudi Engen

541-443-4371).
GARDENING FRIENDS, 2 p.m., venue varies, Boardman. (Margie Park 541-481-2570).
IRRIGON MOOSE LODGE TACOS AND BINGO, 6-9 p.m., tacos: 6:30-9 p.m., bingo. Bingo open to the public, 220 N.E. Third St. (541-922-1802 from noon-8 p.m.)
GREENFIELD GRANGE MEETING, 6:30 p.m. at The Hall, Boardman.
UMATILLA-MORROW HEAD START, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Leanna 541-289-4696).
ATHENA BOOK GROUP, 7 p.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. This month’s selection: TBA.
INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS CHORALE, 7 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy gym, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696).
V.F.W. POST NO. 1222, 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place, Pendleton.
HERMISTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Hermiston Fire Station 3, Westland Road.
TUESDAY, JAN. 12
PENDLETON TOASTMASTERS No. 154, 6:45 a.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. (toastmasterdarlenesue@gmail.com).
TOPS CHAPTER OR 1110, 8 a.m. weigh-in, meeting starts at 8:45 a.m., Missionary Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech St., Hermiston. (Margaret Wetterling 541-720-0276).
STATE EMPLOYEES NO-HOST RETIREMENT BREAKFAST, 9 a.m., Shari’s Restaurant, 319 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

Pet of the Week



3 Yr Old, Spayed Lab/Retriever Cross

Miss Charlie (aka Luna) is a sweet, wonderful girl looking for her forever home. She is rambunctious, curious and loving. Car rides, fetch and playing with her toys are among her favorite things to do. Swimming, however, doesn’t make the list! She is looking for, and really needs, an one dog only home with an older couple and no children because of her possessive nature. Miss Charlie is up-to-date on all her vaccinations and has had professional training. Visit Miss Charlie at PAWS and decide for yourself how wonderful she really is!

Visit Miss Charlie at the **Pioneer Humane Society/PAWS**
517 SE 3rd St., Pendleton, OR
541-276-0181 • pendletonpaws.org

Check out the **PAWSABILITY Thrift Store**

Call Terri at 541-215-0447 to sponsor a pet

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