

# PHS announces Citizenship Cup awards

Peers and teachers at Pendleton High School have elected students from each class since 1925 to receive the Citizenship Cup.

Selections are based on scholastic achievement, volunteerism, community service and participation in extracurricular activities, which represent the school's top values.

The fall 2015 recipients include freshmen **Katie Bradt, Matt Demianev, Justin Duso and Lilly Yoshioka**; sophomores **Gabby Cuthbert, Maureen Davies, Kristen Gregg and Shane Miltenberger**; juniors **Madison Parker, Samantha Schmitz, Rebecca Schnetzky and Jonathan Wolotira**; and seniors **Lukas Johnson, Tanner Pearson, Edith Ramirez and Brandi Smith**.

In its earlier years, a recipient could win the award up to three times a year. Currently,



Sixteen Pendleton High School students received fall Citizenship Cup awards.

four students from each class making a total of eight winners per year for each class.

# Main Street Cowboys share winter news

The Main Street Cowboys held its election dinner Nov. 20, 2015, featuring steak and chicken with many side dishes and numerous pies and cakes for dessert.

Officers elected included **John Roberts**, president; **Bill Arrington**, first vice president; and **Chuck Coonfield**, second vice president. Two-year board positions were filled by **Rod Theis** and **Bill Zyph**, and one-year board members elected were **Don Harsch, Paul Gadaire, Larry Koehne, Alan Berck, Matt Combe** and **Kirt Skinner**.

The Larry Wahl Memorial Trophy was presented to **Rob Harsh** (MSC secretary) in honor of all the extra work he has done in the past year.

The Cowboys celebrated Christmas Dec. 13. The office on Court Avenue across from Hamley's was decorated with trees and garland and many colorful lights.

A visit by Santa (past president **Mark Jaeger**) was the highlight of the party, with 18 gifts given to children ages 3 months to 14 years with the help of main elf **Bill Zyph**. A grand time was had by all with deli sandwiches, salads, side dishes, cookies and brownies with candy canes.

The Main Streeters are looking forward to another busy year. If anyone wants to participate and have a great time, contact any Main Street Cowboy or the office at 541-278-9332, [mainstreetcowboys@wtechlink.us](mailto:mainstreetcowboys@wtechlink.us) or visit [www.mainstreetcowboys.org](http://www.mainstreetcowboys.org).



Roberts

# Walla Walla dentist recognized for veteran care

Dr. Dan Laizure of Walla Walla Dental Care was recently recognized for his long-term commitment to veterans and their oral health.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Walla Walla City Council were on hand when U.S. Rep. **Cathy McMorris Rodgers**, R-Spokane, shared her appreciation for the 35 years of commitment to veterans Laizure has exhibited.

Treating patients from Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington, Laizure previously served in the United States Army and the U.S. Navy. The dentist has gone above and beyond to ensure that veterans receive the dental care they need, regardless of their insurance coverage or personal financial situations. His pro bono work has reached thousands of people over the course of his career.

"Very little of the work would be possible without the dedicated service of my whole team," Laizure said.



Dr. Dan Laizure, pictured with his staff from Walla Walla Dental Care, was recognized by U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Spokane, for his commitment to providing oral health care to veterans in Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington.

"This award is to our team and it's not to me alone. Further, it reflects the efforts of many other team members who have moved onto other ventures and adventures in their lives."

Walla Walla Dental Care

hosts a veterans dental clinic once per quarter in conjunction with the **Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center**. They see as many past and active duty service people as possible, and also treat patients as

needed throughout the year.

Walla Walla Dental Care is located at 2014 S. Howard St., Walla Walla. For more information, contact [carrie@wallawalladentalcare.com](mailto:carrie@wallawalladentalcare.com), 509-525-5902 or visit [www.wallawalladentalcare.com](http://www.wallawalladentalcare.com).

# Area organizations receive art commission grants

Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts, the city of Milton-Freewater and Fishtrap Inc. are among the 30 Oregon projects awarded \$190,000 in 2016 Arts Build Communities grants from the Oregon Arts Commission. The three Eastern Oregon organizations each received \$7,000.

Crow's Shadow, located in Mission, will use its grant to support printmaking education for art students at the Nixyaawii Community School. Grant funds will be used to underwrite studio space, technical assistance, art and exhibition materials, advertising and public receptions. As many as 14 students will produce limited-edition linocut prints and exhibit their work in the Crow's Shadow gallery.

The money Milton-Freewater received will help support Talk Play Dream: Hablar Jugar So'ar, a series of community events designed to bring populations together to create and experience art and dream together about the town's future. Art events include creative workshops, pop-up galleries and new performances by locals and visiting artists. The money will be used to pay artists and cover overhead expenses for the events.

Fishtrap, in Enterprise, will use its grant award to support "The Big Read" in Wallowa County. More than 1,700 people of all ages from across the county will read Thorton Wilder's play "Our Town" and novella "The Bridge of San Luis Rey." It encourages residents to engage in activities that fight rural isolation, deepen the reading experience and create community. Grant funds will be used to purchase books, pay program staff salaries and promote the program across the county.

In its 20th year, the Arts Build Communities program targets broad geographic impact and arts access for underserved audiences. More than half of the 2016 awards were awarded to communities outside of the Portland area.

"This program provides access to arts and culture activity in underserved populations of the state," said Arts Commissioner Alyssa Macy. "Local citizens employ creative thinking and collective response to identify a local need and provide an arts-based solution."

In many cases, the awards are seed money to spur additional local funding. In recent years Arts Build Communities projects attracted more than \$570,000 in spending, much of it representing salaries paid to artists and others, as well as products and services purchased in the funded communities.

Arts Build Communities grants are made possible through a funding partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information about the Oregon Arts Commission, visit [www.oregonartscommission.org](http://www.oregonartscommission.org).

# Boardman men win corn contest

Jonathon Springstead and Nolan Mills, both of Boardman, received recognition in the 2015 National Corn Growers Association's Corn Yield Contest in Oregon.

Springstead placed first in the irrigated division with Pioneer brand hybrid 35K02, which yielded 273.8999 bushels per acre. Mills took second place in the no-till/strip-till irrigated division with Pioneer brand hybrid P1266, which yielded 255.2925 bushels per acre.

In 2015, recurrent yield contest winner **David Hula** of Charles City, Virginia, took his fields to a whole new level by breaking the world record of 532.0271 bushels per acre using Pioneer P1197AM brand corn on his contest plot.

Mills and Springstead each earned one of the 218 state titles won by growers planting Pioneer hybrids. The NCGA awarded 407 state titles in this year's

contest. Growers planting Pioneer hybrids dominated the contest and won 54 percent of all state awards presented.

The NCGA Corn Yield Contest is an annual U.S. national competition among corn growers with the goal of capitalizing on the high genetic yield potential of today's corn hybrids. Growers compete in six corn production classes, including non-irrigated, no-till/strip-till non-irrigated, irrigated and no-till/strip-till irrigated classes.

"The 2015 yield heroes brought home another record yield year, and we're thrilled," said **Steve Reno**, DuPont Pioneer vice president, regional director - U.S. and Canada.

# ENGAGEMENT Feucht-Fisher

Mandi Feucht and Jordan Fisher of Portland are announcing their engagement. Mandi is the daughter of J.R. and Clinda Feucht of Helena, Mont. Jordan is the son of Dick and Connie Ferranti of Hermiston and Guy and Judy Fisher of Boise, Idaho.

Mandi is a 2005 graduate of Helena High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 2009 and a master's degree in reading in 2014 from Pacific University in Forest Grove. She is a third grade teacher for the Beaverton School District.

Jordan graduated from Hermiston High School in 2005, and from Pacific University in 2009 with



Mandi Feucht and Jordan Fisher

a bachelor's degree in accounting. He works for Cambia Health Solutions as an accountant.

The couple will exchange wedding vows Aug. 6, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Country Club in Gresham.

# BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**JAN. 20, 2016**

**OLVERA** — Judy A. Olvera and Frankie J. Olvera Jr. of Stanfield; a girl, Audreyana Selene Olvera.

**ROYER** — Maria G. Royer and Hoot Royer of Hermiston; a girl, Citlali Isabella Royer.

**JAN. 21, 2016**

**MUTH** — Sarah Muth and Kyle Muth of Hermiston; a boy, Gunnar Allen Lee Muth.

**JAN. 22, 2016**

**SILLER** — LeeAnna Mae Kent and Rene Sadiello of Hermiston; a boy, Jozif Alton Siller.

**WALTY** — Sonia Olivas Jensen and Michael

W. Waelty of Hermiston; a girl, Emma K. Waelty.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**

**JAN. 20, 2016**

**M A R K - GRAF-WALLEN** — Kristi R. Markgraf; a girl, Arianna Rennae Markgraf-Wallen.

**JAN. 21, 2016**

**CRUSE** — Rikki Hayward and David Clark; a girl, Jessi Jay Marie Cruse.

**JEPSEN** — Bethany R. Jepsen and Daniel R. Jepsen of Boardman; a girl, Anna Joy Jepsen.

**JAN. 23, 2016**

**HATLEY** — Amber R. Powell of Pendleton; a boy, Tyson Kenneth Hatley.

**SANCHEZ** — Adriana Munoz and Ivan Sanchez of Stanfield; a boy, Ivan Alejandro Sanchez.

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