

Bill Hanley soars with Blue Mountain Wildlife

Blue Mountain Wildlife has many dedicated volunteers, including **Bill Hanley**.

Recently identified as the "Awesome Volunteer of the Week," Hanley traveled nearly 500 miles, making two trips to Pendleton from Baker City while transporting a red-tailed hawk, a golden eagle, a great horned owl and a bald eagle.

On his first trip, Hanley brought an injured red-tailed hawk to Pendleton and transported a great horned owl and a young golden

eagle to Eagle Falconers **Joe and Cordi Atkinson** near Vale. The owl had recovered from a broken wing and was released. The Atkinsons will evaluate the eagle and determine the best course of action to prepare him for release. Unfortunately, the hawk did not fare as well. Due to the tip of her right wing being severed, she would never fly again and was humanely euthanized.

When Hanley delivered the eagle and owl to the Atkinsons, he picked up an

immature bald eagle that had been brought to them the previous night. Hanley turned around and made a second trip to Pendleton.

The eagle was anesthetized and examined in Pendleton. He had old wounds on his right shoulder and left elbow. A blood sample was taken and IV fluids were administered. The eagle's blood lead level revealed a toxic amount of lead, indicating he had eaten prey that had been shot with lead ammunition. Due to the

extent of the injuries, the eagle was euthanized.

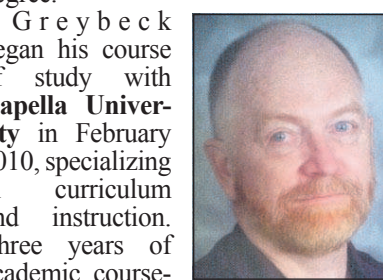
Blue Mountain Wildlife's mission is to preserve wildlife and the habitats in which they live. They do this through wildlife rehabilitation and public education. Serving Eastern Oregon and southeastern Washington, its primary center is located five miles south of Pendleton.

For more information, contact 541-278-0215, raptor@wtechlink.us or visit www.bluemountainwildlife.org.

HHS teacher receives philosophy degree

Hermiston High School construction technology teacher and woodworking teacher **Robert Greybeck** recently completed the requirements for a doctor of philosophy degree.

Greybeck began his course of study with **Capella University** in February 2010, specializing in curriculum and instruction. Three years of academic coursework provided the theoretical framework for his research and doctoral dissertation studying the integration of reading, writing and math skills into the career and technical education curriculum. In October 2015, Greybeck successfully defended his work, completing his dissertation "A correlation analysis of Career and Technical Education teacher's perspectives of integrating core academic skills into CTE curriculum."



Greybeck

doctorate I learned how to be a better teacher, focusing on positive student outcomes, and making strategic decisions guided by data," Greybeck said.

Hired by the Hermiston School District in 2004 as the CREW Room teacher at Armand Larive Middle School, Greybeck later taught humanities for three years. In 2008, he moved to Hermiston High School where he has focused on building the construction technology and woodworking curriculum.

Greybeck previously served in the United States Navy, worked as a carpenter and in program management for aerospace and defense contractors in California and Massachusetts. Greybeck retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve in 2008. He also has participated in the Jimmy Carter Habitat for Humanity annual projects.

MUREA provides grants to Pendleton teachers

The **Morrow-Umatilla Retired Educators Association** recently awarded grants to teachers in the Pendleton area.

In the third year of its grant program, the association presented 13 grants totaling \$2,941 to enhance student learning. The recipients and purpose of the grants include:

MCKAY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: **Cindy Schimel**, \$250 for supplies to build two work stations in her third grade class.

SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: **Julie Murphy**, \$250 for a fourth grade Mango Math Crate for the after-school math program.

SUNRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL: **Ken Jacobs**, \$250 for a 12-inch compound miter saw for the wood shop program; **Kaisa Phillips** and **Chris Schulze**, \$200 each to purchase cow eyes to be used for dissection in their sixth grade science classes; **Jodie Harnden**, \$200 to purchase a 500g capacity electronic balance for seventh/eighth grade science classes.

PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL: **Myrah Carey**,



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The Morrow-Umatilla Retired Educators Association recently awarded 13 grants to teachers in the Pendleton School District.

\$200 for food supplies for the cooking program and items for a sensory room for the school's Special Education-Lifeskills program; **Kristen Swaggart**, \$250 to update kitchen equipment for the culinary arts program; **Kim Jones**, \$241 for two TI-84 Plus CE graphing calculators for the math program; **Schelle Hand Bixler**, \$250 to help with

student lodging for a marine biology trip to Newport.

PENDLETON EARLY LEARNING CENTER: **Lori Hale** and **Amy Martin**, \$200 to buy Preschool Language Scale-5 record forms.

HOMESTEAD YOUTH LODGE: **Emily William**, \$250 to purchase books for the facility's library.

NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL: **Daniel**

Ward, \$200 to buy equipment for the Career Technology Education program.

Membership in the Morrow-Umatilla Retired Educators Association is not limited to retired teachers and support staff, but is open to anyone interested in education. For more information, call unit president **Bill Mayclin** at 541-276-4540.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

FEB. 8, 2016

KING — Shayna M. Sims and Patrick M. King of Pendleton; a boy, Elliot Alexander Apollo King.

FEB. 10, 2016

JORDAN — Nichole A. Wolverson and Curtis W. Jordan of Hermiston; a boy, Payton Shawn Jordan.

FEB. 15, 2016

HERRERA — Natasha Herrera of Pendleton; a boy, Kellen Blake Herrera.

FEB. 16, 2016

PARKER — Breanne R. Parker and Nicholas A. Parker of Helix; a girl, Everly Rowe Parker.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

FEB. 10, 2016

BARRERA ARELLANO — Eufemia Arellano C and Jose R. Barrera of Hermiston; a boy, Julian Barrera Arellano.

EGHAN-KPANGA — Ojinika Edeogu and Selassie Eghan-Kpanga of Richland, Wash.; a girl, Andrina-Janaya Sefakor Eghan-Kpanga.

FEB. 11, 2016

ACTON — Cara Acton of Stanfield; a boy, Gabriel Anthony Acton.

FEB. 14, 2016

MADERA AVILA — Ana L. Avila and Benito Madera Arellano of Hermiston; a boy, Yaed Everardo Madera Avila.

Bruce Kauss wins higher education excellence award

Bruce Kauss, eLearning coordinator at **Blue Mountain Community College**, was chosen for a Higher Education Excellence in Online Administration Award.

The recognition was part of the 2016 Online Learning Excellence Awards presented by **Pearson**, the world's leading learning company. Kauss was among four winners in the Online Administration category, which were announced Feb. 10 at Cite 2016, Pearson's online learning conference, in Amelia Island, Florida.

Kauss was recognized for his measurable best practices and innovation in online and blended education. Kauss has worked at BMCC for nearly 16 years. Prior

to that, he served in the U.S. Army for 22 years.

In 2012, Kauss and colleagues from other colleges in the state sought to provide better programming for students in geographically disparate locations through the sharing of courses among member institutions. Kauss took the lead in the development of what became the "Oregon Colleges Course Sharing Consortium," a coalition of eight small- and medium-sized colleges in Oregon focused on expanding learning opportunities for their students. As its leader, Kauss has driven the initiative by consulting with members and ensuring the best possible experience for consortium members and their students.

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.



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Brendan Smith and **Diego Romero** received outstanding soloist awards for their performances with the **McLoughlin High School jazz ensemble** at the 54th annual Clark College Jazz Festival, held Jan. 29 in Vancouver, Washington.

Mac-Hi jazz musicians receive soloist awards

A pair of **McLoughlin High School** jazz musicians were recently awarded outstanding soloist awards for their solos with the **McLoughlin High School jazz ensemble**.

Diego Romero was recognized for his guitar solo on "Groove Merchant" and **Brendan Smith** was recognized for his soprano saxo-

phone solos on "Groove Merchant," "Summertime" and "Caravan." The performances were during the 54th annual Clark College Jazz Festival, held Jan. 29 in Vancouver, Washington.

For more about the band program at Mac-Hi, including upcoming performances, contact band director **Mike Agidius** at mike.agidius@miltfree.k12.or.us.

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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.

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