

Area students to represent co-op during youth tour

Katelyn Bass, a junior at Lone Community School, and Lauren Santoyo, a junior at Hermiston High School, were selected to represent Umatilla Electric Cooperative June 9-16 at the 2016 Washington, D.C., Youth Tour.

Bass is the daughter of Gary and Lani Bass and resides in Boardman. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA during her high school years, and is very involved in her school and community. She plays volleyball, basketball and tennis. She has received Outstanding Achievement awards in biology, physical science and band, and is in National Honor Society. By the end of her sophomore year she had earned more than 20 college credits. Bass is also involved in 4-H and FFA.



Bass

Santoyo is the daughter of Luis and Norma Santoyo and resides in Hermiston. She has maintained a 3.8 GPA during her high school years. She is a member of Key Club, and is running for president of the DECA (Distributive Education Club of America) Club. Santoyo played volleyball during her freshman and sophomore years. She works at the school's Student Store and Kennison Concession. She is an active participant in youth group activities at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church.



Santoyo

"We are excited to continue to promote this program and be able to find great candidates who will represent UEC in Washington, D.C.," said Connie Shrum, manager of Member Services.

The two young ladies will join 1,500 other students from across the United States on a week-long educational trip hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. They will get to speak with Oregon's state representatives, visit the World War II, Vietnam and Iwo Jima war memorials and the Smithsonian and Holocaust museums, hear motivational speakers, learn about electric cooperatives, and participate in many fun activities.

This opportunity was open to area high school juniors whose parents or guardians are members of Umatilla Electric Cooperative.



Pendleton Mayor Phillip Houk, center, recently attended a Japan Night Concert in Portland.

Houk attends Japan Night Concert

Japanese residents in the United States recently held a Japan Night Concert to support people in areas hit by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan almost five years ago.

A group of people from Minamisoma were invited to attend the event. Also in attendance was Pendleton Mayor Phillip Houk, as a representative of Minamisoma's sister city.

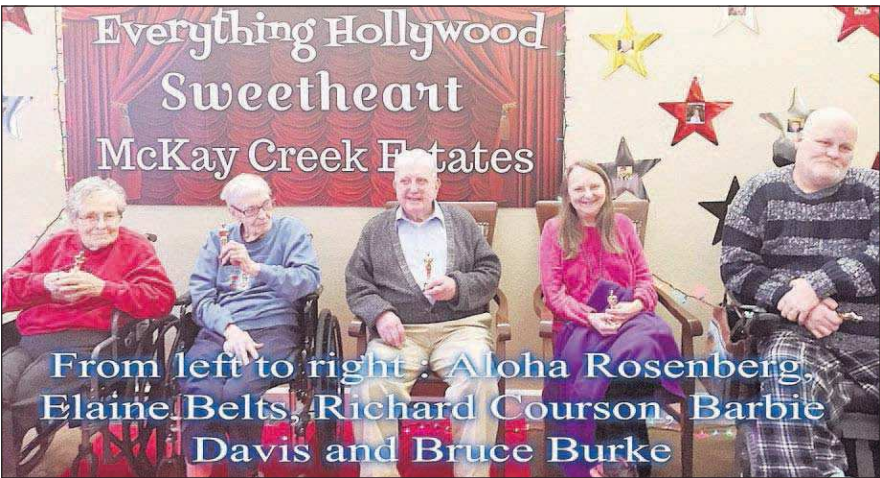
The group performed a traditional dance and shared about how they are trying to rebuild their community.

In addition, Japanese actress Yoshie Ichige recited poetry.

Hiroshi Furusawa, Consul General of Japan in Portland, was thrilled with Houk's presence at the concert.

"Your presence added a special meaning to the event and the Minamisoma people," Furusawa said in an email to the mayor.

Naoko Tamura, one of the event organizers, said the disaster — which occurred on March 11, 2011 — should not be forgotten. It resulted in more than 18,000 people dead or missing.



Residents of McKay Creek Estates recently celebrated Oscars Awards Day at the assisted living facility in Pendleton.

McKay Creek Estates celebrates winners

In celebration of McKay Creek Estates theme of the month, Everything Hollywood Sweetheart, the residents recently enjoyed Oscar Awards Day at the Pendleton assisted living facility.

The event featured 12 category awards and all of the residents were nominees. Attended by family, friends and staff, both residents and family members presented awards to the winners.

The event was hosted by Karen

Hoholik, community relations director, and Kris Travers, who resides at the facility. Also, special thanks go to the Pendleton Wal-Mart for providing snacks and donating items for a raffle.

"It was so nice to see residents wearing smiles on their faces as they received their trophies," said Noemi Wiseman, facility administrator.

For more information about activities at the center, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestige-care.com.

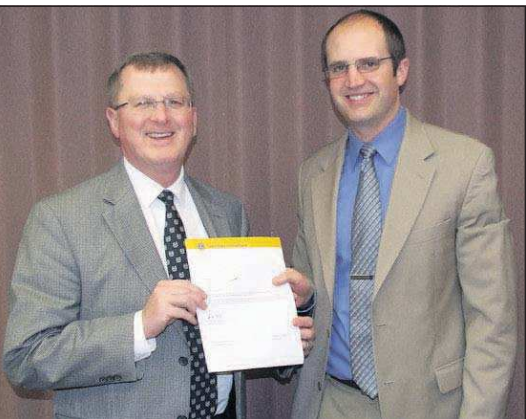


Photo contributed by Gerald Hopkins

Kelly Sanders, left, is presented with a Lions Club 25-year service pin by President Phillip Spicer-Kuhn.

Local Lion receives 25-year service pin

Hermiston Lions Club member Kelly Sanders was recently recognized for his years of service by Lion International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada.

Sanders, who is vice president of human resources at Good Shepherd Health Care System, received a 25-year service pin from President Phillip Spicer-Kuhn.

Gerald Hopkins, vice governor of District G, announced the club has numerous spring activities scheduled, including sight and hearing screenings at area schools. The club has screened a total of 1,384 students to date and had 15 percent referrals on the children screened. In addition, it was announced that 12 grants have been received from the Oregon Sight & Hearing Leap program to purchase glasses.

Founded in 1917 in Chicago, the organization strives to be a global leader in community and humanitarian service.

For more about the Lions Club, call Hopkins at 541-534-4390 or visit www.lionsclub.org.

THANK YOU Branding committee thanks community

The city of Hermiston and chamber of commerce recently put out a call for volunteers to serve on a committee to help develop a brand that represents our incredible community.

Many volunteered, including us. We are part of the committee that now consists of 25 community members with four Hermiston High School students.

The committee members all share an enthusiasm for Hermiston's future and are working hard to develop brand concepts that capture the spirit of Hermiston, and the vast spectrum of what this community stands for — our people, our businesses, our recreation, and more. It's been very rewarding serving our community in this way, and seeing so many people actively and passionately participating.

While coming up with a community brand is a process of deep thought, creativity and great responsibility, the committee members are also mindful of what the community said in the previous survey. In the end, we all share a love for this town, and the bright future Hermiston holds. We want the community to be proud of the work that comes out of the committee because we're representing you.

What you may not know is your input on a brand is not yet done. The committee will be sending out a survey to obtain the community's input on two brand concepts (logos and taglines). We want to know which brand concept you believe best embodies the foundation of what the Hermiston community is all about. Following your input, the committee will present an official brand concept for the community.

Until the community-wide survey is available (anticipated in March), we encourage you to visit www.Hermiston-Brand.com for updates and to read the latest news on the community branding effort.

From all members of the Community Brand Committee, thank you for your continued interest and support.

Ann Fialka, community volunteer
Dru Walchli, Hermiston High School student

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

FEB. 23, 2016

ELHAMI — Rocio Elhami and John Elhami of Hermiston; a boy, Julian John Elhami.

FEB. 26, 2016

ARNAUD — Talia C. Arnaud and Remi M. Arnaud of La Grande; a boy, Emric Charles Arnaud.

DAVIS — Catherine M. Dougharity and Deon Davis II of Pendleton; a boy, Deon Bentley Davis III.

FEB. 27, 2016

KOBASA — Jade B. Delury and Michael E. Kobasa of Pendleton; a boy, Carter Edward Kobasa.

FEB. 29, 2016

JONES — MaKeyla N. Jones of Pendleton; a girl, Haven Marie Jones.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

FEB. 23, 2016

PEREZ — Michaela K. Phillips and Mario Perez of Irrigon; a boy, Logan Perez.

WATTS — Amanda N. Hoffman and Kyle J. Watts of Hermiston; a girl, Rylee Elizabeth Watts.

FEB. 27, 2016

ORTIZ — Yesenia Campos and Hector Q. Ortiz of Hermiston; a boy, Izayah Hendryx Ortiz.

FEB. 29, 2016

BARRETO — Alexandra C. Ramirez and Sergio R. Barreto of Hermiston; a boy, Sergio Barreto III.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

AAUW, 11:30 a.m. no-host lunch, Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Helix High School students will present their documentary films. A short business meeting will follow the presentation.

PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-8 p.m. dinner, music 8 p.m. to midnight, Pendleton Eagles Lodge #28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828).

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

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).

PFLAG, (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), 4 p.m. no-host late lunch, 5 p.m. monthly meeting, location varies, Pendleton. (Vicki Read 541-966-8414).

MONDAY, MARCH 7

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP OF HERMISTON, 1 p.m., Desert

Lanes Bowling Alley meeting room, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. People with Parkinson's Disease, their care partners, family, friends and others affected by the disease are encouraged to attend. (Carol Clupny 541-720-4265).

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 to 8 p.m.)

UMATILLA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, 6:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall jury room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. All Umatilla County Democrats as well as those interested in participating in the political activities of the Democratic Party are encouraged to attend. (Sue Petersen 541-276-4569).

UMATILLA-MORROW HEAD START, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Leanna 541-564-6878).

GREATER HERMISTON AREA TEA PARTY, 7 p.m., Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915 S.E. Columbia Ave., Hermiston. (rob@greaterhermistonareateaparty.com).

HERMISTON CLASSICS CAR CLUB, 7 p.m., 31120 Baggett Lane, Hermiston. (541-571-5960 or 541-571-3252).

HEPPNER GARDEN CLUB, 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Senior Center, 525 N. Gale St.

Pet of the Week



Yin

Yin is a beautiful, petite cat with striking orange eyes that catch everyone's attention. She can be very shy, but loves people so much she sometimes vibrates with joy. She's looking for a home that wants a cuddle-bug, and is willing to take it slow and gentle. She would probably be very scared of loud children and would prefer a quieter home. She likes other cats, but would be OK as an only cat as well. She is spayed, up to date on vaccinations, and tested negative for FeLV.

IN MEMORY OF LARRY ZWEIG

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Anonymous Pet Lover

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