

Wildhorse Foundation announces grant awards

The **Wildhorse Foundation** recently announced its fourth quarter grants, which included the largest disbursement of \$11,990 to the **Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Department**.

The department's grant is for a pair of forward looking infra-red thermal imaging cameras. Credited with the ability to save multiple lives each year, the cameras will allow firefighters to "see" through darkness or smoke to enable first responders to locate the heat signature of victims and the point where the fire started.

The Pendleton Fire Department will provide training on equipment utilization for its firefighters, as well as those in neighboring agencies. The cameras will be made available to mutual aid partners to borrow when necessary.

The quarterly awards totaled \$185,391, which was distributed

to 28 recipients. Other local entities receiving grants include:

PENDLETON: City of Pendleton, Planning and Building Department, \$10,000 for LED fixtures for the Pendleton Aquatic Center; **Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation**, \$6,000 to help with detoxification for uninsured or indigent people; **St. Mary's Outreach**, \$10,000 to purchase groceries for the food pantry; **Sunridge Middle School**, \$9,699 for wood shot and technical education equipment; **Washington Elementary School**, \$7,960 for 80 Chromebooks for intermediate classrooms.

HERMISTON: Armand Larive Middle School, \$4,272 for iPads for seventh grade math classes; **Agape House**, \$7,500 for elementary school weekend food program; **Inland Northwest Musicians**, \$1,300 for repair and maintenance of donated string

instruments.

HELIX: Helix School District, \$9,935 for 30 Chromebooks for intermediate classrooms.

MILTON-FREEWATER: Milton-Freewater Rotary Club, \$10,000 for Emma's Place Memorial Park, an ADA playground.

STANFIELD: Stanfield Community Center, \$5,075 for a kitchen remodel, including a range hood, six-burner range, griddle, convection oven, warming oven, pot rack, food prep tables and hot well.

OTHER AREAS: Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo, Blue Mountain Action Council, Divide Camp, Eastern Oregon Community Based Services Hub, Eastern Oregon University, Enterprise Cemetery Maintenance District, Frenchtown Historical Foundation, Friends of the Elgin Opera House, Grande Ronde Symphony Association, Maryhill Museum

of Art, Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges & Universities, Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, The Health Center, Wallowa Mountain Pony Club, Wallowa Resources, Wallowa Valley Golf Association.

The foundation manages a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation from its gaming operation. The board considers quarterly grant applications in the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection and cultural activities. The next application deadline is Friday, April 1.

For more information, visit www.wildhorseresort.com or contact **Tiah DeGrofft** at 541-966-1628 or tiah.degrofft@wildhorseresort.com.

Two local libraries receive grants

Watch for new books on the shelves at a pair of local libraries, as the **Umatilla County Special Library District** reports the Weston and Stanfield libraries are the recent recipients of grant awards.

The **Weston Public Library** received a \$1,200 non-matching **Libri Books for Children Grant**. The foundation donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States. In the next few months, library staff will select a number of books suited to the needs of kids in the community.

The **Stanfield Public Library** was awarded a \$600 grant by the **Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation**. The grant, along with library funds, is being used to update the library's collection of health-related topics in both English and Spanish.

Both libraries are members of the Umatilla County Special Library District, which works to support public libraries in the county. For more information about the library district, contact **Dan Feil**, library district administrative assistant, at 541-276-6449, dan@ucsld.org or visit www.ucsld.org.

Youths participate in FFA Legislative Day in Salem

To connect with and inspire the next generation of advocates for Oregon agriculture, the **Oregon Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers** organized an FFA Legislative Day Jan. 21 at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem.

The group of 17 included the FFA officer team, two FFA advisers and state FFA staff. Visits from legislators included **Sen. Bill Hansell**, R-Athena, and **Rep. Susan McLain**, D-Hillsboro. As a former FFA officer, Hansell enjoyed sharing his experience and insight.

The group learned about lobbying as a career and heard issue updates from **Jenny Dresler**, Farm Bureau director of public policy, and **Mary Anne Nash**, Farm Bureau public policy counsel. **Beth Reiley** and **Beth Patrino**, legislative committee staff, gave the group tips on how to follow bills with the online Oregon Legislative Information System and how to testify before committees in person and in



Sen. Bill Hansell addresses youths attending FFA Legislative Day Jan. 21 at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem.

writing. Oregon Department of Agriculture Deputy Director **Lisa Hanson** talked about agriculture issues and fielded questions from the students.

Introducing FFA members to the Oregon Capitol, explaining the legislative process and

educating them about public policy issues impacting farmers and ranchers are all critical to the future of Oregon agriculture, said **Kathy Hadley**, past chair of the YF&R committee.

"This group was comprised of top-notch FFA leaders — kids

that will potentially have an office in this building someday," Hadley said.

For more information about the Oregon Farm Bureau, contact Anne Marie Moss at annemarie@oregonfb.org, 503-399-1701 or visit www.oregonfb.org.

Young Pendleton library patron wins college scholarship

Congratulations are in order to **Olivia Bagley**.

The young **Pendleton Public Library** patron recently won a \$1,000 Oregon College Savings Account scholarship through **Ready 2 Learn**. The program encourages library use and the development of early literacy skills for children under age 6.

Kids that use their library card to check out books or participate in library activities like story times are entered into drawings for

scholarships and baskets of books.

The scholarships are administered through an Oregon College Savings Plan account, which families can add to. The money can be accessed when the child enrolls in college.

For more information about enrolling in the program, contact your local library or visit www.ready2learnoregon.org. For details about college savings accounts, visit www.oregon-collegesavings.com.



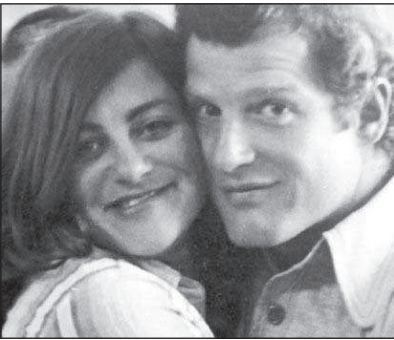
Pendleton Public Library patron Olivia Bagley, right, recently won an Oregon College Savings Account scholarship through the Ready 2 Learn program.

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ANNIVERSARY



Julie and Stuart Dick in 1976

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Stuart and Julie Dick will celebrate 40 years of marriage Sunday, March 13, 2016.

The couple lives in Irrigon.



BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MARCH 3, 2016

RIDDLE MARSHALL — Sydney N. Riddle and Dante L. Marshall of Hermiston; a boy, Alijah Lamar Riddle Marshall.

MARCH 4, 2016

COLE — Liberty Cole and Brian Cole of Hermiston; a boy, Camden Alvis Scott Cole.

VALENCIA — Gloria Galvan and Daniel Valencia of Hermiston; a boy, Iker Valencia.

MARCH 5, 2016

HARP — Cassidy L. Harp and James A. Harp II of Hermiston; a girl, Novalee Dawn Harp.



Pet of the Week

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