



Paul Howland, Randy Randolph, Cody Mawhinney, Mike Vescio, Marilyn Holt, Rich Lani, Robin Berheim, Tyrel Burns and Tim Rynearson are pictured during a National Weather Service Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador presentation to District 12 of the Oregon Department of Transportation.

ODOT drives away with Weather-Ready award

The National Weather Service recently recognized District 12 of the Oregon Department of Transportation as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador.

The presentation to Marilyn Holt, ODOT district manager, was made by Mike Vescio, meteorologist-in-charge, and Dennis Hull, warning coordination meteorologist, both of the Pendleton National Weather Service office, during a recent meeting of district supervisors in Pendleton.

ODOT District 12 maintains roads in several heavy snow areas, including Weston Mountain, Cabbage Hill, Meacham, Battle Mountain, Spray Mountain and freezing fog prone areas from Milton-Freewater to Boardman. Also, blowing dust threatens travelers in these areas during the dry season.

The close cooperation between ODOT and the National Weather Service has allowed more efficient management of resources and road maintenance, Hull said in a press release.

The Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador initiative is an effort of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to formally recognize partners who are improving the nation's readiness, responsiveness and overall resilience against extreme weather, water and climate events.

For more about the local weather service office, visit www.wrh.noaa.gov/pdt.

THANK YOU
Returned purse shows goodness

There are really some honest and caring people in this world.

Last week in one of my busy moments I left my purse in a shopping cart in a store parking lot. After two more stops I discovered my purse was gone. Thinking it had been stolen out of my car, I stopped Officer Zumwalt and told him I thought my purse had been stolen. He suggested I go home and call the store.

Someone had turned it in and everything was still in it, including the \$200 from the bank. Meanwhile, Officer Zumwalt went to the parking lot to check for me. I called and said it had been turned in and he offered to pick it up for me.

I'm so thankful for honest, good, caring people.

Darrylin Collinsworth
Hermiston



LEFT: Oregon Connections Academy ninth grader Cheyenne Dutton of Umatilla learns how a special thermometer measures temperature and humidity during a field trip to the National Weather Service Pendleton office. RIGHT: Seventh grader Lance Quigg of Pendleton examines a replica of the largest hailstone on record.



Field trip forecasts first-hand learning

Dennis Hull, warning coordination meteorologist at the Pendleton National Weather Service office, recently shared his knowledge with a group of students from the Oregon Connections Academy.

Teachers Carrie Hargrove and Janet Carlsen organized the Feb. 25 field trip, which included several students and parents, to provide a first-hand educational experience. Students learned how to use a specialized thermometer that measures humidity and temperature. In addition, they had an opportunity to examine a replica of the largest hailstone on record. Weighing nearly two pounds, the hailstone, which measured 18 inches in circumference, fell in Vivian, South Dakota, on July 23, 2010.

ORCA, Oregon's largest virtual public charter school, hosts dozens of field trips each year across the state. For more information about ORCA, visit www.connectionsacademy.com/oregon-online-school.

Salvation Army thanks Averal Thomas for 25 years of service

Things recently came up roses for a 25-year employee of the Pendleton Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Commanders Ricky Scruggs and Sylvia Scruggs, lieutenants of The Salvation Army Pendleton Corps, recognized Averal Thomas for her longevity in serving at the local thrift store. The couple commended Thomas for her dedicated service in helping boost sales at the store, which has become a significant financial source for the Pendleton Corps in feeding more than 17,000 people each year.

A special 50 percent off sale in celebration of Thomas' service continues



Photo contributed by Bill Dochnahl

Averal Thomas was recently presented red roses to commemorate 25 years of employment at the Pendleton Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Saturday at the local Salvation Army Thrift Store, 1805 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton.

For more information, call 541-276-3301 or visit www.facebook.com/Pendletonsalvationarmy.



Photo contributed by Carol Michael

Performers with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival presented 'Hamlet' in February for junior high and high school students in Irrigon and Boardman.

Idaho actors stage 'Hamlet' in Morrow County

Performers with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival recently traveled from Boise to present programs in Morrow County.

The actors staged "Hamlet" for junior high and high school students Feb. 16-17 in Irrigon and Boardman. Featuring some of Shakespeare's most famous characters and themes, there were ghosts, delusions, chattering skulls, clashing swords and quotes remembered, including "To be or not to be, that is the question" and "Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him."

The six professionally trained actors played multiple roles, while constantly moving the sets about, said Carol Michael of the North Morrow Community Foundation. In addition to a pair of performances at each at school, students were provided an opportunity to learn professional skills during drama workshops.

The enrichment activities were made possible through funding from the Morrow County Cultural Coalition and sponsorship by the North Morrow Community Foundation.

For more about the North Morrow Community Foundation, contact Michael at cnrmichael@gmail.com.

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ENGAGEMENT



Whitbread-Campbell

Aleah Joy Whitbread and John David Campbell of Pendleton are announcing their engagement. Aleah is the daughter of David and Sandra Whitbread of Pendleton. John is the son of Steve and Martha Campbell, also of Pendleton.

A wedding is planned in June.

Tammy Hadden wins Guardian pool table

Guardian Care Center recently congratulated Tammy Hadden, as her raffle ticket was drawn Feb. 1 for a beautifully restored 1912 Brunswick pool table.

The pool table, which was removed from Blue Mountain Recovery Center before demolition of the facility, was beautifully restored by an inmate crew from Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution. The inmates spent hundreds of hours on the restoration project, which began in October 2015. EOCI donated the pool table to Guardian Care Center so it could be raffled off as a fundraiser.

Serving all of Umatilla County, Guardian Care Center is a nonprofit child abuse assessment center, located in Pendleton. For more information, contact 541-276-6774 or visit www.guardiancarecenter.org.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton MARCH 6, 2016 CLOOTEN — Mary N. (Godfrey) Clooten and Blaine R. Clooten of Pendleton; a boy, Cole James Clooten. MARCH 10, 2016 HARSIN — Mindie C. Petersen and Bobby J. Harsin of Pendleton; a boy, Landry Wade Dean Harsin. MARCH 12, 2016 PALOMINO — Ana L. Zuniga and Silvestre Palomino of Boardman; a boy, Anthony Palomino.	Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston MARCH 9, 2016 PINAN — Sandie Rasmussen and Patrick Pinan of Hermiston; a boy, Royce Michael Pinan. MARCH 10, 2016 MORALES ECHEVERRIA — Jasmine E. Morales and Luis A. Morales of Hermiston; a boy, Cornelio Morales Echeverria.
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Pet of the Week



Boomer

If you've been waiting to adopt a cat because you want one that's a bit more unique, you're in luck! Boomer is a special kind of kitty, a polydactyl cat who was primarily bred to catch mice. He is 3 years old and super friendly. Come give Boomer a new furever home at PAWS today!

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It is impossible to determine how many stray dogs and cats live in the United States; estimates for cats alone range up to 70 million.

About twice as many animals enter shelters as strays compared to the number that are relinquished by their owners.

Help control the homeless pet population and spay and neuter your pets!

Approximately 7.6 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year.

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Homeless animals are counting on you. Make a difference today.

NEEDED: Volunteer drivers to and from spay/neuter clinics. Call for more information. 541-276-0181

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