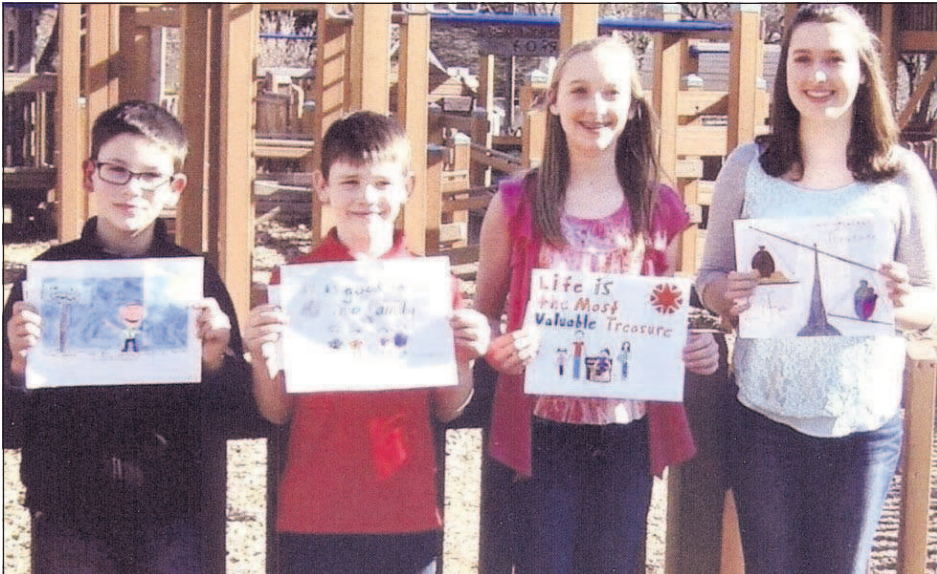


Student poster to grace Southgate billboard

A poster created by **Kendall Bonzani**, a local seventh-grader, will soon be featured on a billboard sponsored by **Pendleton Right to Life** on Southgate in Pendleton.

The group recently selected winners in its annual poster contest from entries produced by Pendleton youths in four age groups. In addition to the overall winner, top age group entries were **Andy Kubishta**, second grade; **Kael Kennedy**, third grade; and **Sierra Bonzani**, ninth grade.

The Pendleton Right to Life highlights pro-life awareness and education in the community. For more information, contact **Dennis Hull** at 541-969-7136 or dmhull@charter.net.



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McKay Creek residents celebrate world culture

As part of its Everything Around the World theme, **McKay Creek Estates** recently celebrated Filipino culture at its Pendleton assisted living facility.

The **Eastern Oregon Philippine-American Community** visited the facility and shared different aspects of their culture with residents, staff and family. **Legaya Bernabe**, the group's president, served as the host as they presented traditional dances, such as the Candle dance or Pandango sa Ilaw and the Fan dance. In addition, both adults and kids demonstrated the famous bamboo dance or Tinikling.

Several residents of the facility proudly donned traditional costumes and were happy to experience life as Filipinos for an hour, said **Noemi Wiseman**, McKay Creek executive director.

"And, for that moment they were considered as



The Eastern Oregon Philippine-American Community recently visited McKay Creek Estates. The group shared about their culture as part of the Pendleton assisted living facility's Everything Around the World theme.

delegates from the Philippines," she added. "It was a fun-filled event."

Judge Richard Courson was among the first facility residents to put on his Barong Tagalog outfit. After the cultural presentation, the Philippine community members socialized with residents and posed for photos with them.

"I received a lot of compliments by wearing this beautiful outfit," said McKay Creek resident **Marge Eckman**, who wore a light blue kimono top and white skirt.

For more information about activities at the center, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.com. For more about the Eastern Oregon Philippine-American Community, visit www.facebook.com/groups/520352961332014.

Crabby's mixes it up with local bars

Crabby's Underground Saloon with its Sweet Pendleton Peach Tea took top honors in the recent Battle of the Bars.

Seven local watering holes competed during the March 4 event in the Let 'er Buck Room in Pendleton. The winning drink was a combination of Pendleton Whisky, peach schnapps, sweet tea, frozen peaches and mint leaves. Money raised from the event benefits the **Pendleton Round-up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame**.

Other participants included **Sundown Bar & Grill**, **Vigil's at Cimmiyotti's**, **Mac's Bar & Grill**, **Hamley's**, **Wildhorse Sports Bar and Pendleton Coffee Bean and Bistro**. Each establishment made a signature drink containing Pendleton Whisky and guests voted for their favorite. The event, in its sixth year, is the largest yearly fundraiser for the hall of fame.

"We owe a huge thank you to all of the bars that participated as well as the community that came out to support this great cause," said **Cydney Curtis**, hall of fame publicity director. "The community really stands behind this event, which is wonderful to see."

Curtis also thanked the Round-Up Association and Happy Canyon Company for their help. In addition, she said **Mike Ledbetter**, Let 'er Buck Room director, contributed to pulling the event together, as well as numerous volunteers.

Steber wins Beverly Hills book award

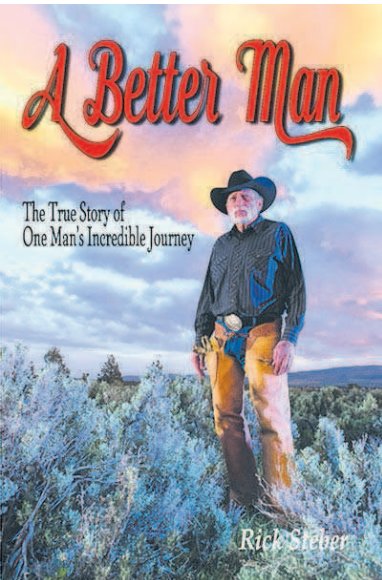
Beverly Hills Book Awards recently announced that **Rick Steber**'s book, "A Better Man," has been selected as the winner of the Best Regional Non-Fiction Award for 2015.

The Beverly Hills Book Awards is an international competition open to all English language books. In selecting winners, a panel of judges from all aspects of the book industry — publishers, writers, editors and copywriters — considered criteria including the quality of writing, content, cover design and aesthetic components.

In addition to winning this prestigious award, the book also was chosen as a finalist for the 2015 USA Best Book Award in the category of Health: Addiction & Recovery.

The book is about **Dave Franke**, a successful construction company owner in central Oregon. With a payroll exceeding \$1 million a month, Franke was on top of the world until a recession came crashing down on the building industry. With his life spiraling out of control, Franke turned to alcohol.

"A Better Man" is an inspiring story about Franke wrestling with his demons and his continuing journey.



"A Better Man," by **Rick Steber** was recently selected as **Best Regional Non-Fiction Award for 2015** by **Beverly Hills Book Awards**.

Steber, who has penned more than 40 books, lives and writes in Prineville. He is the only Oregon author to have won the prestigious Western Writers of America Spur Award for Best Western Novel. For more about the author and his books, visit www.ricksteber.com.

ENGAGEMENT Hughes-Bailey

Jessica Hughes and Lane Bailey of Heppner are announcing their upcoming wedding.

Jessica is the daughter of Kevin and Angie Hughes of Heppner. She is a 2010 graduate of Heppner High School, a 2014 graduate of Eastern Oregon University and a 2015 graduate of Colorado State University. She is employed as a kindergarten teacher for the Echo School District.

Lane is the son of Ken and Kaedene Bailey of Heppner. A 2008 graduate of Heppner High School and a graduate of Northwest Lineman College, he is a journeyman lineman for Pacific Power in



Lane Bailey and Jessica Hughes

Pendleton.

The couple will be married Saturday, June 25 at 4 p.m. at the Hughes Ranch near Ukiah.

THANK YOU'S Teacher thanks Altrusa's support of literacy

In behalf of **Armand Larive Middle School** language arts department, I would like to thank **Altrusa International of Hermiston** for supporting literacy in our school.

Literacy Foundation chairs **Karen Zacharias** and **Angela Pursel** worked with our school to bring **Kelli Estes** as a guest author. She gave five presentations to our eighth graders about researching subject matter and becoming an author. Her book, "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk," a four-star customer review book through Amazon, is inspired by true events. Kelli Estes' "brilliant and atmospheric debut serves as a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing, and the power of our own stories."

This is the second year Altrusa has supported our school by bringing in not only an author, but also donating Ms. Estes' book to our library.

Many thanks and appreciation to the Altrusa Club of Hermiston!

Corinne Applegate
Armand Larive Middle School
Language Arts Department

Community pulls together to help others

On March 11, the **Stanfield Community Center** held a benefit lasagna dinner for two families that were victims of a multiple dwelling fire at the Stage Gulch RV Park in Stanfield.

On Dec. 28, 2015, there was an explosion at the RV park and actually three families had extensive fire damage. One of those families has since left the area. The other two, **John and Charlene Marcum** and the **Earnest Casey, Ricque Baker families** were left without homes, not to mention all their belongings.

The lasagna dinner and dessert auction, sponsored by the **Stanfield Fire Department**, were a big hit and the two families were able to get rents on new homes paid ahead and have some money left over for needed items.

We would like to thank everyone for pulling together to help our friends of the community after the devastation that fire brings about. These families and the Stanfield Community Center are most grateful for such a generous response.

Cheryl Tucker
Stanfield Community Center

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

APRIL 3, 2016

ROGERS — Jessica A. Rogers and Jason C. Rogers; a boy, Arie Leo Rogers.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

APRIL 1, 2016

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APRIL 3, 2016

SORENSEN — Megan Sorensen of Boardman; a boy, Logan Chase Sorensen.

APRIL 5, 2016

PALMER — Tyan J. Palmer of Hermiston; a boy, Jaiden Richard Palmer.

APRIL 6, 2016

LEMUS — Maria Morales and Victor Lemus of Boardman; a boy, Liam Jomari Lemus.

SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

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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