

Pendleton residents win speech contests

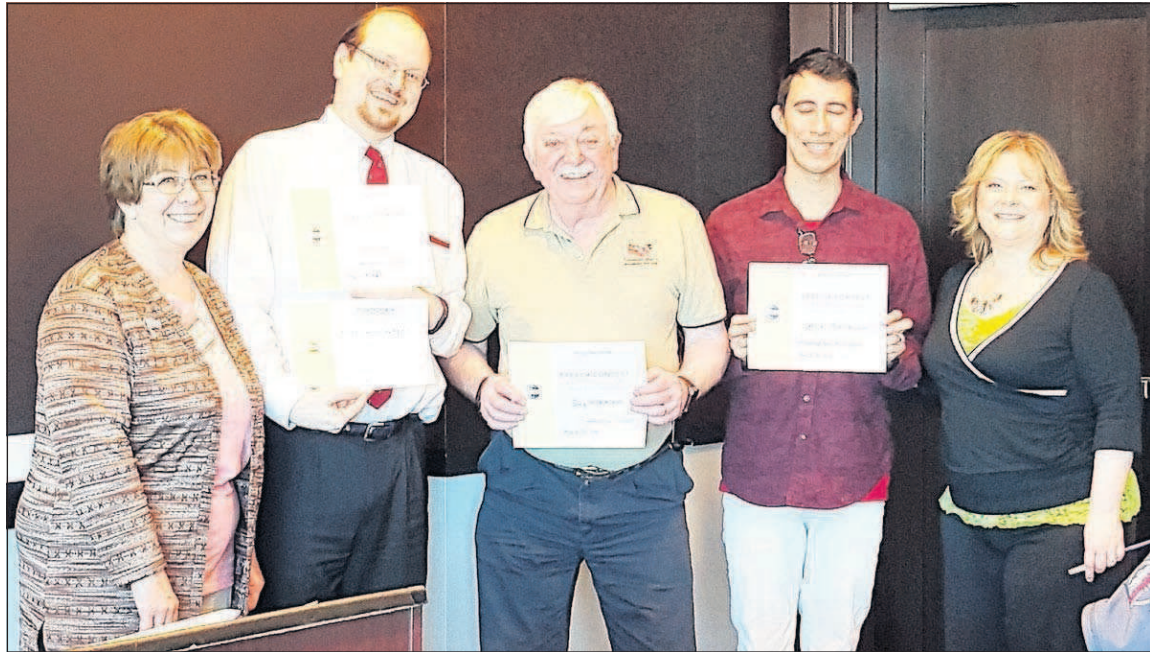
The Cay-Uma-Wa and Pendleton Toastmasters clubs joined forces March 30 for club level International Speech Contests at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

The winners of the evaluation categories were **Roy Jones** representing Cay-Uma-Wa and **Gary Hildebrand** representing Pendleton. Both winners evaluated a target speech given by **Pam Peterson**, a member of Cay-Uma-Wa. The evaluators were given several minutes to critique the speech in a constructive manner.

Jones, along with **Mitch Montchalin** of Pendleton, won the International Speech category. Both speakers were allotted five-seven minutes to deliver a speech on the topic of their choice.

Contest chairperson was **Jan Taylor** and Toastmaster for the contest meeting was **Jennifer Zerba**.

All of the winners advanced to the area contest, held April 13 at Blue Mountain Community College in Hermiston. The winner of the area contest can advance



Jan Taylor and Roy Jones, both of the Cay-uma-wa Toastmasters Club; and Gary Hildebrand, Mitch Montchalin and Jennifer Zerba, all of Pendleton Toastmasters Club, participated in the club level International Speech Contests March 30 at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

to division and district levels. The district winner will compete in August at the International Convention in Washington, D.C.

Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit educational organization that empowers individuals to become more effective

communicators and leaders. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, visit www.toastmasters.org.

Photo contributed by Jim Marquardt



The McNary Channel Ponds near McNary Dam were recently seeded with approximately 2,000 fish.

ODFW stocks McNary Ponds

The McNary Channel Ponds near McNary Dam were seeded with approximately 2,000 fish prior to the April 2 Family Fishing Event sponsored by the **Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife**.

Volunteers provided equipment and taught youths how to bait, cast and reel in their catch. Adults received tips on basic rigging, fish identification and casting. The program provides a unique opportunity for families to learn how to fish together and discover how much fun it can be.

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Three dozen Morrow County youths recently participated in a Missoula Children's Theatre production of 'Rumpelstiltskin.'

Young actors shine in theater production

Three dozen Morrow County youths tired out for parts in the 2016 **Missoula Children's Theatre** production of "Rumpelstiltskin."

During a week of rehearsals at Windy River Elementary School, the young actors and actresses listened, jumped, sang, clapped, laughed, learned acting skills, practiced mime techniques, learned their own lines and everyone else's lines as well, said **Carol Michael** of the North Morrow Community Foundation.

On March 25, they tried their costumes on for the first time — suddenly the Busy Bumble Bees were actually transformed into insects and spontaneously buzzed around trying out their stingers. The Wizards all had magic tricks, and the Grumpy Gnomes were incredibly grumpy.

A pair of performances were staged March 27. An audience of nearly 100 parents and community members applauded each performance.

Performers included: **Dezirae Klaviter, Leti Bernal, Arianna Velasco, Zach Hall, Olivia Lawson, Josh Gray, Hannah Lawson, Marissa Sorensen, Abigail Prosser, Alexis Partlow, Alissa Kennedy, Allison Newton, Nevaeh Hall, Emma Beaty, Karensa Jones, Aunika Partlow, Sydney Newton, Kaylee**

Christy, Paula Di Mauro, Estella Castro, Zane Kennedy, Finnegan Lawson, Marian Calderon, Alyssa Sorensen, Alejandro Rosales-Madrigal, Yelena Bernal, Suzie Newton, Rachel Sorensen, Samantha Newton, Ariel Gray, Sara Sorensen, Austin Newton, Kasey Salgado, Lucia Di Mauro and Elana Salgado. Noah Lawson was assistant director and operated the light board.

The accompanist, **Connie McElrath**, drove to Boardman from the Tri-Cities. She has donated her services to Missoula productions for many years, Michael said. The two "stage moms," **Diana Cutsforth** and **Amelia Newton**, were with the actors each day.

Michael expressed appreciation to Windy River Principal **Brandon Hammond** for the use of the facilities, and to school custodians **Curtis Johnson** and **Walt McElrath** for opening and closing the facility.

The youths learned new skills under the direction of two Missoula Children's Theatre directors, **John Siedenbergh II** from Kentucky and **Alice Gittins** of Utah. This spring break workshop was sponsored by North Morrow Community Foundation and funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Photo contributed by Carol Michael

EOU board nominates new board members

Nicole Almanza, Jeff Dense and Cynthia (Sam) McCumber are set to join the **Eastern Oregon University board of trustees**.

The three were approved by the board March 30 during a special public meeting held via telephone. **Brad Stephens**, an orthopedic surgeon from Joseph, also was confirmed to fill the seat vacated by **Tom Insko**, who became an ex-officio member when he was named university president last July.

David Nelson, board chair, will notify the governor of the recommendations. The governor will make final appointments, subject to confirmation by the state senate, which is expected in May. New trustees begin their tenure July 1.

Almanza, who assumes the student seat on the board, is a mentor for the Diversity Excellence Mentoring Program and president of the Latino Impact club; Dense, who is a faculty representative, is a professor of political science with a research interest in the economic impact of Oregon's craft brewing industry; and McCumber, who holds the staff seat, is the academic advisor coordinator for social sciences and modern languages at EOU.

Elsie Praeger-Goller, an elementary education major; **Ray Brown**, assistant professor of education; and **Pat Hinton**, print services technician; are the trustees whose terms are expiring. Students, faculty and staff serve two-year appointments, while the 11 community positions serve four-year terms.

Upcoming board meetings are Thursday, April 21 and Thursday, June 2. For more information, contact **Laura Hancock**, communications coordinator, at 541-962-3585 or lhancock@eou.edu or visit www.eou.edu/governance.

THANK YOU

Hard work makes for great recycling event

Great job, city of Hermiston. The planning and execution that went into the one-day recycling event on April 9 was awesome. It was so simple I did not have to get out of my vehicle. The people doing the work did a wonderful job, I was in and out in ten minutes!

Thanks to UECA for the use of their large gravel lot. I wish we had curbside recycling in our growing community.

Bruce Wilcox
Hermiston

BIRTHS

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APRIL 6, 2016

LINFOOT — Vanessa M. Trickle and Khrysstopher L. Linfoot of Pendleton; a girl, Mariah Grace Linfoot.

APRIL 8, 2016

LOPEZ — Adeline A. Surface and Sergio Lopez Jr. of Pendleton; a boy, Zayden Hasteen Lopez.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

APRIL 8, 2016

UTTKE — Sierra Hoffman and Joseph Uttke of Hermiston; a boy, Gregory Carl Uttke.

WHITE — Karli G. White and Brian J. White of Hermiston; a girl, Bethany Kristine White.

Pet of the Week



Bella

Bella is an independent lady. She enjoys having her owner all to herself. She is just 3 years old, and doesn't enjoy spending her days at the shelter. She is a very affectionate girl, she has all of her shots and is spayed. Bella is a Domestic Shorthair/Mix with brown and white fur. She weighs about 10 pounds, and is fun to watch play with her toys. If you would like to meet Bella, she'd love you to visit her at PAWS in Pendleton.

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