

## McKay Creek Estates residents take the mound

Several residents of McKay Creek Estates were honored as guests during the April 30 Pendleton High School baseball game at Bob White Field.

Noemi Wiseman, the facility's executive director, said three of the residents — Don Peck, Barbie Davis and Kris Travers — were thrilled with an opportunity to throw out the first pitch prior to the start of the game. Other residents who were in attendance included Mel Bates, Teresa Ramirez, Thelma Lindner, Jean Thomson and Richard Courson. They were accompanied by the facility's activity director Diane Fitzpatrick, Wiseman and her 8-year-old daughter, Tiffany.



Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman

Residents of McKay Creek Estates were the guests of honor during the April 30 baseball game between the Pendleton Buckaroos and the Hermiston Bulldogs.

"The smiles on our residents' faces are priceless," Wiseman said. "This a great experience that will always be remembered."

Pendleton baseball coach T.J. Haguewood said it was exciting for the players to have the McKay Creek residents cheering them on.

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

## Area Scouts collect donations for food banks

Members of Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington and Boy Scouts of America Blue Mountain Council Pack 645 teamed up to collect almost 1.5 tons of nonperishable food for three local food banks during Scouting for Food.

On April 30, the youths canvassed neighborhoods in five towns for donations for the annual food drive. The community service project is a two-step process, said Michelle Kane, volunteer communications coordinator Girl Scouts of Oregon and S.W. Washington Service Unit 22. The girls and boys went out earlier in the week to distribute fliers in their assigned areas, then went back to collect the contributions.

Six Girl Scout troops and one Cub Scout den took part in this year's project and were able to pull together 2,955 pounds of food, Kane said. Girl Scout



Photo contributed by Michelle Kane

Girl Scout troops 51425 and 51444 and Cub Scout Pack 645 collected donations in Hermiston during Scouting For Food to be distributed through Agape House.

troops 51425 and 51444, and Cub Scout Pack 645, all located in Hermiston, collected a total of 1,293 pounds for Agape House. Girl Scout Troop 50117 of

Umatilla collected an additional 90 pounds for Agape House.

Girl Scout troops 10298 and 50488 of the Echo/Stanfield area collected

1,400 pounds for the Echo Food Bank. And, Girl Scout Troop 51413, located in Pendleton, rounded up 172 pounds for St. Mary's Outreach in Pendleton.

## Children's Museum cashes in rural community grant

Northwest Farm Credit Services recently awarded the Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon a \$1,000 Northwest FCS Rural Community Grant.

Heidi Anderson, children's museum executive director, said the money would be used to build a rotating exhibit space to provide educational support for children and families in the community.

"With this support, we will be able to introduce science, technology, engineering, art and math in a whole new way," Anderson said. "We are truly grateful to Northwest Farm Credit Services for helping turn today's youth into tomorrow's leaders."

Northwest FCS is committed to helping rural communities succeed. During the first rural grant cycle of 2016, more than \$99,000 was awarded. Since the program's inception in 2007, the company has presented 527 rural grants totaling more than \$1,047,000.



Photo contributed by Debra Strohmaier

Northwest Farm Credit Services recently made a donation to the Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon. Participating in the ceremonial check-passing were Northwest FCS Customer Service Representative Shelley Atkinson, Children's Museum Program Coordinator Elizabeth Woodiwiss, Northwest FCS Financial Specialist Marty Skillman, Northwest FCS Insurance Specialist Amanda Short, Children's Museum Director Heidi Anderson.

The next rural grant deadline is June 1, 2016. For more information about the grant program, visit [www.northwestfcs.com/Stewardship/](http://www.northwestfcs.com/Stewardship/)

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The Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon is located at 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. It's open Monday through

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact 541-276-1066, [director@cmeo.org](mailto:director@cmeo.org) or visit [www.cmeo.org](http://www.cmeo.org).

## Pendleton woman chosen for Duke medical program

Julie Peck-Rendon has been selected to take part in the Exploring Medicine in Foreign Cultures Program offered by Duke School of Medicine.

The Pendleton resident is one of four students chosen from all Duke Health profession programs. Peck-Rendon will spend 10 days in Honduras learning about cultural awareness and medical training in a third world country. She will learn first-hand the challenges associated with health care

for individuals in the environment.

Peck-Rendon hopes to gain a deeper understanding of the people of Honduras and their community.

By examining health care challenges and understanding the needs in other communities, Peck hopes to become a better nurse practitioner. She looks forward to the experience, which will provide her with an opportunity to make a difference.

For more about the program, visit [www.global-health.duke.edu](http://www.global-health.duke.edu).



Peck-Rendon

## THANK YOU

### Rascal Rodeo ropes in special needs advocate

I want to give an enormous thank you to Rascal Rodeo founder Ann-Erica Whitmarsh for putting on a fun-filled event in our local Farm-City Pro Rodeo Arena.

This generous and well-run organization utilizes volunteers who assist individuals with disabilities as they experience the excitement of various rodeo events including the opportunity to ride a real horse.

All participants received a shirt, hat, bandanna and either a sheriff's badge or crown at no cost to the participant. The rain and mud did nothing to dampen the spirits of the cowboys and cowgirls "yeehawing" their way through the five different activities.

One of the best aspects of this event is that there is not an age limit for the participants. So often these

wonderful opportunities are limited to children and do not include young adults with a disability. At first, my young adult daughter who has Autism Spectrum Disorder was hesitant about attending, but the minute we arrived at the arena she immediately began rotating to the stations ranging from "milking" a cow to riding a bucking unicorn.

We are truly fortunate to have the caliber of people who helped provide this positive event for the disabled in our community. I know that my daughter will look forward to attending another Rascal Rodeo event and I would encourage anyone who has a child with a disability to consider attending.

More information can be obtained about this organization by visiting the Rascal Rodeo website.

Kristi Smalley, board member of Special Olympics and The Arc Umatilla County

## BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

MAY 11, 2016

OBONYO OMONDI — Kristen J. Van Cleave and Collins Omondi Obonyo of Pendleton; a boy, Hudson Timothy Obonyo Omondi.

MAY 12, 2016

ZAVALZA — Veronica Rios and Francisco Zavalza of Pendleton; a girl, Yoselin Zavalza.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MAY 11, 2016

KALAL — Rosalyn D. Morton of Hermiston; a boy, Jace Michael Kalal.

MCCOMAS — Megan V. McComas and Michael E.

McComas Jr. of Hermiston; a girl, Josette Elise McComas.

MAY 12, 2016

APPLEGATE — Misty L. Applegate and Maverick D. Williams of Hermiston; a boy, Silas David Applegate.

SKINNER — Jessica D. Terry and Bryce J. Skinner of Echo; a girl, Lily May Skinner.

MAY 13, 2016

GAEDE — Michelle Gaede and James Gaede of Echo; a girl, Kennedy Cecilia Gaede.

MAY 16, 2016

SEGURA HERNANDEZ — Otilia M. Hernandez Elias and Vicor D. Segura Martinez of Hermiston; a boy, Daniel Segura Hernandez.

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# Pet of the Week



Lola

Allow me to introduce myself, I'm Lola, it's so very nice to meet you! I'm looking for someone who will play with me, take me on walks and adventures, and most importantly, love me as much as I love them. I am a beautiful Chihuahua about 5 years old. I have been spayed and up to date on all shots. I am a bit shy at first, but warm up quickly. Let's meet up soon so we can see if we are right for each other.

Studies have shown that people with pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.

Anonymous Pet Lover



If never spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate & their puppies could produce over 66,000 dogs in a year!

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A cat will almost never meow at another cat. Cats use this sound for humans.

Approximately 2.7 million shelter animals are adopted each year (1.4 million dogs and 1.3 million cats).

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

Visit Lola at the Pioneer Humane Society/PAWS  
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541-276-0181 • [pendletonpaws.org](http://pendletonpaws.org)

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Amanda Jacobs at  
541-278-2683