

IMESD receives
Innovation Awards

The **InterMountain Education Service District** was awarded two New Ideas in Education Innovation Awards for 2015-16 by the **Oregon Association of Education Service Districts** in May.

Given annually, the awards are for innovative ideas, projects or programs initiated in member ESD organizations. The IMESD was awarded for its School Security Initiative and its Wellness Hubs.

The School Security Initiative is a partnership between the IMESD, the **Pendleton Police Department** and other regional law enforcement agencies to identify security concerns at school buildings and develop plans to be more prepared for school incidents. **Stuart Roberts**, chief of the Pendleton Police Department, has worked diligently to do site visits at all IMESD school districts to inspect buildings and recommend safety improvements.

Integrating health and education to empower students and families to be healthy and ready to learn is the mission of the Wellness Hubs. It forms partnerships between school districts, local public health departments and community agencies to provide healthcare at school buildings.

Wellness Hubs are currently operating in the Morrow County, Echo, Milton-Freewater and Umatilla school districts, with plans to implement additional hubs in school districts next school year. Partnering agencies that make this care possible include: **Umatilla Morrow Head Start, CAPECO, Oregon Department of Human Services, Advantage Dental, Morrow County Health District, Columbia River Community Health Services, Morrow County Court, Morrow County Public Health, Umatilla County Public Health, Boardman Police Department, Morrow County Sheriff's Department and Community Counseling Solutions** through **Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Initiative**.

Mark Mulvihill, IMESD superintendent, said the regional partnerships make a difference for students across Eastern Oregon.

According to OAESD's Innovation Award criteria, the program or project must have a positive impact on students or ESD services and be sustainable and capable of reproduction.

Pendleton student
heads up diaper drive

Lora Brandhagen, a **Pendleton High School** student, recently organized a diaper drive for **Pregnancy Care Services** of Pendleton.

Brandhagen and other local volunteers collected donations at **Wal-Mart**. The community of Pendleton responded in an incredible way, donating more than 9,000 diapers, said **Sara Taylor**, director of Pregnancy Care Services. People also donated new infant clothing and bottles.

"Our center is now overflowing with diapers. We have enough diapers to help girls and families in crisis pregnancy situations for quite awhile. We are excited to be able to offer this help to community members in need, and super happy that young people today and the city of Pendleton were so generous," Taylor said.

For more information or to make donations to Pregnancy Care Services, contact Taylor at sara@pregnancycareservices.com or 541-276-5757.



Greg Hadden and Ron Wiseman of Mid Columbia Bass Anglers recently participated in a fishing program with residents at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton.

McKay Creek residents get outdoors

In celebration of Everything Great Outdoors at **McKay Creek Estates**, two members of **Professional Fishermen of Mid Columbia Bass Anglers** visited the facility.

Greg Hadden and **Ron Wiseman** brought ranger boats to show to the residents and told fishing stories. **Bill Storie** and **Bill Jones**, facility residents, were thrilled to share fishing day memories with the two anglers. Fishing will always be part of their life as an outdoor activity, said **Noemi Wiseman**, executive director.

In addition, as part of the June outdoors theme, residents went on a picnic trip to the aviary at Pioneer Park in Walla Walla. All of the residents that went on the picnic said they enjoyed the park as well as watching several kinds of birds and ducks, Wiseman said.

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



Patricia Whitman, Frannie Bissinger and Gloria "Glo" Jim of McKay Creek Estates are all smiles after a recent trip to the aviary at Pioneer Park in Walla Walla.



The Good Shepherd Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary recently installed officers for 2016-17. They are Geri McMullen, president; Pat Moncrief, vice president; Lena Ray, treasurer; and June Rosenberg, secretary.

Hospital auxiliary elects new officers

Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary recently installed new officers for 2016-17.

Those elected were **Geri McMullen**, president; **Pat Moncrief**, vice president; **June Rosenberg**, secretary; and **Lena Ray**, treasurer.

Membership in the auxiliary is open to all qualified persons who are interested in volunteering at

Good Shepherd Medical Center. Volunteers are expected to conform to the same standards of conduct as hospital personnel.

In addition to representing the hospital, members participate with fundraising projects to provide medical equipment for the hospital and scholarships for **Good Shepherd** employees wanting to further their education and community members

interested in pursuing a career in the medical field.

To learn more about opportunities to share time, talent and energy to support the community through **Good Shepherd**, contact **Cindy Schaan**, director of volunteer services, at 541-667-3690 or Room M-09 in the hospital's Medical Office Plaza, 620 N.W. 11th St. Also, applications are available at the hospital gift shop.

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.

School board association visits nation's capital

Oregon School Boards Association board members visited the U.S. Capitol recently to discuss educational priorities with Oregon's congressional delegation.

On June 14, they urged Congress to uphold local governance and flexibility while implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act, reauthorize the Child Nutrition Act, increase federal funding for Title I and discuss long-term solutions to ensure that county timber payments continue to support public schools.

OSBA board members who advocated these priorities on behalf of Oregon schools included President **Doug Nelson** (**High Desert ESD**); President-elect **Betty Reynolds** (**West Linn-Wilsonville SD**); Vice President **LeeAnn Larsen** (**Beaverton SD**); Secretary-Treasurer **Don Cruise** (**Philomath SD**); Past President **Dave Krumbein** (**Pendleton SD**); **Kris Howatt** (**Gresham-Barlow SD**); and **Hank Perry** (**Douglas ESD**).

The OSBA delegation met with U.S. Senators **Ron Wyden** and **Jeff Merkley**, and U.S. Representatives **Earl Blumener**, **Suzanne Bonamici**, **Peter DeFazio**, **Kurt Schrader** and **Greg Walden**.

OSBA Executive Director **Betsy Miller-Jones** praised the advocacy visits, which occurred in conjunction with the



Members of the Oregon School Boards Association board visit with Sen. Jeff Merkley. Pictured from left are Dave Krumbein, Kris Howatt, Betty Reynolds, Merkley, LeeAnn Larsen, Betsy Miller-Jones, Hank Perry, Don Cruise and Doug Nelson.

National School Boards Association's Advocacy Institute.

"Our senators and representatives were very attentive to learning from school board leaders about the impacts of these federal policies and laws on Oregon students," Miller-Jones said. "It's a dialogue that we will continue as we jointly work to ensure success for

every student."

OSBA is a member services organization for more than 200 locally elected boards serving school districts, education service districts and community colleges. It also provides services to charter schools and their boards. For more information, contact **Tricia Yates** at 503-588-2800 or tyates@osba.org.

THANK YOU
Visitors appreciate
help during their
time of need

I don't know if your newspaper runs letters to the editor, but if so, I'd like to commend publicly those in your community who helped us in time of need.

Recently our brand-new Buick convertible was parked legally in downtown Pendleton when it was struck by a hit-and-run driver apparently going the wrong way on Court Street. When we returned from dinner, we saw a gathering around our car and a note from the **Pendleton Police Department** under the windshield wiper.

Officer Tyler Reddington returned to the scene and helped calm an obviously distraught retired couple from Illinois whose dream car now was damaged. We'd like to thank publicly **Officer Reddington** for his professionalism and patience in answering all our inane questions.

Kudos also to the crew at **Auto Clinic** for cobbling the bumper back on our car the next morning so we could safely begin our non-stop 27-hour jaunt home.

Our son and his family (whom we did not get to see on this aborted vacation) live in Seattle, so we will be back in the area again. But I doubt we stop in Pendleton next time. But we did this time, and we'd like to commend those in your community who helped us. It was greatly appreciated.

Linda and Gordon Nelson
Moline, Illinois

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

JUNE 28, 2016

MILLER — M. Jill Miller and Corey M. Miller of Heppner; a boy, Pierce Crawford Miller.

JUNE 29, 2016

HOLCOMB — Brooke O. Holcomb and Dylan T. Holcomb of Pendleton; a girl, Alaina Rae Sterrin Holcomb.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JUNE 30, 2016

AREVALO — Idet Rodriguez and Kevin Arevalo of Hermiston; a boy, Ezra Arevalo.

CAIN — Marie Cain and Jacob Cain of Boardman; a girl, Kendall Kathleen Cain.

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BALTZELL — Sierra M. Koehler and Brandon J.M. Baltzell of Umatilla; a girl, Hadley Marie Rose Baltzell.

GOMEZ — Crystal Gomez and John M. Gomez of Umatilla; a girl, Kamea Gisselle Gomez.

JULY 5, 2016

BOSWORTH — Paige K. Bosworth and Michael R. Bosworth of Hermiston; a girl, Lennon Jaymes Bosworth.

Pet of the Week



Pause a moment, have you thought about adopting a cuddly kitten or dog from your local animal shelter? You could help save a life! This time of year we have too many kittens, and they're all available for adoption. Come by PAWS Animal Shelter located at 517 SE 3rd St in Pendleton. Cats and kittens are just \$75 and include all shots and spay/neuter. We are open Tues - Sat from 12-4pm.

Here is Jerry. He was rescued and brought to PAWS by concerned citizen. He will bring joy to your life and never ending love. He's just a big lovey Tom cat on the road to recovery. He will be available for adoption soon.

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