

Libraries offer KEVA Planks

The Umatilla County Special Library District recently announced KEVA Planks are now available at all 12 public libraries in Umatilla County.

The Libraries of Eastern Oregon purchased the planks with grant funds provided by the Wildhorse Foundation and the Community Outreach Committee of Cayuse Technologies.

Each set of KEVA (Knowledge, Exploration, Visual, Arts) Planks come in a wooden bin with handles/wheels and 1,000 maple planks. They are designed for stacking and layering in endless formations — from simple play for young children to complex towering structures by students and adults without using glue or connectors, just gravity and imagination.

KEVA planks transform libraries into engaging and interactive community learning places. The planks serve as a gateway to math, science and physics, and can be used by any age. The planks provide an innovative approach to connect and energize young persons and encourage interest in science, math, and open-reasoning.

The mission of LEO is to create and deliver 21st century public library services for 50 libraries in Eastern Oregon. It brings community programs to rural communities and in assists libraries with their internal needs such as database services, collection development and infrastructure. For more information, stop by a local library or contact Dan Feil at 541-276-6449 or dan@ucslid.org.

EOU board welcomes new trustees

Nicole Almanza, Helen Moore, Linda Reed-Jerofke and Brad Stephens, who were nominated by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and confirmed by the Senate, recently joined the Eastern Oregon University board of trustees.

Almanza, who assumes the student seat on the board, is majoring in pre-optometry and physical activity and health, with a concentration in health and wellness; Moore, a purchasing agent in the information technology department, has worked at the university for 36 years; Reed-Jerofke is an applied anthropologist, professor of anthropology and former associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and Stephens, a retired orthopedic surgeon from Wallowa County who originally had a practice in La Grande, is replacing Tom Insko as a voting member of the board following Insko's appointment as EOU president.

Almanza, Moore and Reed-Jerofke are replacing Elsie Praeger-Goller, Pat Hinton and Ray Brown, whose terms expired at the end of June.

Students, staff and faculty serve two-year appointments on the board, while EOU's president and 11 community positions serve four-year terms.

For more information, contact Laura Hancock, communications coordinator, at 541-962-3585 or lhancock@eou.edu or visit www.eou.edu/governance.



Several residents from McKay Creek Estates enjoyed being in the Fourth of July parade in Pendleton. Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman

McKay Creek residents join holiday parade

Several residents from McKay Creek Estates got into the patriotic spirit of the Fourth of July — joining the parade in Pendleton.

Everybody enjoyed themselves and had fun, said Noemi Wiseman, executive director of the assisted living facility in Pendleton. Hattie

Kramer wore a big smile on her face, Wiseman said. "It was so nice to see people waving back at them and she really enjoy being part of the parade," Wiseman added.

After the parade, participants went out for lunch at Dairy Queen.

During the month of July, the facility is celebrating America the Beautiful. In addition, this month marks the 16th anniversary of McKay Creek Estates.

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



The Oregon State Association of Emblem Clubs installed its 2016-17 state officers during its annual convention held June 15-18 at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Contributed photo

Emblem Club attends annual convention

The Oregon State Association of Emblem Clubs held its annual convention June 15-18 at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

The outgoing state president was Donna Laurence of Milton-Freewater. Laurence, her officers and committee made arrangements for the convention.

The Hermiston

Emblem Club had four members installed as officers for 2016-17, including Carol Goin, third vice president; Michele Dickmeier, financial secretary; Maxine Rice, third trustee; and Angel Smith, press correspondent.

The Supreme Emblem Club of the United States of America was origi-

nally chartered in 1926. Members are known for their community charity work, providing scholarships, their dedication to patriotism, and their support of the Elks and the country's veterans.

For more information, including how to contact local clubs, visit www.emblemclub.org.

Caledonian Games announces winners

A successful Athena Caledonian Games included many winners.

The event was held July 8-10 in and around Athena City Park. Winners included:

Piping Competition: First: Bill Augsburger, Grade 5, Slow Air; Firsts: John Blunt, Spokane, Grade 4, 2/4 March, Grade 4, Slow Air and Amateur Piobaireachd; Second: Leah Shaw, Boise, Grade 4, 2/4 March.

Horseshoe Tournaments:

Saturday, Singles: Kris Powakee, Mission; Steve Bailey, Athena

Sunday, Doubles: Blanka Hetingar, Hermiston & Steve Bailey, Athena; Paula Powakee, Mission & Rob Hetingar, Hermiston

Athena Caledonian Games Parade:

Float: Inland Northwest Musicians, Hermiston

Service Organization: Main Street Cowboys, Pendleton

Marching Unit: Clan Turnbull, Pendleton; VFW Color Guard, Pendleton

Cars/Vehicles: Richardson Excavation; Andy Weidert, Athena; Walla Walla Cruisers, Walla Walla Royal Court, Riding: Happy Canyon princesses, Pendleton; Pioneer Posse, Milton-Freewater; Sage Riders, Umatilla

Royal Court, Non-Riding: Umatilla County Fair court Band: Boise Highlanders, Boise; Weston-McEwen Pipe and Drum, Athena

Equestrian, Group: Northwest Aside; Round-Up directors, Pendleton

Equestrian, Individual: Dixie Aichele, Milton-Freewater

Specialty: 4-H Pooper Scoopers, Athena

Scottish Clan: Clan Morrison, Lacey, Wash-



Stephen Reitz of Weston-McEwen Pipes and Drums plays during the July 9 Athena Caledonian Games. Photo contributed by Sue Friesse

ington; Clan Duncanson, Hermiston; Clan MacBean, Milton-Freewater

Scottish Clan Association: Clan MacPherson, Halfway Athletic Competitions:

Class: Men's A: Brandon Maloy, Alex Jeffery, Brett Garret

Class: Men's B: James Shumate, Justin Funderburk, Andrew Schibig, Tyler Tompkins

Class: Men's C: Chris Moore, Justin Mattson, Joel Dougill

Class: Men's Light: John Odden, Nigal Anselmi, Ryan Fischer

Class: Men's Novice: Mike Lanegan, Aaron Ziebart, Stewart Wilent, Anthony Woodard, Shane Ramberg, Rick George

Class: Master's 40-49: Mark Wechter, Kyle Daley, William Griffith, Sean Tayler, Chuck McClain, Anthony Shouldis, Les Wallace, Jason Gillen, Shane Oliver

Class: Master's 50+: Ray Mabey, Tony Snyder, Fred Dimick, Jer Hume, Scott Compton

Class: Women's Masters 40+: Holly Garner, Mindy Montgomery, Karyn Criswell, Joy Hearn, Stacey

Widick, Gretchen Yoder

Class: Women's A: Chrystal Rubert, Orejeona Jeffery

Class: Women's C: Erika Drinkard, Annie Singer, Crystal Lynch, Shelley Reed, Samantha Fate, Caitlin Hearn, Cassidy Ramberg

ANNIVERSARY Willard & Ruth Olson

Willard (Bill) and Ruth Olson of Hermiston are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 28, 1946, in Salem, Oregon, after Willard came home from WWII.

The Olsons lived in Salem for four years, then moved to Portland, Oregon, as Willard's work as an electrician was based in Portland. Ruth has always been a homemaker. Also, she retired as a school cook from the school district, then spent several years as a volunteer for Loaves & Fishes, as well as Meals on Wheels. Willard retired from his electrical work.

The Olsons lived in Portland for 54 years before moving to Hermiston about 12 years ago.

Willard has always enjoyed fishing, hunting, stamp collecting, and woodworking. Ruth likes cooking, baking, sewing,



The Olsons in 1946



The Olsons in 2016



gardening, and helping their children's families.

The Olsons have three children: Mike Olson of Pendleton, Shirley

Luthe of Hermiston, and Dave Olson of Stanfield. Willard and Ruth have four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

THANK YOU America in Bloom judges express appreciation

Our thanks and admiration goes to Echo for its participation in the America in Bloom awards program.

Special thanks go to Diane Berry with the city of Echo and all of the staff, participants, sponsors, and volunteers for organizing two days of remarkable tours and meetings on July 7-8. We have enjoyed meeting and spending time with all of you as you showcased all of the reasons Echo has to be proud.

America in Bloom envisions communities as welcoming and vibrant places to live, work, and play benefiting from colorful plants and trees, enjoying clean environments, celebrating heritage and planting pride through volunteerism.

America in Bloom is more than flowers. Your judges will evaluate your efforts in the six pillars that make communities great floral display, landscaping, urban forestry, heritage preservation, environmental initiatives, and overall impression with community involvement in the residential, commercial, and municipal sectors.

We will provide a written evaluation immediately following our symposium. We welcome everyone to attend or symposium, held in Arroyo Grande, California, on Oct. 6-8, 2016, where we will announce this year's winners in eight population categories along with other special awards.

Stephen Pategas, America in Bloom judge Winter Park, Florida
Susie Stratton, America in Bloom judge Bluffton, Ohio

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

JULY 13, 2016
DOLLARHIDE — Talese Dollarhide and Travis Dollarhide of Hermiston; a boy, Hunter Aaron Dollarhide.

JULY 14, 2016
JEFFREYS-BUDD — Tiffany R. Budd and Trampus W. Jeffreys of Pendleton; a boy, Joseph Sky Jeffreys-Budd.

JULY 15, 2016
TORRES — Myaja Poffenberger and Michael Torres; a boy, Dominic Chico Torres.

JULY 16, 2016
RODRIGUEZ — Maribel Sandoval Rodriguez of Hermiston; a girl, Catherine Gissel Sandoval Rodriguez.

JULY 17, 2016
COLGROVE — Ruby Colgrove and Genesis Colgrove of Hermiston; a girl, Kamilah Rose Colgrove.

JULY 18, 2016
PEREZ — Stephanie A. Horn and Damion A. M. Perez of Hermiston; a girl, Isabella Marie Perez.

JULY 19, 2016
LABARGE — Rashelle L. Brown and Zachary B. LaBarge of Hermiston; a boy, Karben Walter Lee LaBarge.

Pet of the Week

KY

This handsome young guy is Ky! He's looking to add a little spice to your life! He absolutely loves being brushed and getting all of your love. Ky is FIV positive so it's best for him to be the only kitty in your home. If you would like to adopt Ky he is available at PAWS Animal Shelter located at 517 SE 3rd St in Pendleton. Our adoption hours are Tue-Sat from 12-4. We are running a special adoption fee for Ky this week so come give Ky a happy life in your home today!

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