

THANK YOU

Emigrant Springs enjoys Heritage Days

We saw 'em coming. And they kept coming. And wow did they pack the park on July 16. A group of volunteers came together to provide education, music and a true sense of community, complete with free watermelon. Now that's what life is truly all about. **Heritage Days 2016 at Emigrant Springs State Heritage Area** was one of the most successful events of the decade for the park, with more than 1,000 visitors from the local area estimated. And while **Oregon State Parks** provided the venue and organization, it was the individual efforts of several groups that made this such a raucous success.

We thank the **Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers** for three straight nights of great music. **Denny Langford**, president of the fiddlers, brought together a great band of some of the nicest people we have ever met, and they played their hearts out to a packed Community Hall bringing toe-tapping to hundreds.

Thanks to **Buck and Suzette Schaffer** for putting a little gold flake in our pans. Thanks to **Che'rie Astin** for putting the black powder in the muzzleloaders. Demonstrations occurred twice as the blasts could be heard for miles on Cabbage Hill. **Jan Post** even taught us how to carve wood, and **Neal and Cheryl Kiergliff** with the **Oregon Trail Travelers** gave us some deep insight into what it was like to be camping out here more than 100 years ago. A big thanks goes to all who made the event a success.

We also applaud our own rangers as well: **Brenda Garrick** and **Tammy Hudson** cooked well over 500 cupcakes for the cake walk, and **Diane Melton** gave talks on wildlife in the area. Our hats are off to the **Oregon Trail Store and Deli** in Meacham for taking on the task of feeding the throng.

In addition, we had huge assistance from our local sponsors who made donations to the raffle. The **Pendleton Round-Up, Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, La Fiesta** and **Graybeal Distributing** all helped make the event a huge success.

We also had some visitors show up with a pallet of watermelons. Just average folks, like you and I, and they decided everybody in the park should have a slice for free. We obliged. There is nothing as sweet as the simple pleasure of good company and community. Pendleton and La Grande, you are blessed.

Tom Peterson
Oregon State Parks, Emigrant Springs State Heritage Area

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

JULY 26, 2016

HAYNES — Melissa A. Haynes and Devan J. Haynes of Pendleton; a boy, Atticus James Haynes.

JULY 27, 2016

ANDERSON — Hannah L. Liffirth and Travis P. Anderson of Pendleton; a girl, Teagan Kay Anderson.

JULY 28, 2016

CRADDOCK — Megan Moschkau and Jake Craddock of La Grande; a boy, Lane T. Craddock.

JULY 30, 2016

REDMOND-FISHER — Stephanie D. Redmond and Henry K. Fisher of Pendleton; a boy, Henry Justin Redmond-Fisher.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JULY 26, 2016

BAEZ MOLINA — Yoana Molina and Jesus Baez of Hermiston; a boy, Daryan Jesus Baez Molina.

JULY 29, 2016

GIBSON — Brittany Gibson and Kenny Gibson of Hermiston; a boy, Graven Shawn Gibson.

LEGORE — LaDeana Morgan and Lee LeGore of Umatilla; a boy, Aven Kristopher LeGore.

ROBERTS — Dawn Locke and John Roberts of Boardman; a boy, James Prince Roberts.

JULY 30, 2016

MCMURRICK — Tessa K. Linschied and Kyle A. Ortiz of Hermiston; a boy, Jackson Alexander Michael McMurrick.



Photo contributed by Audra Workman
Natalie Workman, 7, hugs her great-grandmother, Margaret Thorpe, during the centenarian's recent birthday celebration in Hermiston.

Hermiston woman celebrates century

Nearly 150 people attended a recent open house to celebrate the 100th birthday of **Margaret Thorpe** of Hermiston.

The oldest of five children of **Paul and Lizzie Smith**, Margaret Ruth Smith was born July 10, 1916, in Gloyd, Washington. Her siblings, who are all deceased, included **Charles** (Chuck), **Lawrence**, **Bob** and **Pauline**.

For a while, the Smith family settled in the sand and sage in Boardman. A 1934 graduate of Boardman High School, Margaret met and married **Nathan (Nate) Thorpe** in 1935.

The couple farmed near Boardman and Union with her parents, later returning to Boardman after World War II where Nate worked for the state highway department along with farming. Margaret worked as a school clerk. In the early '60s, they moved to a house in Charlestown — located between Hermiston and Umatilla — where Margaret continued to live until she was 92. The couple had five children, **Larry**, **Bill**, **Jim**, **Sandie** and **Teresa**.

An 84-year member of the grange — starting at Greenfield Grange in Boardman and later transferring to Columbia Grange in Hermiston — Margaret played piano and held various offices.

In addition to canning her own food, Margaret was a seamstress — making everything from clothes to quilts. Her skills also included everything from hanging drywall and gardening to cutting and styling hair. Also, she loved to play pinocle, do crossword puzzles and watch Mariners baseball on TV.

Margaret and Nate spent a lot of time volunteering after his retirement. They helped form the Hermiston Senior Center (where she still regularly attends Tuesdays and Thursdays) and belonged to the AARP. After Nate died in 1990, Margaret learned to drive so she could continue volunteering.

Thorpe has 16 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and close to 30 great-great-grandchildren. She now resides with her daughter and her husband, **Teresa and Tom Long**, in Hermiston.



Photo contributed by Kristi Smalley
Special Olympics athlete Jonathan Wilson, left, receives a medal won during the 2016 Summer State Games from coach/unified partner Cal Harris during a July 26 celebration event at The Arc Building in Hermiston.

Special Olympics athletes, volunteers celebrate success

Coaches, volunteers and family members were on hand to celebrate the accomplishments of area athletes who competed during the 2016 Special Olympics Summer State Games held July 9-10 in Newberg.

More than 75 people congratulated participants from **Special Olympics Hermiston/Pendleton Local Program No. 510** during the July 26 gathering held at The Arc Building in Hermiston. In addition to enjoying a chicken dinner and handing out certificates to athletes, **Jonathan Wilson** was awarded a medal for placing second in the nine-hole unified golf competition at Chehalem Glenn Golf Course during the state games. Wilson and **Cal Harris**, coach/unified partner, shot a 62, earning a silver medal. It was Harris' first time coaching in the local golf program.

Special Olympics provides year-around training and athletic competitions for people of all ages with intellectual disabilities. There is no charge to participate.

Registration for the fall bowling season is Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. at The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

For more information about volunteering or participating in Special Olympics, call **Stu Bance**, local program coordinator, at 541-376-8132.



Photo contributed by Ricardo V Rodriguez
More than 300 participants attended the Aug. 2 Googlefest in The Dalles.

Googlefest provides online help

A fun educational event presented by **Google** drew more than 300 people to the Columbia Gorge Community College Fort Dalles Readiness Center.

The Aug. 2 workshop provided nonprofit organizations, educators and small businesses a unique opportunity to learn how Google's tools can boost their business and help with the important work they do.

The day began with a presentation about technology trends and what happens at Google's data center in The Dalles. Participants attended different tracks to receive customized training from Google experts. Tools like Google Apps, AdWords, Analytics and YouTube were presented as ways to enhance their online presence.

The second annual Googlefest was co-spon-

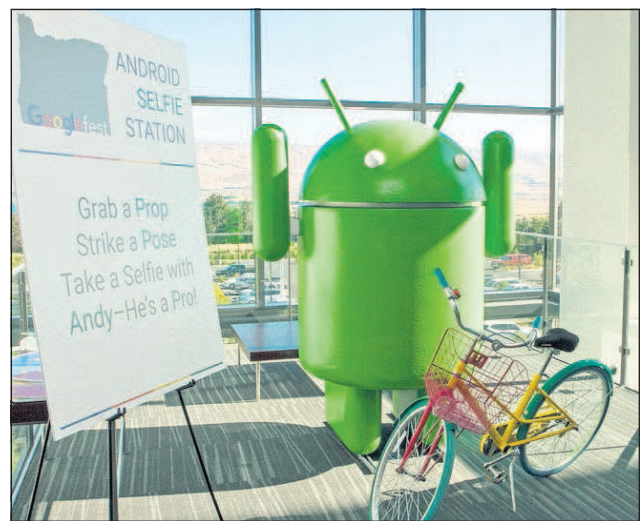


Photo contributed by Jennifer Hill
Andy the Android made a special appearance during the Aug. 2 Googlefest in The Dalles.

sored by the **Columbia Gorge Community College Small Business Development Center** and **The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce**.

The day ended with an opportunity for attendees to

check out product demos, share their perspectives and even pose with a giant **Android mascot**.

For more information, visit www.events.withgoogle.com/googlefest-oregon.



Photo contributed by Jesse R. Strong
Pendleton photographer catches pond reflections

Pendleton resident Jesse R. Strong captured this shot at the pond on Mission Road.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUG. 6
MORROW UMATILLA RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate.

PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-8 p.m. dinner, music 8 p.m. to midnight, Pendleton Eagles Lodge #28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828).

SUNDAY, AUG. 7
PENDLETON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 9 a.m. to noon, Pendleton Eagles Lodge #28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828).

PFLAG, (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), 4 p.m. no-host late lunch, 5 p.m. monthly meeting, location varies, Pendleton. (Vicki Read 541-966-8414).

MONDAY, AUG. 8
TELEPHONE PIONEERS, 9:30 a.m., Cookie Tree Cafe, 30 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Trudi Engen 541-443-4371).

GARDENING FRIENDS, 2 p.m., venue varies, Boardman. (Margie Park 541-481-2570).

IRRIGON MOOSE LODGE TACOS AND BINGO, 6-9 p.m., tacos; 6:30-9 p.m., bingo. Bingo open to the public, 220 N.E. Third St. (541-922-1802 from noon-8 p.m.).

GREENFIELD GRANGE MEETING, 6:30 p.m. at The Hall, Boardman.

ATHENA BOOK GROUP, 7 p.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. This month's selection: TBA.

V.F.W. POST NO. 922, 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place, Pendleton.

HERMISTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Hermiston Fire Station 3, Westland Road.

TUESDAY, AUG. 9
PENDLETON TOASTMASTERS No. 154, 6:45 a.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. (toastmasterdarleneesue@gmail.com).
TOPS CHAPTER OR 1110, 8 a.m. weigh-in, meeting starts

at 8:45 a.m., Missionary Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech St., Hermiston. (Margaret Wetterling 541-720-0276).

STATE EMPLOYEES NO-HOST RETIREMENT BREAKFAST, 9 a.m., Shari's Restaurant, 319 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

BIBLE STUDY, 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. (Rev. Jim Pierce 541-276-6671).

GREENFIELD GRANGE PINOCLE, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Hall, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman.

LATINO BUSINESS NETWORK, 10 a.m., Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. (Debbie Pedro 541-567-6151).

"THE LIFE MODEL - LIVING FROM THE HEART JESUS GAVE YOU" BOOK STUDY GROUP, 1:20-3:30 p.m., Bowman Building, 17 S.W. Frazer, Pendleton. (Pat 541-276-6671).

STUDYING THE MIRACLES OF JESUS, 4-6 p.m., Good Samaritan Ministries, 319 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston. (541-564-1041).

Pet of the Week



Oliver has been at the shelter for awhile now, and he's a super cute guy. He's quite the flirt and knows he's an awesome dude. We don't know much about his history, but he wants to snuggle and be loved on. He's just 5 years old, neutered and up to date on all shots. Come to PAWS anytime between Tues-Sat from 12-4pm and fill out an adoption application. The adoption fee for cats and kittens is just \$75.

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