



Photo contributed by Jesse Strong

Main Street dresses up for Round-Up

Pendleton resident Jesse Strong captured this photograph of the Main Street decorations for Round-Up.

Local cancer advocate meets with lawmakers

Paula Messenger, lead cancer ambassador for Oregon’s Second Congressional District, and other Oregonians recently traveled to Washington, D.C., for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Leadership Summit and Lobby Day.

Messenger was among 700 cancer patients, survivors and volunteers from all 50 states and nearly every congressional district for the annual event. While on Capitol Hill, the Oregon delegation met with U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley and U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden asking them to support increased cancer research funding, legislation to improve patient quality of life and access to care.

“I lost both my parents to this devastating disease and I’ve fought to ensure others don’t suffer from cancer,” Messenger said. “I let Rep. Walden and Sens. Merkley and Wyden know they have an opportunity to improve the health of our nation and save lives.”

Armed with statistics, Messenger and her fellow advocates from Oregon requested that lawmakers



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Hermiston resident Paula Messenger (second from right), lead ambassador for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network for Eastern Oregon, and other ACS CAN leaders from Oregon met with U.S. Rep. Greg Walden at his office in Washington, D.C.

support the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screenings Act. They said an estimated 135,000 people in America will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 50,000 people will die from it this year alone. Half of all colorectal cancer deaths, the delegation said, could be prevented each year if everyone over the age of 50 received screening. Messenger and the other advocates requested an unwavering commitment from Congress to help prevent and treat cancer.

“One in two men and one in three women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime,” Messenger said.

“Their lives may depend on the decisions made by our lawmakers today — we can’t afford further delays.”

The ACS CAN Lobby Day culminated with an evening Lights of Hope ceremony in front of the U.S. Capitol Reflecting Pool. It featured more than 20,000 lights in honor of cancer survivors or memorializing loved ones who lost their life to the disease.

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is the nonprofit, non-partisan advocacy affiliate organization of the American Cancer Society. For more information, visit www.acscan.org.



Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman

McKay Creek Estates residents celebrate Everything Western while posing behind the 2016 Pendleton Round-Up bull riding champion saddle, which is sponsored by Prestige Care, the facility’s parent company.

McKay Creek residents celebrate everything western for September

In celebration of Pendleton Round-Up, residents at McKay Creek Estates are celebrating Everything Western for the month of September.

Resident Ken Newtonson was honored as sheriff and Dorothy Wood as deputy. The assisted living facility operated by Prestige Care sponsored the 2016 Pendleton Round-Up bull riding championship saddle. Staff and residents enjoyed viewing the saddle and having their picture taken with it, including Diane Fitzpatrick (life enrichment director), Jean Thomson, Thelma Lindner, Don Peck, Shirley Peterson, Carol Browning, Kath Reger, Teresa Ramirez, Louisa Krosting, Doris Ferguson, Judge Richard Courson, Pat Whitman, Frannie Bissinger, Mel Bates, Teri Lynch, Ethel Bagwell, Bill Jones, Nettie Jones and Bill Lankford.

“After the photos were taken, residents shouted the famous line, ‘Let ‘er Buck,’” said Executive Director Noemi Wiseman.



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In recognition of McKay Creek Estates’ September theme of Everything Western, Ken Newtonson was recognized as sheriff and Dorothy Wood as deputy.

Western decor has been displayed at the facility, which has been enjoyed by residents, staff and families, Wiseman said. In addition, several residents dressed up to celebrate Round-Up and the Western theme.

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

Kinnaman deserves recognition for decades of service with CAPECO

I want to congratulate Donna Kinnaman for her many years of service to the community. Donna was the first hire in 1987 at the newly formed CAPECO agency, where she served for 29 years, retiring as executive director this month.

Donna represents the things that are right about our nonprofit sector of society. She is committed to helping people in need, she believes in personal responsibility and accountability and, most importantly, she believes that everyone deserves a chance without judgment or ridicule.

I think to understand Donna’s career you must understand the important role that nonprofit organizations play in our everyday life. It is nonprofits that provide the safe haven for people to admit they need help to get back on their feet. It is the nonprofit that fights for local people to have the resources and opportunities necessary to achieve a sustainable existence for them and their families. It is the nonprofit that spurs a reluctant local government to act on issues that they have ignored for decades. Finally, it is the nonprofit that can

act quickly to address a crisis, not just talk it to death.

Nonprofits are where the rubber hits the road locally. No one knows better what is happening to the working families in a community than the nonprofit. Offering courage, support, and leadership are the foundations of a successful nonprofit, and it is people like Donna who make these organizations work every day for all of us.

I’m pleased to be able to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Donna for her three decades plus of dedicated service to the people of the Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. She is a honorable leader who has given her all for the people of this region and I wish her all the best as she enters into a well-deserved retirement.

Thank you for making an impact on so many lives, your efforts have made a real difference to this region and beyond.

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Stan Foster of Bend is a community development consultant who served as the first executive director of CAPECO from 1987 to 1994.



Photo contributed by Max Driskell

Round-Up hawkers

Mya Perez and Deven Driskell prepare to hawk newspapers at the Dress-Up Parade on Saturday, Sept. 10. Elizabeth Boileau, Kayla Neff, Wyatt Christy, Katlynn Widel, Amanda Harrington and Andrew Burgess also sold newspapers and magazines to the Round-Up crowd this week.

ANNIVERSARY



Gary and Shirley David in 1966 and in 2016



Gary and Shirley David

An open house 50th anniversary celebration for Gary and Shirley David of Irrigon is planned Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, from 3-5 p.m. at the couple’s home, 275 N.W. Oregon Ave., Irrigon.

Gary David married Shirley Jackson in 1966. Gary retired after 32

years in law enforcement. Shirley worked as a secretary until retirement.

The couple has two children, Monica David of Dallas, Ore., and Rodney David of Lebanon, Ore., two grandchildren, Alysha and Carson, and a great-grandchild, Ryland.



BIRTHS

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SEPT. 6, 2016
GOLDEN — Meghan K. Golden and Kolby R. Golden of Pilot Rock: a boy, Kabel Wayne Golden.

SEPT. 7, 2016
SAVAGE — Melissa R. White and Troy D. Savage of Pendleton: a girl, Miley Rae Savage.

SEPT. 8, 2016
BRONSON — Alanna Thompson-Poore and Jesse Bronson of Pendleton: a girl, Jessa Jean Bronson.



Pet of the Week



Fiona

Hey there, it’s Fiona! I’m stuck in this animal shelter. It’s lonely in here and I need someone to love forever. So, if you’re looking for a new friend to call your own then I’m the girl for you! I’m super sweet and affectionate, sometimes shy too but I love people, other dogs and kids. Going for walks, playing with toys, and cuddling up are just a few of my favorite things to do. Come to PAWS at 517 SE 3rd St in Pendleton and take me home with you, I promise you won’t regret it.

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