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# Twins reunited at McKay Creek Estates

Twin sisters **Louisa Krosting** and **Lucile Haley** are once again living under the same roof. Louisa moved into **McKay Creek Estates** in September 2012, said **Karen Hoholik**, the facility’s community relations director. After years of celebrating their birthdays at the Pendleton assisted living facility, Lucile recently moved in on Oct. 1. Louisa and Lucile were born near Pilot Rock above Whitaker Flats, where they were raised on a sheep and cattle ranch. They both attended the one-room Ridge Schoolhouse while growing up. The ladies both married, with Louisa having four children and Lucile three. “They are now both residents who are happily reunited,” Hoholik said. “Our community is blessed to have both of these special ladies living here.” For more about McKay Creek Estates, contact Hoholik at 541-276-1987 or [khoholik@prestigecare.com](mailto:khoholik@prestigecare.com).



Photo contributed by Jesse R. Strong

# Egrets cruise the Umatilla River

Pendleton resident **Jesse Strong** captured a photo of a pair of egrets on the Umatilla River. A friend called **Strong** and told him the birds were on the river and he grabbed his camera and took more than 150 pictures.

# Echo blooms with beautification award

The **city of Echo** received a 3-bloom rating out of a possible five blooms and special recognition for its environmental efforts during the **2016 America in Bloom National Awards Program**. The announcement was made Oct. 8 at the annual awards held in Arroyo Grande, California. In addition to its 2016 honors, Echo has an impressive history of past successes with America in Bloom, winning its population category three times, said **Laura Kunkle**, America in Bloom executive director. All participants were evaluated on six criteria: overall impression, environmental awareness, heritage preservation, urban forestry, landscaped areas and floral displays. In addition, they were judged on community involvement across municipal, residential and commercial sectors. America in Bloom is the only national awards program that sends specially trained judges to personally visit participants. In addition, each participant receives a detailed written evaluation that can be used as a guide to future improvements. To date, 250 communities from 41 states have participated in the program and more than 22 million people have been touched by it. Registration for the 2017 national awards program can be submitted until Feb. 28, 2017. Eligible participants include towns, cities, college and university campuses, business districts, military installations, and recognized neighborhoods of large cities. For more information, visit [www.americainbloom.org](http://www.americainbloom.org).

## THANK YOU Sunridge teachers appreciate EO editorial board

We would like to thank the **East Oregonian editorial board** for their support of **Measure 99**. This measure would do something seldom seen in public education — fully fund **Outdoor School** for every fifth or sixth grader in the state. As sixth grade teachers, we see first-hand the powerful impact outdoor school has on our students. There is no greater experience for a sixth grader than outdoor school. For many students, outdoor school remains the singular highlight of their kindergarten-12 education. Through our outdoor school program, we teach social skills, table manners, flag etiquette, ecology, forestry, biology, water quality, soil science, fire safety and the list goes on. Students also have the unforgettable experience of sleeping in cabins with friends and high school counselors, singing at campfire and taking part in arts and recreations. Through one program, we are able to accomplish so much. Despite all that Outdoor School offers, it costs relatively little. To fully fund Outdoor School for every fifth or sixth grader in Oregon, Measure 99 would allocate \$22 million from the lottery fund. That is a big bang for little buck. We thank the **East Oregonian** for their support and urge that you vote yes on Measure 99.

The Sunridge sixth grade team  
Athena Nelson, Karilee Barfuss, John Scanlan,  
Chris Demianew, John Summerfield, Nichole  
Erwin, Emilee Oja, Chris Schulze

# Blue Mountain Community Foundation awards grants, scholarships

The **Blue Mountain Community Foundation** recently awarded \$44,595 in grants and scholarships for Umatilla County nonprofit organizations and students in 2016. The grants, totaling \$21,600, were awarded under the foundation’s Discretionary Grants program. These organizations or programs are in Pendleton, Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Athena, Weston, Pilot Rock and Stanfield. The grants were approved during the Foundation’s Sept. 20 board of trustees meeting. The recipients include: Arts Council of Pendleton, \$1,000 for arts education; Blue Mountain Wildlife, \$3,000 for educational outreach; Children’s Museum of Eastern Oregon, \$1,000 for educational programming; Clearview Mediation and Disability Resource Center, \$3,000 to improve transportation of disabled people; College Community Theatre (at Blue Mountain Community College), \$1,300 for 2017 summer youth camp; New Directions Education Project, \$1,000 for inmate education at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution; Oregon East Symphony & Chorale, \$1,500 for Young People’s Concert; Pioneer Humane Society, \$800 to replace washer and dryer; Inland Northwest Musicians, \$1,000 for chorale concerts in Pendleton and Milton-Freewater; Umatilla-Morrow Head Start Inc., \$500 for Cooking Matters classes; city of Athena, \$5,000 for improvements to swimming pool; East Umatilla County Health Department, \$2,000 for new hydraulic gurney; and Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance, \$500 for 2017 Cinco de Mayo. Scholarships totaling \$22,995 were given to 19 students (class of 2016 as well as returning college students): PENDLETON: **Jolie Dickerson, Reilly Hegarty, John Lacey, Timothy O’Hanlon, Bethany Van Cleave, Michael Vescio, Emily Wanous**; HERMISTON: **Estala Fuentes, Andrea Gispert Tello, Sofia Gispert Tello, Laura Zepeda**; ATHENA: **Ammarae Broncheau**; WESTON: **Renee Baumann**; WESTON-MCEWEN: **Megan Coffman, Caleb Conner, Juniper Cosner, Anne Gilsdorf, Jessica Lambert, Alyxander Shaw**; PILOT ROCK: **Clancy Deutz, Megan Glynn**; STANFIELD: **Madeline Griffin, Coralia Rojas**; MILTON-FREEWATER: **Elise Griffith, Brooke Kralman**. For more than 30 years, the Blue Mountain Community Foundation has worked to strengthen the health of communities in the Walla Walla Valley. It has grown to more than \$39 million in assets and has over 300 charitable funds directed to benefit the people of Garfield, Columbia and Walla Walla counties in Washington and Umatilla County in Oregon. The foundation distributes nearly \$2 million in grants and scholarships each year. For more information, contact Executive Director **Kari Isaacson** at 509-529-4371, [kari@bluemountainfoundation.org](mailto:kari@bluemountainfoundation.org) or visit [www.bluemountainfoundation.org](http://www.bluemountainfoundation.org).

## New library district board member

The **Umatilla County Special Library District** selected **Hilary Stoupa** to fill the vacancy on the district’s board during its September meeting. The vacancy was created by the recent resignation of **Heidi Anderson**, who has moved out of the area. Stoupa has served in the past as a member of the library district’s budget committee. Formed in 1986, the Umatilla County Special Library District is an independent taxing district funded by taxpayer dollars. Its mission is to support the development of public libraries in Umatilla County to provide services, programs and continuing educational opportunities to individuals of all ages. For more information, contact **Dan Feil**, administrative assistant, at 541-276-6449, [dan@ucsld.org](mailto:dan@ucsld.org) or visit [www.ucsld.org](http://www.ucsld.org).

## BIRTHS

- St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**  
**OCT. 7, 2016**  
**ZAMARRIPA** — Tasha N. Flory Zamarripa and Josue Zamarripa of Pendleton: a girl, Aaliyah Del Carmen Zamarripa.  
**OCT. 9, 2016**  
**SHARP** — Tia P. Sharp and Ryan P. Sharp of Pendleton: a girl, Sage Patricia Sharp.
- Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
**OCT. 5, 2016**  
**MENDOZA** — Delila L. Mendoza and Brayann Mendoza of Umatilla: a girl, Mila Rae Mendoza.  
**NAVARRO-JAIME** — Nora A. Rodriguez and Jose S. Navarro of Umatilla: a boy, Ayden Noe Navarro-Jaime.  
**OCT. 7, 2016**  
**GARCIA** — Jolee M. Romanick and Jose D. Garcia of Hermiston: twin boys, Xavier Damian Garcia and Xaidyn Jose Garcia.  
**OCT. 10, 2016**  
**PEDRO** — Morgan A. Pedro and Mark A. Pedro of Hermiston: a boy, Clayton Francis Pedro.

# Pet of the Week

**Snowflake**

My name is Snowflake! I am a sweet girl with a lot of energy. Since I came to the shelter I have become more social and playful with each day. I am young at just 9 months old so there’s plenty of time to train me to become the perfect companion. Come meet me at PAWS anytime between Tue-Sat from 12-4. Adoption fee includes spay, vaccinations, flea and worm treatment and microchip.

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