

Wendy’s program recognizes standout Umatilla students

There are some students who set the bar — they work harder, show more passion and lead by example in the classroom, on the field and within the community.

Jeira Carrillo and **Salvador Alvarez**, students at Umatilla High School, were recently recognized in the **Wendy’s High School Heisman** program for doing that.

“These students are known by their teachers and friends for their commitment to excellence. We are excited and honored that a program like Wendy’s High School Heisman is also recognizing their hard work,” said **Bob Lorence**, UHS principal.

Since 1994, Wendy’s and the Heisman Trophy Trust have honored more than 600,000 high school seniors who share Wendy’s values of giving back

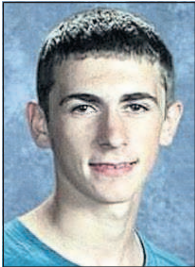
to their communities, treating people with respect, continuing education and excelling on the athletic field.

To be eligible, a student must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better. Applicants also need to be proven leaders and role models within their school and community, and applicants must perform in at least one of the 43 school-sponsored sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games or the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The Wendy’s High School Heisman was created by Wendy’s founder **Dave Thomas** in 1994 to encourage students to finish high school and attend college. For more information, visit www.WendysHeisman.com.



Carrillo



Alvarez

THANK YOU

David Burns gives shout-out to Joe Cole

I would like to break with tradition in this letter.

Normally, we hear and read a lot of nice things about a person after they are gone. Let’s face it — funerals are for the living. Sadly, the person in question doesn’t get to hear all the compliments and good things being said about them.

My 95-year-old mother and I go to coffee at **McDonald’s** almost every morning and have for some time. The crew there are always very friendly and greet us when we come in, and coffee is still just \$1. There are some “regulars” we see in there quite often too who always have something pleasant to say.

For many years there was a table full of guys in the back corner composed mainly of teachers and principals who got together once a week to solve the world’s problems. Since my father taught high school math in Pendleton for 33 years — and because I was director of community education for Pendleton schools for 8 years — I knew all these guys pretty well.

But sadly, this group has diminished over the past couple years. **Chuck Rosenquist** is gone, **Ed Merriman** is gone, **Duane Whitten** is gone, **Rudy Rada** is gone, **Jim Enbysk** is gone (not a teacher but ran the armory for many years).

Val Bates still drops in now and then, but I want to make special mention of **Joe Cole**. Joe was a teacher here for many years then moved up to an elementary principal’s position where he finished his career.

Joe has always been one of the nicest guys you could meet, and he always goes out of his way to stop and say hello to my mother and me. You never see

him without a smile on his face and something positive to say. I bet I speak for many out there in saying we all appreciate Joe and hope he can drop in for coffee and conversation for a long time to come.

David Burns
Pendleton

Fire department board appreciates community support

We, the board of the **Pilot Rock Fire Department**, would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the members of the Pilot Rock community and surrounding district.

Your overwhelming support of the supplemental operating levy insures we are able to maintain our **Quick Response Team**. The Quick Response Unit continues to play an increasingly important role in our services. Many of us have depended on it for family members and friends. Your support allows us, the board, to provide our volunteers with reliable equipment and ever improving technology.

We, the board, would also like to thank our volunteers. Regulations have placed an ever-increasing demand on them for training to provide volunteer services — time they take out of their busy lives to give back to the community they live in. We truly do have a fantastic, dedicated group of core volunteers. So much so, that many times they are taken for granted.

Thank you once again to the community and surrounding area of Pilot Rock for your support. Thank you to the volunteers for your dedication and efforts.

Tim Weinke, Virginia Carnes, Fred Wyatt, Packy Doherty, and Keith Jones
Pilot Rock Fire Department board

Expenses piling up for medical emergency



Photo contributed by Frank Zednik

Hudson Zednik, 6, the son of Shakira and Frank Zednik, was recently diagnosed with Acute Flaccid Myelitis, a disease with polio-like symptoms.

A **GoFundMe** page has been set up to help with medical expenses for the 6-year-old son of **Shakira Hester-Close** and **Frank Zednik**.

Hudson Zednik began exhibiting polio-like symptoms and was diagnosed with **Acute Flaccid Myelitis**. His parents report it is the first case reported in Oregon this year.

After Hudson stopped breathing, his mom performed CPR. The youngster was rushed to **St. Alphonsus Medical Center** in Baker City and then taken by air ambulance to **St. Luke’s Children’s Hospital** in Boise. Later he was transferred to **Randall Children’s Hospital** at **Legacy Emanuel Hospital** in Portland, where he remains for treatment.

The father’s co-workers at **Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution** raised more than \$2,500 to help support the family. Additionally, EOCI staff donated 12 weeks of paid leave for Officer Zednik and have adopted their five children for Christmas.

To make a donation, visit www.gofundme.com/2t-4vxdw.



Photo contributed by Jackie Peck

EOCI inmates raise money for Relay for Life

Inmates of Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution participated in a Relay For Life event for breast cancer awareness. The event raised \$762.63 for the American Cancer Society.



Photo contributed by Terri Hathaway

I got my eye on you

Hudson Lemmon and Santa Claus are involved in a stare-down. After sizing the jolly ol’ elf up, the youngster’s grandmother, Terri Hathaway, said the 4-year-old absolutely adored St. Nick.

SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

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.

Jorge Canada wins big at Wildhorse Fall Poker Round-Up

A Kennewick man walked away as the big winner during the 13th annual **Wildhorse Resort & Casino Fall Poker Round-Up All-Around**.

Jorge Canada, who amassed 322 points, received a championship jacket, silver bracelet, bragging rights for the second consecutive year and, of course, a handful of cash. Runner-up **Cary Marshall** of Sun Valley,

Nevada, had 225 points and **Gary Shockey** of Redmond placed third with 155.

Local players cashing in included **Jia “Mike” Zhen** of Milton-Freewater (\$11,232) during the Nov. 5 No-Limit Hold’em; and **Lanny Knopf** of Milton-Freewater (\$9,940) during the Nov. 6 No-Limit Shoot Out event.

The Fall Poker Round-Up drew nearly 4,100 partic-

ipants and paid more than \$882,000 — giving many players another reason to be thankful this holiday season. Between the three tournaments, participants cashed in on nearly \$1.8 million in 2016.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino hosts three large poker tournaments each year. For more information, visit www.wildhorseresort.com.

DEC. 1, 2016

MENDOZA — Karla Valenzuela and Luis Mendoza of Boardman: a girl, Trinity Emilie Mendoza.

DEC. 5, 2016

CLARK — Nichole Hardcastle and Jakob Clark: a girl, Kinsley Rose Clark.

OAR — Sharice Quaempts and Jack Oar: a boy, Haiden Sherwood Oar.

WOODS — Erin Jenner and Grant Woods of Hermiston: a boy, Braylon Mathew Woods.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

NOV. 29, 2016

FOCHT SANDERS — Ashley D. Sanders and Jesse J. Focht of Hermiston: a girl, Destiny Hope Focht Sanders.

KNOWLES — Genessa Knowles and Brian Knowles of Heppner: a girl, Maren Medora Knowles.

DEC. 3, 2016

MOORE — Rebecca Moore and Richard Moore

of Boardman: a boy, Elijah Hanby-James Moore.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

NOV. 29, 2016

FOSTER — Tiffany L. Knight and Ricky S. Foster of Pendleton: a girl, Rowan Jean Foster.

NOV. 30, 2016

ONSTOTT — Brittney N. Onstott and Tyler L. Onstott of Pendleton: a boy, Jesse James Onstott.



Photo contributed by Jack Simons

Fog drits over the foothills

Pendleton resident Jack Simons captured the fog hovering over the foothills of the Blue Mountains during a mid-fall morning on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Pet of the Week



Rosey knows she’s a super star and appreciates being treated as one. Rosey is looking forward to settling into her new home and enjoying the finer things in life. Rosey is quite a talker and isn’t afraid to let you know what’s on her mind. Once she gets to know you, this independent lady is affectionate and easygoing. Due to her spicy nature, Rosey will probably adjust best in a quiet home with adults only or older, cat-savvy children. If you’re looking to add some royalty to your life then visit with her today!

Have a Happy HOLIDOGS!

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