



Photo contributed by Jesse R. Strong

Old Man Winter cruises onto Main Street

Pendleton resident Jesse Strong headed to Main Street after a winter storm dumped snow and ice on the region. The amateur shutterbug headed out at 3 a.m. to ensure getting a photo of the fresh blanket of snow before the roads were cleared.

ANNIVERSARY

John and Pat Edmundson

John and Pat Edmundson of Heppner are celebrating their 60th anniversary with a family celebration in Hermiston, Oregon, on December 23rd at their son Jeff Edmundson's home.

John Edmundson and Patricia Dorine Turner were married December 29, 1956, at the Calvary Baptist Church in The Dalles, Oregon.

John and Pat first met in their seventh grade math class at Hood River Junior High School. The romance blossomed during the school's noontime dances, and the area church parties and hayrides. When Pat's family moved to The Dalles, the couple was able to maintain their long-distance relationship via mail, train, bus, and car rides over the treacherous Columbia Gorge/Rowena Loops Highway.

Pat received her engagement ring at a celebratory dinner hosted by John's aunt and uncle in Yakima, Washington, where John was attending military training at



John and Pat Edmundson in 1956 and in 2016



the U.S. Army Yakima Firing Center with the U.S. Army Reserve. The couple was married over their college winter break, with John graduating from Willamette University in 1957 and Pat from Oregon College of Education in 1958.

John and Pat have three children: daughters Vicki Edmundson, Baker City, and Kristi Smalley and husband Mark, Hermiston, and son Jeff Edmundson and wife Sheila, also of Hermiston. They also have six granddaughters: Emily (Edmundson) Wurtz (Brandon), Boise;

Erin (Brookshire) Lair (Shane), Canby; Kirsten Brookshire, Perth, Australia; Megan (Brookshire) Shaffer (Nick), Roseburg; Jordan Smalley, Milwaukie; and Jillian Smalley, Hermiston. Great-granddaughters include Ada Wurtz, Audrey and Brooke Lair, and Raylee Shaffer arriving in January.

John and Pat are retired educators, and during their schooling and working lives lived in Salem, Parkdale, Boston, Hood River, Eugene, Ione and Heppner.

They look forward to an anniversary stay at the Columbia Gorge Hotel in Hood River. It is the site of many wonderful memories from earlier years.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DEC. 17
PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-11:30 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Dinner from 6-8 p.m., music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)

SUNDAY, DEC. 18
PENDLETON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828)

MONDAY, DEC. 19
BLUE MOUNTAIN PIECE-MAKERS, 12 p.m., Thimbles Fabric N More, 1819 Westgate Place, Pendleton.

PENDLETON ROTARY CLUB, 12 p.m., Pendleton Elks Lodge, 14 S.E. Third St., Pendleton.

IRRIGON MOOSE LODGE TACOS AND BINGO, 6-9 p.m., Irrigon Moose Lodge, 220 N.E. Third St., Irrigon. Tacos from 6-9 p.m., bingo from 6:30-9 p.m. Open to members and guests. (541-922-1802)

OREGON TRAIL GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Tom Moon 541-278-9702)

BLOOMER GIRLS GARDEN CLUB, 6:30 p.m., location varies, location varies, Hermiston. (Barbara Chadwick 541-567-2043)

INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS CHORALE REHEARSAL, 7-9 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy gymnasium, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. No tryouts; all welcome. No rehearsals June-July-August or Christmas-New Year. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696)

TUESDAY, DEC. 20
PENDLETON TOASTMASTERS NO. 154, 6:30 a.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

TOPS CHAPTER OR 1110, 8 a.m., Missionary Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech St., Hermiston. 8 a.m. weigh-in followed by meeting at 8:45 a.m. (Margaret Wetterling 541-720-0276)

BIBLE STUDY, 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. (Rev. Jim Pierce 541-276-2616)

GREENFIELD GRANGE PINOCHLE, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenfield Grange 579, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman. (541-481-7397)

GREATER HERMISTON AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB, 11:30 a.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. Main St., Hermiston. No-host lunch. All women welcome. (541-567-0006)

"THE LIFE MODEL: LIVING FROM THE HEART JESUS GAVE YOU" BOOK STUDY GROUP, 1-2:30 p.m., Bowman Building, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. (Pat 541-276-6671)

WESTON-MCEWEN LIONS CLUB, 1 p.m., Doubletree Restaurant, 327 E. Main St., Athena. (Ellyn 541-566-3987)

TOPS CHAPTER OR 1169, 4-5:30 p.m., Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. Use west side door. (Janell Bailey 541-571-5744)

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

STARBOTTLE SKI CLUB, 6 p.m., location varies, location varies, Pendleton. No-host dinner, rotating restaurants. New members welcome. (Ray Cable 541-

969-7759)
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 6 p.m., Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech Ave., Hermiston.

AWANA, 6:30-8 p.m., Pendleton Baptist Church, 3202 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. For children age 3 through sixth grade. (541-276-7590)

A SHARP PLAYERS ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton High School band room, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Intermediate orchestra for players of any instrument. (JD Kindle 541-276-0320)

PRELUDES ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, 6:30 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College McRae Activity Center, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. For beginning strings players of all ages. (JD Kindle 541-276-0320)

HEPPNER BOOK CLUB, 7 p.m., Heppner Public Library, 444 N. Main St., Heppner. Watch a TED Talks video and read the corresponding book, then discuss at the next meeting. Copies will be available to check out. Everyone welcome. (Kathy Street 541-481-3365)

ODD FELLOWS EUREKA LODGE NO. 32, 7 p.m., IOOF Hall, 19 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Gladys Biggerstaff 541-276-4417)

WILLOW CREEK SYMPHONY REHEARSAL, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School, 315 E. Wyoming Ave., Irrigon. Preparatory orchestra for all ages. Does not rehearse June-July-August or during Christmas-New Year holidays. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696)

HERMISTON MASONIC LODGE NO. 138 AF & AM, 7:30 p.m., Hermiston Masonic Lodge, 200 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.



Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman

Members of the Pendleton Junior Jam performed dance routines during a Dec. 7 event at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton.



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Members of the Pendleton Junior Jam visit with residents after a Dec. 7 performance at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton.

Junior dancers jam at McKay Creek

Smiles were abundant recently as the Pendleton Junior Jam dancers visited McKay Creek Estates.

The Pendleton assisted living facility hosted the young performers, who then enjoyed mingling

with the audience after the Dec. 7 exhibition. Facility executive director **Noemi Wiseman** said the kids were a big hit in their cute outfits.

"They looked great and adorable," she said.

Many of the activities presented at McKay Creek Estates open to the public. For more information, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.com.



Photo contributed by Michele Madril

Grillin' for Grants raises money for students

The Education Foundation of Pendleton's Nov. 5 Grillin' for Grants drew a crowd, which raised money to provide educational enrichment opportunities for students in the Pendleton School District.

New officers sprout with Dirt Dabblers

The **Dirt Dabblers Garden Club** swore in new officers during their Nov. 21 meeting.

The new president for the upcoming year is **Joey Bechtel**. Other officers include **Connie Ball** and **Beth Hegge**, co-vice presidents; **Kathleen Gillette**, secretary; and **Sue Stefancik**, treasurer.

Also, during the last

meeting of 2016, the group members gathered donations for **Domestic Violence Services**. The nonprofit organization, which has shelters in Pendleton and Hermiston, provides help to all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The agency also provides a 24-hour crisis line, safety planning, peer

support and referrals for temporary emergency shelter for male victims of abuse.

Visitors are welcome to the garden club. For more information, contact any of the officers or johnsonstub@yahoo.com. For more about Domestic Violence Services, call 541-276-3322 or visit www.dvs-or.org.

Pet of the Week



Bree

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BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

DEC. 7, 2016
CLAUSTRO — Nancy Claustro of Boardman: a girl, Kenya Elizabeth Claustro.

DEC. 9, 2016
ALCARAZ HERNANDEZ — Elizabeth Hernandez and Tomas Alcaraz of Hermiston: a girl, Natalie Alcaraz Hernandez.

DEC. 12, 2016
BRETSCH — Amber

D. Pickerd and Michael O. Bretsch of Hermiston: a boy, Archer Jackson Bretsch.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

DEC. 7, 2016
HUBER — Adina R. Kolacz of Pendleton: a girl, Abigail Raye Huber.

DEC. 8, 2016
DAVIS — Sarah M. Davis and Jeffery C. Davis of Hermiston: a boy, Parker D. Davis.

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.