

Students shop with cops

Some students from Clara Brownell Middle School were paired up with representatives of the Umatilla Police Department for Shop with a Cop. Chief Darla Huxel said this is the 12th year her department has participated in the program. Students were transported to the Hermiston Wal-Mart by police department personnel and were assisted in purchasing gifts. Money for this year's project, Huxel said, came from the Wal-Mart Community Grant Fund.



Participants during the 12th annual Shop with a Cop are pictured with Santa Claus at the Hermiston Wal-Mart. Photo contributed by Darla Huxel

Oregon Community Foundation awards grants

The Community Action Program of East Central Oregon was among the recipients of fall grants awarded by the Oregon Community Foundation. CAPECO received \$20,000, which will be used to add a refrigerated van and increase staffing for a fast-growing program that collects food from grocery stores and makes it available to low-income and working-class families in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. Also in Umatilla County, the Stanfield Community Center received \$15,000. The money will be used to remodel the kitchen to meet current code requirements and allow for continued preparation of food for community events and meals for seniors with support from CAPECO.

Gilliam County will benefit from a \$20,000 grant to Western Rivers Conservancy Portland. It will be used to create a major sanctuary on the Lower John Day River to conserve fish and wildlife habitat and secure new public access for anglers, boaters, hikers and hunters. "The Oregon Community Foundation team of staff members and volunteers is excited to see the progress of these projects that work to improve health and human services for people of all ages in Eastern Oregon," said Cheryl Puddy, associate program officer/regional coordinator for The Oregon Community Foundation in central and Eastern Oregon. She said the nonprofits provide valuable services in the community, which is a true reflection of OCF's goal to improve lives across. Puddy said it's a privilege to partner with the agencies. The foundation's board of directors approved a total of \$237,500 in grants to Eastern Oregon nonprofits. The statewide total was more than \$3.6 million. For a full list of grants awarded across the state and more information about the foundation, visit www.oregoncf.org.



Mel Bates' family were lined up for a festive Christmas dinner during the Dec. 9 event at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton. Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman

McKay Creek serves up holiday fun

Christmas cheer was plentiful as families, residents and guests participated in the McKay Creek Estates' Annual Residents and Families Holiday Dinner. The Dec. 9 event also served to celebrated November and December birthdays of residents at the Pendleton assisted living facility, including Martha Warberg, Brenda Hascall, Bill Storie, Barbie Davis, Don Peck and Jean Thomson. In addition, November Resident of the Month was Patty Trickett and for December, Bruce Burke, who was Mr. Claus 2016 and Hattie Kramer as Mrs. Claus 2016. Santa Claus and his elf were special surprise guests. The residents were bright



McKay Creek Estates residents Bruce Burke and Martha Warberg and her son, Jon, wear big smiles during a Dec. 9 Christmas dinner at the facility in Pendleton. Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman

smiles as they received gifts delivered by the jolly ol' elf, said facility director Noemi Wiseman. The entire McKay Creek team was thanked by Wiseman for their hard work in contributing to the success of the holiday dinner. For more information about activities at the center, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.com.



Pendleton House Historic Inn Bed & Breakfast was ranked as the No. 1 Fan Destination in Oregon. The award was presented to owners Tracy Bosen and Kevin Michel Dec. 7 during a luncheon at the Downtown Hilton in Portland. Contributed photo

Pendleton House voted fan favorite

Travel Oregon and Media America teamed up to present the 100 Best Fan Destinations in Oregon for 2017 — Pendleton House Historic Inn Bed & Breakfast ranked No. 1. The award was based on rankings from customer reviews from TripAdvisor, Google and Yelp. Scores from all three platforms were tallied to create the ranking based upon customer satisfaction reviews. Owners Tracy Bosen and Kevin Michel received the award during a Dec. 7 luncheon at the Downtown Hilton in Portland. The top 100 were on hand when the winner was revealed. In addition, the top 10 were honored with awards. Bosen and Michel thanked their staff for their attention to quality and detail to customer needs. They also acknowledged the people and merchants of Pendleton who provide an exceptional experience for their guests, whether it be food and beverages, shopping, sightseeing or just providing genuine hospitality that guests rave about when spending time in Pendleton. The Pendleton House Historic Inn received the award, they said, but the honor goes to the community as a whole. "Our business could not thrive without all of the 'Pendleton Experience' to go with it," Bosen said. The entire list of fan favorite locations can be viewed at www.oregonbusiness.com.



Heart-shaped pool provides refreshing view Pendleton resident Jesse Strong saw this heart-shaped pond on the upper bridge at Multnomah Falls. Photo contributed by Jesse R. Strong

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DEC. 24
MEN'S BREAKFAST, 8 a.m. Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton (541-276-7559).
PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-11:30 p.m. Dinner from 6-8 p.m., music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Members and guests welcome. Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton (541-278-2828).
MONDAY, DEC. 26
INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS CHORALE REHEARSAL, 7-9 p.m. No tryouts; all welcome. No rehearsals June-July-August or Christmas-New Year. Harris Jr. Academy gymnasium, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696).
VFW POST NO. 922 SOCIAL, 6:30 p.m. Pendleton VFW Hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place, Pendleton (541-278-2720).
WESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 6 p.m. Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston.
TUESDAY, DEC. 27
A SHARP PLAYERS ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Intermediate orchestra for players of any instrument. Pendleton High School band room, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton (JD Kindle 541-276-0320).
AWANA, 6:30-8 p.m. For children age 3 through sixth grade. Pendleton Baptist Church, 3202 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton (541-276-7590).
BIBLE STUDY, 10 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton (Rev. Jim Pierce 541-276-2616).
"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).
PENDLETON TOASTMASTERS NO. 154, 6:30 a.m. Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.
PRELUDES ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, 6:30 p.m. For beginning strings players of all ages. Blue Mountain Community College McRae Activity Center, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton (JD Kindle 541-276-0320).
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28
ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF PENDLETON, 12 p.m. Red Lion Inn, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton.
CAY-UMA-WA TOASTMASTERS, 12-1 p.m. Everyone welcome. Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton (Jeannette Taylor 541-276-9492).
CREDIT PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL, 7:30-9 a.m. Shari's Restaurant, 319 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton (LaFrance Grubbs 541-276-5318).



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.

THANK YOU

AAUW appreciates community support

The American Association of University Women would like to thank the community for its support of our grapefruit sale. We would also like to give a special thanks to Hodgen Distributing for letting us use their building and for helping unload seven pallets of grapefruit. Your support directly benefits our community as it is used to fund

scholarships at Blue Mountain Community College, support projects such as the Pioneer Park Playground rebuild, and helps to fund educational programs such as the robotics and welding programs at the high school. These are just a few of the projects that this money has helped AAUW support. Again, thank you. Pendleton Chapter American Association of University Women

Pet of the Week



Bernie is a cute, shy kitten. He will be a super cat when he grows up. Bernie needs and deserves a forever loving home.



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