

# Five Kiwanians, 151 years of service

Five members of the Milton-Freewater Kiwanis Club have provided more than 151 years of service to the community.

The individuals were honored during the Dec. 10 Kiwanis' Christmas Party. Jack Ruthven (36 years), Vern Rodighiero (30 years), Corky York (30 years), Steve Haugen (30 years) and Debbie York (25 years) each received a Legion of Honor award and pin.

The Legion of Honor program is a way individual clubs can cooperate with Kiwanis International in recognizing club members who have accumulated 25 or more years in membership.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. The Milton-Freewater club was started in Dec. 1980 with Jack Ruthven as the first president. He currently serves on the board of directors.

For more information about the organization, visit [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org).



Debbie York, Vern Rodighiero, Jack Ruthven, Steve Haugen and Corky York of the Milton-Freewater Kiwanis Club recently received Legion of Honor awards and pins for their longterm membership.

Photo contributed by Kay West

# Hermiston woman turns 90

Longtime Hermiston resident Jeanne Echols is joining the ranks as a nonagenarian.

Friends and family are invited to help Echols celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday, Jan. 21 from 2-5 p.m. at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave.

Born Jan. 23, 1927, in Lincoln, Nebraska, she moved to California as a baby and graduated from high school in Orange, California, in 1944. In 1945, she married Herald Echols, who had just returned from serving in the Merchant Marines during World War II.

Jeanne spent the next years following her husband as he went to college and pursued a career in the Army. For 22 years, they moved to different assignments all across the United States and overseas. Jeanne was often a single parent to their five children while Herald served two tours in Vietnam or was assigned places his family couldn't go.

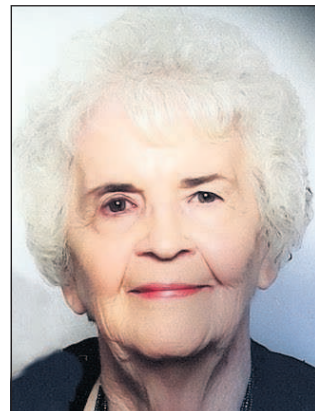
The couple moved to Hermiston in 1973 when Col. Echols was assigned to be commander of the Umatilla Army Depot. They stayed in Hermiston after retirement and bought a ranch in the Buttercreek area. Jeanne became active in the Methodist church and the Christian Women's Club.

She is an avid seamstress, still sewing clothes and quilts for a mission in Honduras. She's also an accomplished artist and has always sung in choirs and played the ukulele and violin.

Herald and Jeanne still live in their home in town. One of their sons resides on



Echols-past



Echols-now

the ranch the couple bought when they first moved to Hermiston.

Jeanne, though not as active as she once was, is still very involved in the lives of her large family, which includes children Kristin Adams of Lakeside, Kurt Echols of Anchorage, Mark Echols of Houston, Jennifer Diallo of Portland and Scot Echols of Hermiston, 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They are looking forward to gathering to celebrate Jeanne's 90 years of life and 72 years as a beloved wife, mother and grandmother.



Jon Diehl, Avery Madril and Johnny Stuvland recently earned their Eagle Scout award.

Photo contributed by Michele Madril

# Trio of teens soar with Eagle Scout award

Three members of Pendleton's Troop No. 700 attained the rank of Eagle Scout in fall 2016.

The rank was bestowed in front of family and friends at a Court of Honor at Westminster Woods Presbyterian Camp in Meacham. The Eagle Scouts are Jon Diehl, Avery Madril and

Johnny Stuvland.

All three completed projects at Westminster Woods, including an informational kiosk (Madril), a woodshed (Stuvland) and owl nesting platforms (Diehl). The boys are all seniors at Pendleton High School.

The Boy Scouts provides a

program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness. About 5-6 percent of all Scouts receive the Eagle rank.

For more information about Boy Scouts, visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, JAN. 14

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**, 8 a.m., Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton. (541-276-7559)

**FRIENDS OF THE UMATILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 9 a.m., Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (541-922-5704)

**EASTERN OREGON CELTIC SOCIETY PIPERS GATHERING**, 1 p.m., The Old Meeting House, 901 M Ave., La Grande. For pipers of all skill levels. Instruction is free, but a \$2 donation for use of the building is appreciated. (541-568-4643)

**BLACK INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS CLUB**, 2 p.m., Starbucks, 1235 N. First St., Hermiston. Practicing the wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the community, including all cultures and races. Everyone welcome. (John Cabbage 817-795-6161)

**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, JAN. 15**  
**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, JAN. 16**  
**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, 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)

**OREGON EAST SYMPHONY CHORALE REHEARSAL**, 7 p.m., Pendleton High School music department, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. The OES Chorale will rehearse for the March 11, 2017 concert of Ola Gjeilo's "Sunrise Mass." Call the OES office to receive a vocal score. (J.D. Kindel 541-276-0320)

**TUESDAY, JAN. 17**  
**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 Welterling 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 LI-ONS CLUB**, 1 p.m., Doubletree Restaurant, 327 E. Main St., Athena. (Elynn 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)

**STARBOTLE SKI CLUB**, 6 p.m., location varies, location varies, Pendleton. No-host dinner, rotating restaurants. New members welcome. (Ray Cable 541-969-7759)

**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 Kindel 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 Kindel 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. Donor Ave., Pendleton. (Glady's Biggerstaff 541-276-4417)

**UMATILLA COUNTY EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION**, 7 p.m., Pendleton Airport main hangar, 2016 Airport Road, Pendleton. (541-276-1908)

**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.

## BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

**JAN. 3, 2017**  
**HENDRICKS** — Kelsey M. Hendricks and Andrew "Gage" Hendricks of Milton-Freewater: a boy, Lucas Will Hendricks.

**JAN. 9, 2017**  
**PIESCHEL** — Hannah Pieschel and Cody Pieschel

of Pendleton: a girl, Brooks Saige Pieschel.

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**JAN. 8, 2017**  
**TORRES** — Belinda Barahona and Rigo Torres of Hermiston: a boy, Joel Adan Torres.

## SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

Submit Your EO News information and high-resolution photos to: [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto: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

### Pendleton school board goes above and beyond for students

January is School Board Recognition Month, and the Pendleton School District would like to thank our school board.

The members of the Pendleton School District board of directors spend countless hours of unpaid time working to provide the best possible education for our students. Board members attend monthly board meetings, participate in trainings and committee meetings and constantly communicate with parents, students, school staff and the school superintendent.

As a testament to our board members' dedication, all board members recently attended the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) Fall Conference. Board members also serve as the corporate board of directors for one of our community's largest employers.

Frequently, the efforts of school board members go unrecognized. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thank you for all they do. Pendleton School District has an active, well trained, and effective board who give of their time for the betterment of our students and staff.

School board members represent their fellow citizens' views and priorities in the complex enterprise of maintaining and running the Pendleton School District.

They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Oregon.

Pendleton's School Board members are Debbie McBee, chairman, eight years of service; Lynn Lieuallen, vice chairman, three years; Steve Umbarger, eight years; Michelle Monkman, nine years; Dale Freeman, two years; Gary George, first year; and Dave Krumbein, 18 years.

We honor our board members during January to show appreciation; however, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort. Board members are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and implementing board policies. The next time you see a Pendleton School Board member, express your gratitude by saying, "Thank you!"

Andrew Kovach, superintendent  
Pendleton School District

# Pet of the Week



**Hemi is loving and gorgeous Walker Hound Mix. He's just over a year old. Hemi is housetrained, loves the outdoors, gets along with cats and older children. He also loves to go for rides in the car and to play in the water. Hemi is available for adoption at PAWS so come meet him at 517 SE 3rd St in Pendleton. 541-276-0181 Tues-Sat from 12-4pm.**

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