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Photo contributed by Mike Morehead

Herd of elk on the move

Pilot Rock resident watched a herd of elk travel in the foothills of the Blue Mountains.

Heppner teen makes fashion with wool

Hannah Palmer, 14, of Heppner will soon be headed to Denver to compete in the national finals of the 69th annual Make It With Wool Fashion Show.

Contestants from 37 states will compete for prizes sponsored by the American Sheep Industry during the Jan. 26-28 event at the Marriott City Center.

To qualify for the national event, Palmer won first place out of 10 contestants in her age division at the Oregon Sheep Growers Association's Make It With Wool competition held Dec. 3-4 in Corvallis.

In her first year of competing in the contest, she modeled a lined wool jacket, skirt and wool scarf that she made for the event. In Denver, Palmer's outfit will be judged on both its sewing construction skills and during the runway show.

The contest requires that wool garments, either sewn or knitted by the contestants, must be made using 100 percent wool or a fabric blend of at least 60 percent wool.

The Junior (ages 13-16) and Senior (age 17-24) division winners won various prizes — including an all-expense paid trip to compete in Denver. There also were



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Hannah Palmer, 14, of Heppner will compete in the national finals of the Make It With Wool Fashion Show Jan. 26-28 in Denver.

adult and pre-teen sewing categories with other awards.

Palmer, an eighth grader at Heppner Junior High, is the daughter of Jason and Jennifer Palmer of Heppner. She has been in 4-H sewing for the past four years.

Anyone is welcome to enter the annual state competition, and new categories are being added. For more information, search Facebook for the Oregon and national Make it With Wool pages or visit www.nationalmakeitwithwool.com.

Columbia Bank warms homeless shelters with Warm Hearts drive

The Warm Hearts Winter Drive raised \$209,335.96 and received 8,140 items for 54 homeless shelters across the Pacific Northwest.

Columbia Bank, in its second year of the effort, donated the clothing and money collected to organizations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. In Oregon, \$59,500.55 in donations were raised to benefit local organizations, including to Neighbor to Neighbor Pendleton.

The financial institution established the Warm Hearts Winter Drive in 2015 to assist nonprofit organizations in providing warmth to individuals, families and children in need. Philanthropy and community engagement lie at the heart of what it means to be a community bank, and that's why Columbia Bank is committed to such programs, said Makenna Huck for Columbia Bank.

"The Warm Hearts Winter Drive was created to benefit the growing number of people who are impacted by homelessness and are struggling to receive essential services during our cold and rainy winter months," said Melanie Dressel, Columbia Bank president and CEO.

Bank employees, customers and the community rallied together to raise awareness of the growing issue and make a real difference, she added.

After launching the project in 2015, Columbia Bank received regional and national honors, including the American Bankers Association Foundation's George Bailey Distinguished Service Award and a Community Impact Award from Seattle Business Magazine.

For more information, visit www.warmheartswinterdrive.com.



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Columbia Bank's 2nd annual Warm Hearts Winter Drive raised \$209,335 and collected more than 8,000 cold weather attire items. Neighbor to Neighbor Pendleton was among the nonprofit organizations to benefit from the donations.

Students drive food contest for Christmas Express

A pair of middle school students enjoyed a front and center table during the recent Hermiston Rotary Club meeting.

After bringing in the most food donations for the Hermiston Police Department Christmas Express, eighth graders Bryce Brock of Sandstone Middle School and Nicole Torres of Armand Larive Middle School were the guests of honor. Accompanied by their principals, the two students sat at the table with Mayor Dave Drotzmann.

Sandstone principal Lori Mills called Brock "a rock star" for his winning effort, saying he donated more than a pallet of food. Torres brought 288 items, many of which scored extra points for nutritional value, said Armand Larive principal Stacie Roberts.

Ric Sherman, who coordinates the food drive competition, said the total donations by Hermiston schools was 15,854 items.



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Bryce Brock of Sandstone Middle School and Nicole Torres of Armand Larive Middle School joined Mayor Dave Drotzmann for the Jan. 12 Hermiston Rotary Club lunch. The two eighth graders collected the most food items during a competition to benefit the Hermiston Police Department Christmas Express.

Sandstone, he said, won the middle school contest with a total of 4,025 items to Armand Larive's 2,144.

A retired educator, Sherman got students at Armand Larive involved in the food drive effort in 1979.

When Sandstone opened, he helped develop the competition between the schools to help bring in more food for the program.

Christmas Express started 47 years ago when Ken Hodge, then manager of the Hermiston Sears, had some extra toys and called Bob Shannon, who was the Hermiston police chief, asking if he knew of some needy families they could be distributed to.

This year's effort, which also provided toys for kids, helped 500 area families have a brighter holiday season.

THANK YOU

I'd like to extend a big thank you to the city of Pendleton Public Works employees. While most of us sit in our warm and cozy homes and offices, they have been working long hours outside under challenging conditions sanding our streets, shoveling our sidewalks, and generally making sure the rest of us can get around the city safely.

Let's not forget the Water Department employees, who work hard to make sure we have clean, safe drinking water all year round. They, too, spend a lot of time working

outside under adverse conditions. And thanks to the Wastewater Treatment Plant employees, who also spend a lot of time working outside to make sure all that wastewater is properly treated before it goes into the Umatilla River.

One last thank you to the Parks Department employees, who have also been working outdoors shoveling sidewalks and taking care of our parks this winter.

Thanks to them all. Stay Safe.

Karen King Pendleton

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
JAN. 10, 2017
WARD — Jonna J. Porter and Keyard M. Ward: a girl, Keyonna Jo Ward.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
JAN. 10, 2017
EPPING — Kimberly L. Marler and Nicholas E. Epping-Fate of Umatilla: a boy, Brysen Leon-Rimmick Epping.
JAN. 11, 2017
BETTENCOURT — Hope M. Morasch and Bradley J. Bettencourt of

Hermiston: a girl, Chevelle Marie Bettencourt.
WERK — Yolanda Tachiquin and Larry Werk of Hermiston: a boy, Elwood Izaiah Werk.

JAN. 13, 2017
BISHOP — Elisa Lowery and Kris Bishop of Stanfield: a boy, Xander Michael Bishop.

JAN. 16, 2017
ADAIR — Bethany S. Adair and John R. Adair of Hermiston: a girl, Elizabeth Kristine Adair.

GARCILAZO — Faviola Garcilazo and Abel Garcilazo of Umatilla: a girl, Keilany Aseret Garcilazo.

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Backyard blanket

A resident of the Grecian Heights area of Pendleton, Larry McMillan enjoyed the beauty of a cold winter day with the sun peeking through the trees.

Photo contributed by Larry McMillan

Pet of the Week



NINJA

Ninja is a gorgeous border collie mix. He is about 2 years old. He is a true farm dog that needs a new farm or a home with plenty to do. He is improving on his leash training. He is good with other dogs, but not cats. Ninja is friendly with everyone and loves kids. Ninja loves to follow people, and would be great to be a hiking partner, he also knows how to follow along on horse rides. Come meet Ninja at PAWS and see if he would be the perfect dog for your family.

Visit Ninja at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm • 517 SE 3rd ST, Pendleton 541-276-0181
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