



A pair of ducks swim in snowy conditions on the Umatilla River in Pendleton.

Photo contributed by Jesse R. Strong

## Working in winter



Between winter storms, birds flock to the yard at the Grecian Heights home of Pendleton resident Larry McMillan.



Photo contributed by Barbara Morehead

Pilot Rock resident gives a shout out to snowplow operators for their efforts in clearing roadways near Tollgate.

## Veterans win at Wildhorse Super Bowl party

More than \$10,000 was raised for **Divide Camp** — a former Wallowa County elk hunt camp that offers a wilderness retreat for combat veterans — during the Red Zone Party at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

In its fifth year, Wildhorse held its annual RedZone Raffle on Super Bowl Sunday, which benefits a designated veteran's organization. A record amount of \$10,267 — topping last year's amount by more than \$3,000 — was raised, said **Kevin Haid**, Wildhorse Sports Bar manager.

Haid teamed up with Wildhorse vendors for donations to be raffled off. Football fans purchased nearly 3,800 tickets for a chance to win prizes, which included fire pits, coolers, guitars, barbecue grills, snowboards, refrigerators and National Football League merchandise.

"My goal is always to top what we were able to contribute the previous year,



Photo contributed by Tiah DeGroff

A whole cache of prizes were up for grabs during the Wildhorse RedZone Party Money raised from raffle ticket sales will benefit Divide Camp, a wilderness retreat located near Joseph for combat veterans.

we are thrilled with the outcome," Haid said. "It is a great feeling to be able to support our local wounded combat veterans and a great organization like the Divide Camp."

A tradition of giving back is shared by the **Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**, said **Diane Long**, Wildhorse

marketing director. Wildhorse Resort, she said, does a wonderful job in giving back to the region. In addition to annual grants disbursed by the **Wildhorse Foundation** — more than \$850,000 in 2016 — the casino supports nearly 1,000 raffles, golf tournaments and fundraisers throughout the year with prize donations, as well

as supporting community events through sponsorships.

"Being a good community partner is a goal for all of us at Wildhorse, not only through monetary donations and sponsorships but also through our employees volunteer involvement, supporting local vendors and events such as this one," Long said.

Located near Joseph, Divide Camp features 40 acres of remote forestland, cabins, a shop and an outdoor picnic shelter. The goal of the nonprofit organization is to aid healing and build hope for post-Sept. 11 combat veterans from Oregon, Idaho and Washington. In addition, veterans from other states are welcome to apply.

There is no charge for participants to visit the camp, which offers hunting, fishing and other sporting and recreational activities. For more information or an application, contact 541-531-9939, [dividecamp@charter.net](mailto:dividecamp@charter.net) or visit [www.dividecamp.org](http://www.dividecamp.org).

## Contest draws in warmth for homeless

Writers from across the Midwestern United States and as far as Africa entered a poetry contest sponsored by the **Blue Mountain Community College** English department.

A fundraiser for the **Pendleton Warming Station**, poets were invited to submit up to five poems — triggered by a simple observation that the response to winter weather has different perspectives from beautiful and peaceful to brutal and grim.

**Anne Livingston**, BMCC director of marketing, said Warming Station Poems melded poetry with community action. The entry fee was \$3 per poem. And, she said in the second year of the contest, more than \$160 was raised.

The first place award went to **Vivian Wagner**, an associate professor of English at Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio. The titles of her

poems include, "Kill the Devil," "Survivalists" and "At Death's Door." A trio of honorable mentions were given: **Katie Darby Mullins**, who teaches creative writing at the University of Evansville, submitted "Self-Portrait Through the Eyes of My Ex," **Emma Bolden**, author of "medi(t)ations" and "Maleficae," was recognized for "As One Would Imagine After," and **Tracy Mishkin**, a call center veteran and an author who studied creative writing at Butler University, entered "Sun Gone."

The contest, which ran from Nov. 24 through Dec. 24, was promoted through social media and was announced at the First Draft Writers' Series at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

For more about the contest, contact Livingston at 541-278-5774 or [alivingston@bluecc.edu](mailto:alivingston@bluecc.edu). To read selected poems, visit <http://libguides.bluecc.edu/>

## ANNIVERSARY

### Tom and Ida Serface

Tom and Ida Serface of Hermiston are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married Feb. 16, 1952, in Stevenson, Wash.

The couple lived in Sweet Home, Deerhorn, Westfir and Bonneville, Oregon, before moving to Hermiston 44 years ago. Tom worked as a power house operator before opening his own insurance firm, Serface Insurance Agency. Ida was a stay-at-home mother and homemaker. They are both retired.

Tom is an avid golfer at Echo Hills Golf Course and enjoys square and round dancing, which he teaches as a member of Columbia Grange in Hermiston. He also served as Exalted Master of Tuscan Masonic Lodge #136 and is a member of the Hermiston Elks Lodge.

Ida also is a member of Columbia Grange and enjoys gardening, sewing, square and round dancing. She is also a SMART Reading volunteer in Hermiston schools.

Joining the Serfaces in their celebration are their daughter Diane Serface and son Dan Serface, both of Hermiston, and daughter



Tom and Ida Serface in 1952



Tom and Ida Serface in 2017

and son-in-law Paula and Mike McKay of Albany. They have a granddaughter, Morgan Wadlow and her husband Bryan, also of Albany, and two great-grandchildren, Royce and Maggie.

Congratulatory cards may be sent to the Serfaces' home address in Hermiston.



## THANK YOU

### Thanks to carriers for delivering papers safely

I want to say thank you to all the *East Oregonian* and *Hermiston Herald* newspaper carriers. As a subscriber and an employee, I know just how hard it has been this winter to get the paper safely to our customers. I have had to stay in Hermiston to work out of our Hermiston office because roads have been closed in both directions. There have been a few days that I should have stayed and worked out of the Hermiston office, instead I made my way to Pendleton. It has taken me a few more minutes to get there.

Please remember that we do care about our carriers and employees and we want them to be safe. We also care about our customers and we want them to get the news. Please bear with us and the weather, we have no control over Mother Nature (who has not been very nice to us).

Dana Tassie  
Hermiston

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, FEB. 11

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST**, 6-10 a.m. Suggested donation is \$7 for ages 8 and up, \$4 for ages 5-7 and free for age 4 and under. White Eagle Grange, 43828 White Eagle Road (between Pendleton and Pilot Rock on Highway 395 South), Pendleton (Gail Wilson 541-276-3778).

**FREE FOR ALL**, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Free art classes for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton (Roberta Lavador 541-278-9201).

**HIP & HANDMADE**, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Free drop-in project class for adults. Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton (Roberta Lavador 541-278-9201).

**SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION**, 5-7:30 p.m. A fundraiser for Ryan Jokinen and his family. He was transported via air ambulance to OHSU after a sledding accident. Pendleton First Assembly of God, 1911 SE Court Ave., Pendleton (Josh English 541-969-9989).

### SUNDAY, FEB. 12

**ADULT OPEN GYM**, 6:30 p.m. Half-court basketball. Adults only. Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

**SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM**, 12-1:30 p.m. Free for special needs children and families. Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton (541-276-8100).

### MONDAY, FEB. 13

**ADULT OPEN GYM**, 6 a.m. Half-court basketball. Adults only. Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

**ART STUDIO**, 4-5:30 p.m. Free class for ages 7-12 to develop skills and encourage art exploration. Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton (Roberta Lavador 541-278-9201).

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals on Wheels, call 541-276-1926. Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton (541-276-7101).

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:30 a.m. For ages birth to 6. Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena (541-566-2470).

**TOT TIME**, 10-11 a.m. For children ages 0-5. Costs \$1 per child per session. Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton (541-276-8100).

**WALKING FOR WELLNESS**, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton (541-276-8100).

### TUESDAY, FEB. 14

**ADULT OPEN GYM**, 6 a.m. Half-court basketball. Adults only. Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

## Pet of the Week

Momma

**Momma is a lovable Terrier mix that just doesn't belong in a shelter. She needs a loving forever home where she can be the only dog. She loves kids and all people. She has an expressive face, loves to give kisses and does great on a leash. Momma could probably use someone to exercise her on a regular basis and feed her a healthy diet. If you have a place in your heart for (ll) Momma come to PAWS and meet her soon!**

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

Check out the PAWSABILITY Thrift Store

52 Pets Adopted in 2017!

Pendleton Book Co.

125 S. Main St., Pendleton  
541-276-9292

Pupcakes

Pet Grooming~Boarding Day Care

541-429-8787 for Pendleton  
541-910-2727 for La Grande  
[www.letterbark.com](http://www.letterbark.com)

tops

#OR.1015 Pendleton

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Weekly Meetings For information call Sherry 541-429-2808 Heather 541-969-6997