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Two Rivers receives Siletz tribe grant

Two Rivers Correctional Institution was among the nonprofit organizations that received grant funding from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. The Confederated

Tribes of Siletz Indians, whose 11-county service area encompassed the Willamette Valley and the central Oregon coast, also provides funding to American Indian entities and activities across

the United States. They gave \$1,500 to the Umatilla prison for beading and cultural craft supplies.

In total, the Feb. 3 disbursements from the tribe was \$153,325.12 to 38

organizations. The deadline for the next application is March 7. For requirements and additional information, contact 541-444-8227, stccf@live.com or visit www.ctsi.nsn.us.

Big River Golf Course GM wishes snow away

Megan Olsen, general manager of Big River Golf Course in Umatilla, has gone from being a guarded optimist to borderline sarcastic as to when the greens will be green again.

With the course covered in a blanket of snow for weeks on end, Olsen has provided a running commentary via emails and Facebook posts regarding the course's status. However, it's apparent Olsen shouldn't trust the weatherman.

An email earlier in the month stated, "The snow and wind today aren't ideal but if the forecast is to be believed, golf could be in your future shortly." However, within 30 minutes of receiving the message, there was a flurry of the white stuff, later followed by freezing rain.

Still using social courtesies, another of Olsen's emails said, "If you are the one still wishing for a winter wonderland PLEASE STOP!!!"

As inclement weather has continued, she said, "First person to complain it's too hot this summer gets punched!" Based on Olsen's electronic communications, I don't think she is talking about a punch card for green fees.

For more about course conditions, contact Olsen at megan@golfbigriver.com or 541-922-3006.



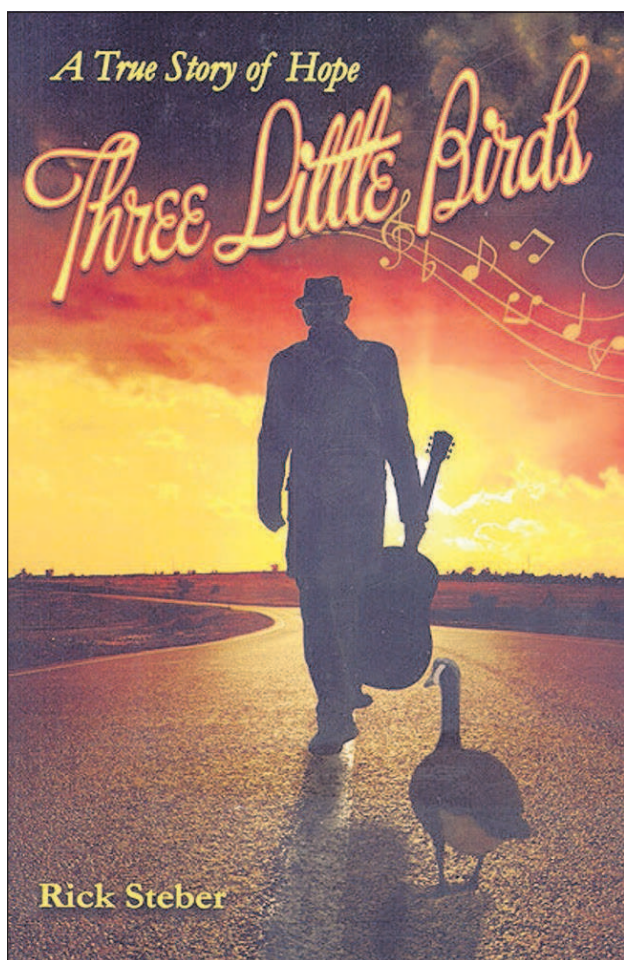
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"Sorry Frosty but we are no longer friends. I'm hoping for a lot more of this over the next week!" said Megan Olsen, Big River Golf Course general manager.



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Fair-weather golfers have nothing on this trio.



Courtesy Bonanza Publishing
Rick Steber's "Three Little Birds" was chosen as West Region winner of the The Beverly Hills Book Awards.

Steber wins Beverly award

"Three Little Birds," by Prineville-based author Rick Steber, was chosen as West Region winner of the The Beverly Hills Book Awards.

A true story about a man who saves an orphaned gosling while clinging to hope that a heart will be found to save his own life, Steber weaves the intricate story of Tootie learning to fly with the joy of finding a heart for George Hooker and the grief of the 21-year-old organ donor's family. Steber said a vital message in the book is that people should become organ donors.

"This book is deserving of this award based upon a very compelling story and excellence in writing," said Ellen Reid, CEO of The Beverly Hills Book Awards. "It is my personal hope this award will continue to help raise awareness of the national organ donor program."

Steber has more than 40 titles under his belt and sales of over a million books. In addition, he is the only Oregon author to have won the prestigious Western Writers of America Spur Award.

For more information about Steber and his books, visit www.rick-steber.com.

EOU ranks high on latest online lists

Eastern Oregon University was recently recognized for affordable and quality programs in new national and statewide surveys.

Degrees in anthropology and economics received top national value rankings from the research publisher SR Education Group, which lists EOU's programs second among its 2017 top online colleges for anthropology and economics degrees.

"Students who complete a degree in anthropology and sociology all study with professors who have doctorates, including online lecturers, and they also conduct research with us," said Linda Reed-Jerofke, professor of anthropology.

Reed-Jerofke believes this level of involvement and access is what makes the university's program special. Anthropology majors can pursue concentrations in either anthropology or sociology-social welfare.

Similarly, faculty teaching in the school's economics program use techniques and technologies to help make online students feel they are getting a classroom experience. And, like the anthropology program, all teachers have a Ph.D. in their field.

Keeping class sizes low, said Peter Maile, associate professor of economics, is why the La Grande university shines in the company of schools like Penn State, Johns Hopkins and Oregon State University.

EOU is also one of the top 10 schools in Oregon offering affordable and quality online degree options, according to Value Colleges. The short list published in January comprises a mix of public and private institutions, each

with a significant number of programs students can complete entirely online.

EOU offers more than a dozen online majors and minors, in addition to graduate programs and other endorsements. The school provides personal academic advising to students enrolled online and local advisors also work with students at 11 regional centers across the state. Also, tuition is significantly lower at \$218 per credit hour.

To learn more about degrees in anthropology, economics and all of the university's online programs, visit www.eou.edu/online.

Probation officer graduates training class

The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training announced that Stephanie Miller graduated with the 73rd Basic Parole & Probation Officer Class.

The ceremony was held Feb. 10 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem.

The Pendleton woman is a parole and probation officer with Umatilla County Community Corrections.

Rep. Michael McLane was the guest speaker. Numerous family, friends,

co-workers and elected officials attended the event, which honored 24 students.

The DPSST provides training to more than 25,000 students each year across Oregon and at the academy. It certifies qualified officers at various levels, certifies qualified instructors and reviews and accredits training programs throughout the state.

For more information, contact Eriks Gabliks, director, at 503-378-2332 or eriks.gabliks@state.or.us.

ENGAGEMENT

Bell-Gutierrez

Scott and Shari Bell of Lake Oswego and Craig and Debra Gutierrez of Heppner are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Stephanie Bell and Justin Gutierrez, both of Corvallis.

The future bride is a 2013 graduate of Lake Oswego High School. She will graduate in March 2017 from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing. She is currently employed in the field of marketing with RE/MAX in Corvallis.

The prospective groom is a 2011 graduate of Heppner High School. He graduated from Oregon State University in 2015



Justin Gutierrez and Stephanie Bell

with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. He is currently employed as a commercial banker with Columbia Bank in Salem.

A wedding is planned for July 15, 2017, at Oswego Hills Winery in West Linn.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

FEB. 2, 2017

SALINAS — Robin R. Stoutenburg and Liovardo L. Salinas Jr. of Weston: a boy, Maxwell Web Salinas.

FEB. 3, 2017

PROVOT — Kyle C. Lewis of Pendleton and Mitchell L. Provot of California: a girl, Ettalie Christine Provot.

SAMP — Kate E. Samp and David W.D. Samp of Pendleton: a boy, Lucas Michael Samp.

WORDEN — Kelsie W. Worden and Richard R. Worden of Heppner: a boy, Lucas Wain Worden.

FEB. 4, 2017

SEGURA — Ashley Valdovino and Israel Segura of Hermiston: a boy, Israel Daniel Segura.

FEB. 6, 2017

CANT — Michelle E. Blake and Quinton J. Cant of Pendleton: a girl, Emerie Marie Cant.

HAMMAN — Joan H. Tierney and Travis T. Hamman of Pilot Rock: a boy, Kayde Alexander Hamman.

FEB. 8, 2017

BAKER — Kylie E. Baker and Jasper A. Baker of Umatilla: a girl, Taetum Kai Baker.

WILKERSON — Jacqueline M. Wilkerson and Paul I. B. Wilkerson of Pendleton: a girl, Dellamarie Mary Wilkerson.

FEB. 13, 2017

MCCABE — Chelsea McCabe and Michael

McCabe: a girl, Morgan Ann McCabe.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JAN. 31, 2017

PUCKETT — Amber W. Searle and Camren L. Puckett of Hermiston: a boy, John Tanner Puckett.

FEB. 2, 2017

DIKE — Laila L. Dike and Zane K. Dike of Irrigon: a boy, Grayson Ian Dike.

RODRIGUEZ — Alma Torres and Ezio Rodriguez of Hermiston: a boy, Lorenzo Manuel Rodriguez.

FEB. 3, 2017

MONREAL — Sonia Monreal and Noe E. Monreal Sr. of Umatilla: a girl, Alicia May Monreal.

FEB. 8, 2017

MENDOZA — Mariza J. Ayala and Tomas F. Mendoza of Hermiston: a girl, Mia Ann Mendoza.

FEB. 9, 2017

TAYLOR — Justine Taylor and Sam Taylor of Hermiston: a girl, Natalie Christine Taylor.

FEB. 10, 2017

CONTRERAS NAVARRO — Vanessa Navarro Amezcua and Luis A. Contreras of Hermiston: a girl, Mia Contreras Navarro.

FEB. 13, 2017

DEVIN — Debra A. Devin and Miffin J. Devin of Boardman: a boy, Joseph Oliver Devin.

Pet of the Week

Cora

Cora is a gorgeous Calico that has just been moved to our free roam room. She is about 4 years old with two different colored eyes and a bobbed tail. Cora was a stray before coming to PAWS so we don't know a lot about her history but she is a shy kitty who needs someone who will go slow with her and have a quiet home. Cora is spayed, current on shots and tested negative for feline aids and leukemia. Come to PAWS and meet Cora and her other free roaming friends anytime Tues-Sat 12-4pm located at 517 SE 3rd St. in Pendleton. 541-276-0181.

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