



Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman

Residents of McKay Creek Estates started the new year participating in healthy activities each weekend at the assisted living facility in Pendleton.

McKay Creek residents enjoy healthy fun

Residents at McKay Creek Estates started the new year with healthy lifestyle activities.

Among the offerings are Zumba with instructor Piper Kishpaugh, and yoga led

by Heaven Doherty. To encourage participation, the leaders provide modified movements for all skill levels. Held on Saturdays at the Pendleton assisted living facility, executive director

Noemi Wiseman invites the public to join them for healthy fun.

For more information about activities at the center, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.com.

Learning center celebrates student attendance

The Pendleton Early Learning Center celebrated its Everyday Matters Attendance Champions in February.

The event recognized 31 students with 100 percent attendance and 110 students with 95 percent or higher attendance for the first semester of the school year, said Anne Sokoloski, child development specialist at the center. Students could choose a prize donated from the community or hardback books.

A total of 135 students, 73 parents and 21 siblings attended the celebration event.



Photo contributed by Anne Sokoloski

Paizly Johnson, 5, chooses a book during the Everyday Matters Attendance Champions, held in February at the Pendleton Early Learning Center. Also pictured are her mother, Jacquelyn Johnson, her brother, Phisher Johnson, 2, and her father, Jeremy Johnson.

Northwest Farmers Union member wins national award

The National Farmers Union recently recognized the efforts of members, county and local organizations, and state divisions for excellence in membership recruitment and outreach.

Among those honored during the organization's 115th Anniversary Convention, held March 7 in San Diego, was Tiffany Wright. A member of the Northwest Farmers Union, which encompasses Oregon, Washington and Idaho, Wright received the Silver Star Award, the highest honor bestowed to individual Farmers Union organizers. She also serves as secretary of the board of directors of the NWFU.

"A strong grassroots network is the backbone of a farmer-led organization," said NFU president Roger Johnson. "Our peer-driven approach to membership and outreach is what keeps our organization rooted in rural America, and I am honored to recognize the efforts of these dedicated leaders."



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Tiffany Wright of the Northwest Farmers Union received the Silver Star Award during the March 7 National Farmers Union 115th Anniversary Convention in San Diego. She is pictured with Kent Wright, NWFU president, and National Farmers Union president Roger Johnson

Johnson said the NFU represents nearly 200,000 family farm and ranch members across the nation and is a strong advocate for

the well-being of American family farmers and ranchers.

For more information, including a full list of award winners, visit www.nfu.org.

Masons applaud Hermiston High School production

My wife and I attended the opening of the Hermiston High School musical "Fiddler on the Roof."

What a grand production it is with a real fiddler, Sydney Tovey, who was also Golde, the wife of Tevya, played by Noah Roberts. Dana and Lin Mercer did their usual good job with directing and costume work. About 40 students appeared on stage.

The pit orchestra was directed by Sean McClanahan. Jordan Bemrose rehearsed the singers and played trumpet. Several members from the Inland Northwest Musicians joined the 18-piece orchestra.

In my 20 years as a retired music teacher (53 years in the classroom), I was totally impressed with the energy and preparation exhibited on stage. The old stage adage "break a leg" certainly applied to the excellence of the performers.

Finally, thanks to our Hermiston School District and parents for their support through the years. Bravo!

Dean and Judi Mason
Hermiston

Editor's note: The final performance is Saturday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

Santiam Canyon superintendent gives Pendleton A+

Dear Community of Pendleton,

Each March, the 2A high schools of Oregon descend

THANK YOU



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Members of the cast rehearse a scene for the Hermiston High School production of "Fiddler on the Roof." The final performance is Saturday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

upon Pendleton in hopes of bringing home a boys or girls OSAA Basketball State Championship.

This year, I got to watch some incredible games and see talented athletes from 16 teams around the state. But off the court, I witnessed some more memorable moments, too. The community of Pendleton was impressive, making this tournament such an amazing experience for the students and the fans.

I have been to many events in my life, and the Pendleton community impresses me with its level of commitment and support. All teams and fans leave your town with a positive experience that will last a lifetime.

I came to Pendleton as a student athlete myself over 20 years ago, and I will forever hold fond memories of the tournament and the community. Now, as the superintendent of Santiam Canyon School District, I see things from a different lens. Welcoming smiles fill the town, comforting anxious athletes and coaches. Volunteers and hosts help our teams get

what they need and offer support. Fans are entertained with action on the court and activities around the community.

These same sentiments have been echoed by many people I talk with who attend the OSAA State 2A Tournament, and attend this tournament in particular because of the atmosphere around it. No place does "hospitality" as well as Pendleton.

Thank you to the OSAA for their tournament work. Thank you to the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, volunteers and local business owners for their support. Thank you to the community for the culture and all of your welcoming touches. You have done it well for many years, and this year was no exception.

Your efforts are noticed and your graciousness is appreciated. On the court, only one leaves with the trophy, but off the court, everyone leaves with lifelong memories of Pendleton.

Todd Miller, superintendent
Santiam Canyon School District
Mill City



Photo contributed by Larry McMillan

Field gets its green on

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, a lush green field stands out in front of freshly fallen snow on the foothills as viewed from Highway 11 between Pendleton and Athena.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

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. Free. (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 Cubbage 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, MARCH 12
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)

WHITE EAGLE GRANGE, 5 p.m., White Eagle Grange Hall, 43828 White Eagle Road, Pendleton. 5 p.m. potluck, meeting to follow includes a program on the grange's

150th birthday celebration. (Gail Wilson 541-276-3778)

MONDAY, MARCH 13
GARDENING FRIENDS, 2 p.m., venue varies, Boardman. (Margie Park 541-481-2570)

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)

UMATILLA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall jury room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. All Umatilla County Democrats and those interested in participating in the Democratic Party are encouraged to attend. (Sue Peterson 541-276-4569)

GREENFIELD GRANGE, 6:30 p.m., Greenfield Grange 579, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman. (541-481-7397)

ATHENA BOOK GROUP, 7 p.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. Free. (541-278-2720)

INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS CHORALE REHEARSAL, 7-9 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy gymnasium, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. Free. No tryouts; all welcome. No rehearsals June-July-August or Christmas-New Year. (RaNiell Dunn 541-289-4696)

HERMISTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Umatilla County Fire District Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

FEB. 28, 2017
BLEVINS — Cheridy A. Edgman and Trey M. Blevins: a girl, Kaecence Lee Blevins.

LYONS — Kylie L. Davis and Dakota S.J. Lyons of Pendleton: a girl, Braleigh May Lyons.

MARCH 2, 2017
LIEN — Kaila Lien and Kevin Lien of Pendleton: a girl, Kendallynn Ann Lien.

MARCH 3, 2017
SHACKELFORD — Christina Shackelford and Curtis Shackelford of Stanfield: a girl, Emerson Rose Shackelford.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

FEB. 28, 2017
BARBER — Danielle M. Goodwin and Jeffrey R. Barber of Hermiston: a boy, Jeffrey R. Barber Jr.

MARCH 4, 2017
TENA — Jocelyne Z. Tena and Eridany Tena of Hermiston: a boy, Dany Isaiah Tena.

Pet of the Week



PATRICK

If you're looking for a lap dog that is sweet and cute, come adopt Patrick from PAWS! Patrick is a small and quiet Chihuahua that needs a good home. He has only lived with seniors in the past but is still a playful little guy. Patrick gets along with some other dogs and has never lived with cats. He likes to ride in a car and is a social butterfly. Patrick is neutered, up to date on shots and comes with his rabies tag. If Patrick sounds like the kind of dog you've been looking for come to PAWS at 517 SE 3rd St in Pendleton Tues-Sat from 12-4pm. For more information call 541-276-0181.

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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.