

Baker County logger named Operator of the Year

The Oregon Board of Forestry recognized Cameron Newell and his crew at B & C Logging of Baker City as Operator of the Year for Eastern Oregon. The award was presented March 8 at the board's regularly scheduled meeting.

The award recognizes logging operators who consistently perform above the minimum standards set forth in Oregon's Forest Practices Act for protecting natural resources. Operators are judged on how well they protect soil, water, wildlife habitat and scenic corridors among other natural resources, especially in difficult terrain or challenging circumstances.

B & C Logging was noted for the care it took in salvage logging several small private forest parcels in the wake of one of Oregon's largest wildfires in 2015 — the Cornet-Windy Ridge Fire, which burned more than 100,000 acres in Eastern Oregon.

Logan McCrae, La Grande/Baker Unit Forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry, nominated B & C Logging for the special



Cameron Newell of B & C Logging holds the Oregon Board of Forestry plaque naming his company as Operator of the Year for the Eastern Oregon area. He is flanked by his family and state forester Peter Daugherty (left), Board of Forestry chair Thomas Imeson (right).

honor. McCrae cites the care the company took in felling burned snags while avoiding damage to buildings, fences and power lines.

"Cameron really helped the landowners by removing those potential hazards and leaving the area ready to be

revegetated," McCrae said.

The Forest Practices Act governs logging and forest management to protect natural resources in Oregon. Enacted in 1971, the Act is overseen by the Oregon Board of Forestry and administered by the Oregon

Department of Forestry. Each year a logging operator who consistently goes "above and beyond" basic requirements is recognized by the board in each of three regions in Oregon — the southwest, northwest and lands east of the Cascades.



Photo contributed by Michelle Madril
From left, Jerardo Madina of Milton-Freewater, Jacob Porter of Pilot Rock and Noah Russell of Pendleton repair a computer at the Intermountain Education Service District Expo in La Grande on March 9.

Students get hands-on at technology expo

About 190 students from 15 school districts attended the Student Technology Expo at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande on March 9.

The students partic-

ipated in interactive technology activities and learned about tech careers in the area. The event was organized by the Intermountain Education Service District.

Trail Blazers, Wells Fargo award grant to Pilot Rock

Pilot Rock Elementary was among the 16 schools that received grants March 11 from the Trail Blazers Foundation and Wells Fargo through their "Take It to the Court for Education" program.

Pilot Rock Elementary received \$8,000 to purchase 36 computers, software and other supplies. The equipment will enable fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers to integrate technology into their math and language arts classes, expand their social studies and health classes and increase accessibility to state testing for 94 students.

"Right now we do not have the technology that most schools do," said Jamie Wiseman, a sixth grade teacher of Pilot Rock Elementary. "This will put our students on the front edge of technology and into our curriculum."

If the school had not received the grant, "We would probably do without," she added. "We are very appreciative of this grant and are looking forward to what it will do for our students."

Wells Fargo and the Trail Blazers Foundation awarded a total of \$100,000 in grants of various amounts. The 16 recipients were chosen from



Wells Fargo regional president Tracy Curtis (right) and Trail Blazer mascot Blaze present an \$8,000 grant to teacher Jamie Wiseman of Pilot Rock Elementary.

almost 200 submissions from 63 different cities across Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Schools were able to request funding support for their academic, art, athletic or community programs. The grant amounts ranged up to \$10,000, based on the scope and costs associated with the project or program requesting funds.

"I serve on the board of the Trail Blazers Foundation, and I can tell you that education is important to both of our organizations," said Wells Fargo Regional President Tracy Curtis of Portland. "We truly believe that if we don't support our local schools and education, our future is at risk. This grant program is one of the many ways we help our

local communities."

The other schools to receive grants are in Fairview, Gresham, Medford, North Bend, Portland, Salem, Silver Lake, The Dalles, Tillamook and Warm Springs, Ore., as well as Vancouver, Wash.

In the past three years, the grant program has awarded \$275,000 in funds to 49 schools in the region.



Photo submitted by Larry McMillan

Photographer has eyes on water's rise

The Umatilla River rages past the Main Street bridge Thursday in Pendleton as spring runoff raises the water level along the river levee.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
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 19
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, MARCH 20
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.

DIRT DABLERS GARDEN CLUB, 1 p.m., Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton. Visitors welcome.

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, 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. (RaNiell Dunn 541-289-4696)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21
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 Wetterling 541-720-0276)

GREENFIELD GRANGE PINOCHLE, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenfield Grange 579, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman. (541-481-7397)

BIBLE STUDY, 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. (Rev. Jim Pierce 541-276-2616)

GREATHER 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, 1-2:30 p.m., Bowman Building, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. (Pat 541-276-6671)

WESTON-MACEWEN LIONS CLUB, 1 p.m., Doubletree Restaurant, 327 E. Main St., Athena. (Ellynn 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)

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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.

Pet of the Week

Hanna

Did Hanna catch your eye? That's because she's a beautiful dog! She needs a good home. Hanna is an energetic and playful 2 year old terrier mix. Unfortunately Hanna is a stray so there's not a lot known about her background, but so far she's been a social butterfly with visitors. Hanna's adoption fee is \$130 and comes with her spay, recent shots, micro-chip, flea & de-worm treatment along with free bag of her favorite dog food. If you have a resident dog that is looking for a playmate, bring your dog to PAWS for a meet n greet (by appointment). Call us at 541-276-0181 or come by PAWS to meet Hanna and all of her furry friends this Tues-Sat from 12-4pm.

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