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The Oregon School Boards Association recently presented \$5,000 to the Athena-Weston School Board for local student scholarships under the Promise Scholarship Program.

Athena-Weston receives 'promise' scholarship funds

The Athena-Weston School Board recently received \$5,000 from the Oregon School Boards Association.

The money is designated for student scholarships under the Promise Scholarship Program. The Athena-Weston board was one of six state-wide that qualified for the funds under the new OSBA initiative.

Each board completed a five-step process, which included a board project, superintendent and board self-evaluations, participation

in the Promise of Oregon campaign and individual board development. Steve Kelley, OSBA's director of board development, said participating boards had made a long-term investment in students' success.

"This program helps students both by providing scholarship funds and investing in board training," Kelley said. "Stronger boards are better prepared to face today's education challenges."

The Athena-Weston board is responsible for awarding

the scholarships to one or more students by a method of their choosing. Scott Rogers, Athena-Weston School Board chairman, said they are excited to offer the scholarship funds to students in the district.

The Promise of Oregon campaign, which started in November 2014, aims to create public support for education, to help meet the state's 40-40-20 graduation goals, and lift student achievement and graduation rates. For more information, visit www.promiseoregon.org.

City commission airs out science lesson

Students in fifth grade science classes at Sherwood Heights Elementary School recently learned from a demonstration presented by the city of Pendleton Air Quality Commission.

Science teacher Celia Hampton heard about the commission's educational outreach program and invited the group to share with students. One of the group's goals is to educate the public about air quality.

Commission members Stan Prowant, Roy Jones and Robert Maranville designed an Air Inversion Box model of downtown Pendleton. Jones' wife, Julie Jones, built the model city — complete with to-scale downtown buildings, streets, the Umatilla River and a Boutique Airlines aircraft flying over the model city.

Klaus Hoehna, regulatory specialist with Pendleton public works department, said the science lesson discusses air quality, particulate matter, air density and temperature and how temperature inversions occur with cold air being trapped under warm air. Particulate matter, especially from vehicle exhaust and wood stove smoke, gets trapped in the cold air and this weather phenomena often can result in very unhealthy stagnant air conditions.

The inversion box model,



Photo contributed by Klaus Hoehna

Roy Jones, a member of the Pendleton Air Quality Commission, adds water to dry ice during an Air Inversion Box demonstration at Sherwood Heights Elementary School in Pendleton.

which was constructed inside a large plastic tub, uses dry ice to create the cold air fog, which settles in the Pendleton city valley. The students could see the inversion layer forming right before their eyes during the Feb. 22 demonstration.

The commission also sponsors an Air Quality Poster Contest for students at Sunridge Middle School and brought the contest to Sherwood Heights for the first time. Commission members judged posters from all fifth grade classes. The March 1 awards presentation kicked off with a very fun and fast-paced Air Quality Jeopardy game, Hoehna said. Winners

received a gift card, a special Air Quality T-shirt and a congratulatory letter signed by city councilor McKenna McDonald, liaison for the Air Quality Commission.

The AQC also oversees the City Wood Stove Replacement Loan Program and provides recommendations to the city council on air quality regulatory, health and quality of life issues. Other current commission members include Mary Wister, Joe Fiumara and Tom Straughan. There is currently one vacancy.

For more information, contact Hoehna at 541-966-0249 or klaus.hoehna@ci.pendleton.or.us.



Photo contributed by Emily Callender

Fiddling around

Internationally known fiddler Lisa Ornstein works with fourth and fifth grade Symphony Stings students and their high school mentors in Pendleton. The Olympia, Washington musician presented demonstrations and worked with Pendleton School District orchestra students during the week of Feb. 20.

Hermiston team turns page in regional book contest

Hermiston's Rocky Heights Elementary School Oregon Battle of the Books team recently won the Region 6 competition, held March 18 at Blue Mountain Community College.

The team, which includes Caden Lloyd, Eleanor Larsen, Cate Doherty and Glyn Lystrup, will now compete in the April 8 state competition at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. The group of third graders won the division, which included students in third through fifth grades.

They battled through the 16-team bracket, winning the championship match against Hermiston's Highland Hills Elementary School team (Garrett Stone, Avena Garrett, Alea Garrett, all fourth graders, and MaeAnn Stone, fifth grade) with a score of 88 to 55.

Students in the third through fifth grades have been preparing for the battles by reading books from a list of 16 titles, forming teams and completing detailed study guides, said Kristi Smalley, Hermiston School District elementary librarian.

"Hours and hours of work go into preparing for these matches, which require the students to recall minute



Photo contributed by Melissa Doherty

The Rocky Heights Elementary School Oregon Battle of the Books team of Eleanor Larsen, Glyn Lystrup, Cate Doherty and Caden Lloyd won the Region 6 competition and will compete April 8 at the state competition in Salem.

details from these books," Smalley said.

Other championship teams from each elementary school in the Hermiston School District competition include the Desert View Elementary School team of Piper Roberts, Addison Garberg, both fourth graders; Sophia Rivera, third grade; and Anna Rivera, fifth grade; Sunset Elementary School team of all fifth graders, Cesar Morfin, Jonathon Rome, Valarie Mendoza and Estrella Lara-Caldera; and West Park Elementary School team, which are

all in fifth grade, Wesley Avery, Bradley Hottman, Anthony Torres and Luke Gray.

Smalley said the students are fortunate to enjoy the support of the Hermiston School District and various parent groups to help fund the costs associated with the program.

"The elementary students who participate in OBOB always improve their reading skills," Smalley added.

For more information about the Oregon Battle of the Books program, contact Smalley at kristi.smalley@hermiston.k12.or.us.

Wildhorse Foundation surpasses \$10M in giving

The Wildhorse Foundation recently announced it had surpassed \$10 million in total giving, which it distributes through quarterly allocations.

George Murdock, board chairman, said it is a huge milestone, which reflects the rich tradition of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in sharing and giving back to the community.

"A study of history actually reveals that Native Americans have a culture of giving and sharing dating back hundreds, if not thousands of years and our board is proud to be able to contribute to that legacy," Murdock said.

The foundation manages a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The board considers grant applications in the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection and cultural activities. During the history of the foundation, more than 1,750 local and regional nonprofit organizations have benefited from Wildhorse grants.

The foundation also announced fourth quarter awards, which included 28 disbursements for a total of \$205,369. The recipients and purpose for the grants are:

PENDLETON: Pendleton Police Department, \$3,678 for Defensive Tactics Training Program; Pendleton Parks & Recreation, \$9,000 for 2016-17 playground replacement project; City of Pendleton, \$3,073 for city hall and library

audio-visual equipment; CTUIR Department of Information Technology, \$10,000 for Historic Record Development Project; Domestic Violence Services, \$6,000 for safety and health improvements for Awakening House Shelter and Advocacy Center; Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation, \$3,500 to upgrade computer equipment and software; Guardian Care Center, \$2,950 to upgrade technology/recording system; Main Street Cowboys, \$5,000 for ADA access improvement; Pendleton Fire Department, \$8,400 for intravenous pump assistance; St. Mary's Outreach, \$6,000 for food bank groceries; Sunridge Middle School, \$7,488 for Google Chromebooks, including charge cart, wireless printer, licensing and support for sixth grade English language arts classroom.

HERMISTON: Friends of the Fair and Rodeo, \$10,000 for development of fair and rodeo facilities at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center; Umatilla County Fair, \$10,000 for ADA/safety access corridor paving.

ATHENA: Athena-Weston School District, \$7,500 for student safety through improved communication systems.

B O A R D M A N : Columbia River Community Health Services, \$3,500 for medical equipment; Riverside High School, \$7,500 for repair and resurfacing of track; Sam Boardman Elementary School, \$8,000 for Phase 1 of playground renovation.

ECHO: Echo School

District, \$12,000 for community meeting and fitness center project.

HEPPNER: Morrow County Museum, \$10,000 for a new building for display and storage of agricultural equipment and shop area for repair of antique equipment; Willow Creek Park District, \$10,000 for pool park.

IRRIGON: Irrigon Elementary School, \$5,000 for music enrichment opportunity.

MILTON-FREE-WATER: Kiwanis Club of Milton-Freewater, \$4,000 for Friday Food Bags; Milton-Freewater Senior Center, \$5,000 to resurface and repair asphalt parking lot.

PILOT ROCK: Pilot Rock Junior High School, \$7,000 for computer lab renovation.

OTHER AREAS: American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Creating Memories for Disabled Children, Divide Camp, Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands Fund, Eastern Oregon Mediation Center, Edith Bishel Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Elgin Health Care District, Libraries of Eastern Oregon, Martin Scout Ranch, Maryhill Museum of Art, Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland, Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation, Union High School District, University of Oregon, NW Indian Language Institute, Wallowa Lake Camp.

The next application deadline is April 1. For more information, visit www.thewildhorsefoundation.com or contact Tiah DeGroff at 541-966-1628 or tiah.degroff@wildhorseresort.com.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MARCH 14, 2017
POTTALA — Blair A. Pottala and Kyle W. Pottala of Hermiston: a boy, Hayes William Pottala.

RAMOS — Araceli Ramos and Jorge Ramos Delgado of Hermiston: a boy, Czar Kayin Ramos.

MARCH 15, 2017
ARELLANO SLAYTER — Bethany F. Slayter and Francisco J. Arellano-Luna of Hermiston: a boy, Adrian Mercel Arellano Slayter.

MARCH 19, 2017
JIMENEZ — Vanessa A. Rodriguez and Cesar Corcuera Jimenez of Hermiston: a girl, Valerie Heavens Jimenez.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

MARCH 15, 2017
BEARDEN — Michelle J. Powell and Cole J. Bearden of Pendleton: a girl, Addison Jane Bearden.

HASBROOK — Grace A. Wilson and Matthew L. Hasbrook: a girl, Hannah Sue-Rose Hasbrook.

MARCH 16, 2017
CAMERON — Leah R. Faria and Nickolas A. Cameron of Pendleton: a boy, Kristopher James Alexander Cameron.

KELLY — Thea J.

Daggett and Justin M. Kelly of Pendleton: a boy, Riddick Douglas Kelly.

MINTHORN — Erika N. Lee and Dusty L. Minthorn of Pendleton: a girl, McKenzie Michelle Minthorn.

MARCH 18, 2017
ELLIS — Angela L. Ellis of Pendleton: a girl, Dalian-Rose Diane Ellis.

WALTERS — Tanill A. Booth and Mason G. Walters of Hermiston: a boy, Greyson Sage Walters.

MARCH 20, 2017
WINTERS — Haley M. Winters and Joshua P. Winters of Lexington: a boy, Sutton Paul Winters.

Pet of the Week



Rosey knows she's a super star and appreciates being treated as one. Rosey is looking forward to settling into her new home and enjoying the finer things in life. Rosey is quite a talker and isn't afraid to let you know what's on her mind. Once she gets to know you, this independent lady is affectionate and easygoing. Due to her spicy nature, Rosey will probably adjust best in a quiet home with adults only or older, cat-savvy children. She also gets along with mild mannered dogs. If you're looking to add some royalty to your life then visit with her at PAWS Tuesday-Saturday from 12-4pm. Her adoption includes her spay, up to date on shots, tested negative and vaccinated for FELV and FIV, flea treatment, de-worm and a free bag of her favorite food.

Visit Rosey at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws
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