



Photo contributed by Kathryn Youngman

Members of the Pendleton High School foreign language club recently attended the Foreign Language and International Studies Day at the University of Oregon.

PHS attends foreign language conference

More than two dozen students in the Pendleton High School Foreign Language Club recently participated in a field trip to Eugene.

The students participated in the Foreign Language and International Studies Day at the University of Oregon. Kathryn Youngman, PHS Spanish teacher, said students had an opportunity to attend more than 30 sessions on foreign languages.

Youngman and French teacher Aara Zweifel accompanied the students on the trip, which was made possible with grants from the Education Foundation of Pendleton and the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition.

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Student musicians perform at solo festival

A handful of Pendleton High School students recently represented the school during the April 29 state solo contest at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

Accompanist/director Emily Muller Callender also said each of the musicians either won or were selected as first alternate in their respective instrument/vocal categories at the March 4 district solo contest in La Grande. The students were also accompanied by director Andy Cary.

The students included Cassidy Welch, alto voice; Cyrus Spino-Harris, tenor saxophone; Kristen Gregg, viola; Wade Coleman, tenor voice; Lily Williams, violin; and Jessie Patterson, flute.

In addition, Callender said the PHS orchestra traveled to Newport for the inaugural Newport Symphony Youth Orchestra Festival. The April 29 event also featured



Photo contributed by Emily Muller Callender

Cassidy Welch, Cyrus Spino-Harris, Kristen Gregg, Wade Coleman, Lily Williams and Jessie Patterson represented Pendleton High School at the state solo contest held April 29 at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

school orchestras from McKay, North Medford, North Salem and West Linn. Also participating were the Newport Symphony Youth

Orchestra and the University of Oregon Symphony Orchestra. Students shared performances and time together,

as well as ensemble clinics with guest conductors and an opportunity to perform at (and then explore) the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

MAY 8, 2017

STEIDL — Brooke L. Sather and Travis M. Steidl of Pendleton: a girl, Cleo Chanel Steidl.

MAY 9, 2017

SIMPSON — Jacquelyn L. (Taylor) Simpson and Rory A.E.T. Simpson of Pendleton: a boy, Kainan Aaron Simpson.

MAY 11, 2017

CRAWFORD — Tasha L. Carr and Joseph A.T. Crawford of Pendleton: a boy, Joseph Albert Thomas Crawford Jr.

MAUER — Tiffany M. Mauer and Jadan D. Mauer of Pendleton: a boy, Harlan Donald Mauer.

MAY 12, 2017

HART — Joleen C. Hart: a girl.

MAY 14, 2017

KOEHLER — Bethany L. Koehler and Michael D. Koehler of Pendleton: a boy, Liam Gibson Koehler.

MAY 15, 2017

PROW — Gabrielle A. Prow and Trevor S. Prow of Pendleton: a girl, Penelope Quinn Prow.

PRYOR — Angela Todd and Garret Pryor of Umatilla: a boy, Jasper James Pryor.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MAY 9, 2017

ROBERTS — Carman L. Roberts and Wade S. Roberts of Hermiston: a boy, Cole Griffin Roberts.

MAY 11, 2017

NAVA — Mercedes L. Longoria and Eric Nava of Hermiston: a boy, Eric Cruz Nava.

VILLAGOMES SALINAS — Cristal Sanchez Villagomes and Humberto Salinas Jr. of Hermiston: a girl, Obdulia Citlali Villagomes Salinas.

MAY 13, 2017

AHILON LOPEZ — Maria Lopez Ordenez and Elias Ahilon of Hermiston: a girl, Zoila Pamela Ahilon Lopez.

Copeland receives leadership award

Jerry Copeland, director of human resources for the InterMountain Education Service District, received the HR Leadership Award from the Oregon School Personnel Association.

It recognizes outstanding human resources professionals who are positively impacting school districts while navigating the complexities of public education. The award was presented at the OSPA Spring Conference at Eagle Crest, but Copeland was

unable to attend. Mark Mulvihill, IMESD superintendent, passed the award on to Copeland.

"I cannot express how deserving Jerry Copeland is of this award," Mulvihill said. "His capable and proactive approach to managing the human resources department is unequalled, and Jerry has become a tremendous asset to many of our school districts in Eastern Oregon."

Colleagues who nominated Copeland describe him as a strong leader who

leads by example and say that his approach to learning is contagious. They also expressed what a legacy Copeland will leave behind when he retires.

Copeland will now be nominated at the national level for the American Association of School Personnel Administrators Awards. He has been employed by IMESD for almost two years, but served as a superintendent and HR professional for many years in Eastern Oregon school districts.

Area libraries offer new online services

If you've looked on the websites of area libraries, you may have seen links to Gale/Cengage Learning provided under online services.

According to the Umatilla County Special Library District, all the county's public libraries have access to the Gale Resources online, provided through the Statewide

Database Licensing Program.

The service helps expand resources available through local libraries. Gale Resources features a vast digital archive of research databases, reference books and more. In addition, some resources are available in Spanish.

Gale Resources could be divided into several

topics — General Topics, Students (Elementary through College), Business Resources, Health Resources, and Special Topics.

For more information, log onto your local library's website, stop by a library or contact the Umatilla County Special Library District at 541-276-6449 or dan@ucsld.org.

Local school board member graduates Leadership Oregon

Jennifer McClure-Spurgeon, an Athena-Weston School Board member, was among 20 local school board members who graduated May 5 from the Oregon School Boards Association's Leadership Oregon program.

The graduates completed four sessions of one-and-a-half days each to graduate. Participants learned leadership skills and joined a support network of education leaders from across the state. The sessions consisted of advanced leadership, advocacy and engagement, key issues and effective communications.

The free program is offered once every two years. OSBA, based in Salem, represents nearly 1,400 local board members of school districts, charter schools, education service districts and community colleges statewide.

For more information about the program, visit www.osba.org.

Golf tourney raises cash for recovery

Kick'n Cancer New Beginnings raised \$13,500 at its fifth annual golf tournament Saturday, May 13.

The tournament at Pendleton Country Club drew 19 4-person teams.

The money raised goes to fund the New Beginnings Spirit program, which provides services for cancer survivors including physical therapy, Roundup Athletic Club membership and counseling.

For more information call 541-301-2295.

Foundation celebrates 2016 giving, announces first quarter grants

The Wildhorse Foundation hosted its annual Recipients Luncheon May 9 at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

A community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, more than 150 grant recipients from 2016 enjoyed a special lunch as Wildhorse Foundation chairman George Murdock presented details on funding for the last year.

In addition, four grant recipients from 2016 spoke about the impact the Wildhorse Foundation has on their organizations. Those speakers included Mike Ciraulo, Pendleton Fire Department chief, Natalie Hansen of the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Orthodontics Office, Richard Sczymanski of the Martin Scout Ranch and Aaron Duff, principle at Freewater Elementary.

The luncheon also celebrated passing a huge milestone, surpassing \$10 million in giving. More than 1,750 local and regional nonprofit organizations have benefited from the nearly \$10.2 million given by the foundation since its inception in 2001.

In 2016, more than \$886,000 was distributed to 153 organizations in the foundation's giving area, which includes Umatilla, Union, Morrow and Wallowa counties in Oregon; Benton, Columbia and Walla Walla counties in Washington, and National Indian Organizations.

Following the lunch, Murdock and the foundation board, which also includes vice-chairwoman Debra Crosswell, secretary/treasurer Carrie Sampson, Aaron Ashley and John Turner, met to discuss the 2017 first quarter grant applicants. A total of \$264,541 was awarded to 41 organizations. Local organizations receiving funding include:

•PENDLETON: Blue Mountain Community College, \$8,718 for water conservation, waste reduction and water availability on campus; Cason's Place: Grief Support for Children and Families of Eastern Oregon, \$3,823 for public education and Camp Cason; Clearview Mediation and Disability Resource Center, \$10,000 for wheelchair accessible vans; CTUIR Department of Natural Resources, \$20,000 for LED lighting retrofit and solar power generation for the CTUIR Science and Engineering Laboratory and Public Transit Center; Dream Catcher Therapeutics, \$5,000 for The Welcome Mat; Let 'er Buck VFW Post 922, \$3,312 for Avenue of Flags lighting project; Neighbor 2 Neighbor

Pendleton, \$10,000 to install new heating and air conditioning; Oregon Trail Manor, \$4,172 for walk-in showers for two individuals with disabilities; Pendleton Downtown Association, \$10,000 for Phase 2 of Pendleton Enhancement Project; Pendleton Senior Center, \$4,000 for roof repair; Pendleton Youth Football Program, \$7,200 for football program; Salvation Army Pendleton Corps, \$10,000 hot meals program kitchen upgrade; Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, \$9,149 for Cellebrite mobile forensics equipment.

•HERMISTON: Made to Thrive, \$2,239 for art and music summer classes; Umatilla County Fire District #1, \$7,250 for hydraulic rescue tools.

•ATHENA: Athena Caledonian Games Association, \$456 to promote the event; City of Athena, \$6,250 for the pool bathhouse phase of master plan.

•STANFIELD: Stanfield Secondary School, \$8,175 for indoor hitting facility for softball/baseball.

•UMATILLA: McNary Heights Elementary School, \$6,500 iPad technology for integrated STEM learning.

•WESTON: East Umatilla County R.F.P.D. #7-412, \$7,000 for firefighter personal protective equipment.

•OTHER: American Heart Association, Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo, Carnegie Picture Lab, City of La Grande, College Possible, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Connectworks, Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department, Union County Friday Backpack Program, Greenwood Elementary School, La Grande Middle School, La Grande School District, Little Theatre of Walla Walla, NARA NW, One Transition at a Time, Oregon Rural Action, ORTOP, Safe Harbors Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims Services, Shelter From the Storm, Wallowa Resources and Wallowa School District.

The foundation manages a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The board considers quarterly 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. The next application deadline is July 1.

For more information, visit www.thewildhorse-foundation.com or contact foundation administrator Tiah DeGroffitt at 541-966-1628 or tiah.degroffitt@wildhorseresort.com.

SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

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

Brownie

Brownie is a large and incredibly gentle 5 year old girl. She will need a home that can provide for her continued socialization and exercise. Once she's feeling safe and secure in a new home, she'll love you like no other. Brownie loves older children and gets along great with other dogs. If you have a dog at home and would like to add Brownie to your family, call PAWS and arrange a meet and greet during our adoption hours. Brownie's adoption of \$130 comes with her spay, micro-chip, recent vaccinations, de-worming, flea treatment and a free bag of her favorite dog food. If you think Brownie would be a good fit for your family be sure to come and meet her at PAWS soon!

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