

Class of 2017

The following Umatilla High School seniors were inadvertently omitted from the Special Graduation Section published on May 24, 2017.



Alvaro Bautista



Jovanny Bedolla



Brenda Campos-Coria



Sonia Cardenas



Wyatt Clack



Melisa Claustro



Jose Coria-Madrigal



Joshua Cummins



Armando Espinoza



Ethan Holiday



Marco Madrigal



Justin Maret



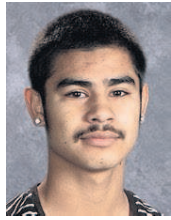
Lilian Montoya



Tyrone Morris



Diego Ramirez



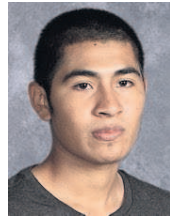
Jesus Ramirez



Diego Saldana



Noah Shorter



Daniel Silverio



Cameron Sipe



Houston Smith



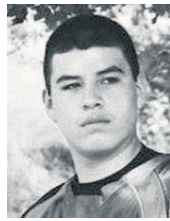
Joshua Surber



Julissa Torres



Destinee Trujillo



Sebastian Trujillo



Aleesha Watson

McKay Creek outing blazes a trail to fire department

Residents and staff of McKay Creek Estates recently visited the Pendleton Fire Department.

The entourage expressed appreciation to the first responders for all their hard work in serving the community, said Noemi Wiseman, executive director of the Pendleton assisted living facility.

The residents, Wiseman said, had an opportunity to ask questions and hear stories about their work as firefighters and paramedics. The fire department personnel enjoyed pizza with the group and accepted certificates of appreciation, Wiseman said.

"It is always a good feeling to give back to people that extend help and assistance to all residents of McKay Creek Estates," she said.

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



Members of the McKay Creek Estates community (standing) Don Peck, Glo Jim, Pat Dick, Judge Dick Courson, Pat Whitman, Ethel Bagwell, Bill Jones, Linnea Jones, staff life enrichment director, and (sitting) Mel Bates, Nettie Jones pose for a photo with a pair of firefighters during recent outing to the Pendleton Fire Department.

Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman



Photo contributed by Audra Bunch

Sen. Bill Hansell, center, celebrates the opening of the Athena branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon with Athena Mayor John Shafer, BEO staff Danielle Pettyjohn, Athena branch manager Debi Munck, BEO staff Sarah Denton, BEO lender Jill Parker and Jeff Bailey, BEO president/CEO.

Athena cashes in with new bank

Since its inception, the Bank of Eastern Oregon has been committed to serving rural communities — that tradition continued May 19 as the bank celebrated the grand opening of its branch in Athena.

The town was left without a financial institution when U.S. Bank shuttered its branch in November 2016. Linda Navarro, president/CEO of the Oregon Bankers Association, said Sen. Bill Hansell and others embarked on a mission to bring another bank to town. Navarro said it wasn't an easy sell, given Athena's location and size, but Bank of Eastern Oregon delivered.

"OBA Chair Jeff Bailey, president and CEO of Bank of Eastern Oregon, likes to say that his bank is 'where no one else wants to be.' I don't know about that, but they certainly proved their commitment to serving

the financial needs of rural Oregon," Navarro said.

In November, Bailey said the amount of recruiting of his company from the outreach effort was "considerable" and played a factor in the decision to open a branch in Athena.

"We want to do business where we're wanted," he said, adding that Athena resembles many of the communities where Bank of Eastern Oregon has a presence.

Now based in Heppner, the Bank of Eastern Oregon was originally chartered in 1945 as the Gilliam County Bank in Arlington. In 1957 and 1959, operations were expanded to Heppner and Ione with the bank changing its name to Bank of Eastern Oregon. Today, it operates more than a dozen branches and five loan production offices throughout the region.



Photo contributed by Doris C. Grover

Normal Michael, Marilyn Yates and Betty Sigler of Sun Ridge Retirement Community recently pieced together a puzzle depicting a historic painting by American artist John Trumbull. The group plans to donate the finished project to Sunridge Middle School in Pendleton.

Sun Ridge residents conquer puzzle

Puzzle experts Norma Michael, Marilyn Yates and Betty Sigler are at it again.

The trio, along with other residents at Sun Ridge Retirement Community, worked more than a week putting together a 1,000-piece puzzle featuring the Declaration of Independence. Earlier this year, the puzzle wizards headed up an effort to put together one featuring American Indian tribes.

The recently completed project will be framed and donated to Sunridge Middle School, said Doris Grover. The puzzle, Grover said, was a gift to Sigler from her granddaughter, Macelle Kirsch, who purchased it while traveling during a special project to Washington, D.C.

The puzzle is from an original painting by American artist John Trumbull. It portrays Thomas Jefferson, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, placing a first draft of the document before John Hancock, president of the Second Continental Congress, at the Pennsylvania State House, now Independence Hall in Philadelphia.



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Pendleton Round-Up's 2016 Tough Enough To Wear Pink campaign recently distributed \$19,005 to a pair of local cancer support organizations.

Donations help kick cancer

A pair of local cancer support organizations received a boost from Pendleton Round-Up's 2016 Tough Enough To Wear Pink campaign.

Just more than \$19,000 was distributed between the St. Anthony Hospital Cancer Care Clinic and the Kickin' Cancer New Beginnings program.

Contributions came from sponsorships, TETWP merchandise sales, TETWP Letter Buck Run proceeds, donations from spectators and volunteers, custom pink TETWP Justin Boots and custom Montana Silver TETWP buckle raffle ticket sales, pink Wrangler shirt sales, collector's pin sales, tips donated by Letter Buck Room volunteers on TETWP Day during Round-Up and a donation from the Happy Canyon Company.

"The funds we receive each year helps to keep the Spirit program alive and healthy," said Herb Bitting of the Kickin' Cancer New Beginnings (Spirit) program.

Bitting, who is also a cancer survivor, said the donations help ensure that breast cancer survivors can continue to receive therapy and support through the program.

A high-profile event, TETWP raises breast cancer awareness to thousands of visitors who come to Round-Up each year. In addition, 100 percent of the proceeds stay within the Pendleton community, said Casey White-Zollman, co-chair of the Round-Up's TETWP campaign.

Both organizations benefiting from the TETWP campaign help local breast cancer patients from time of diagnosis through recovery. The Kickin' Cancer program provides free massages, personal training and

Pilates classes for recovering patients, while the St. Anthony clinic provides breast prosthetics, mastectomy bras, post-operation camisoles, lymphedema sleeves, pads and gloves, mastectomy swim wear, wigs, financial help and mileage reimbursement for cancer patients.

Support for Tough Enough To Wear Pink, White-Zollman said, continues to grow each year.

"We are so appreciative of the community's generosity towards this important program to support local cancer patients and survivors, as well as the tremendous amount of time and effort our volunteers put in to make the event a success," she said. "It's always heartwarming to see the sea of pink on Thursday of Round-Up each year."

The Round-Up's TETWP campaign appreciates the support of its 2016 sponsors, including Gold Level: St. Anthony Hospital, Wildhorse Resort & Casino; Silver Level: East Oregonian, 103.5 KWHT; Bronze Level: Justin Boots, Cayuse Technologies, Columbia Bank, Graybeal Distributing, Grocery Outlet-Pendleton, Swire Coca-Cola, Hermiston Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Dr. Robert Pratt, DMD; Pink Level: Altrusa International of Pendleton, Montana Silversmiths, Wheatland Insurance and Zollman Construction.

This September, Pendleton Round-Up Association's TETWP campaign will celebrate its 12th year. For more information about sponsorship, contact White-Zollman at cmwzollman@gmail.com or Jill Gregg at jill.c.gregg@gmail.com.

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BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
MAY 17, 2017
BURDEN — Taylor M. Jeppe and Daniel W. Burden of Pilot Rock: a boy, Collin Wayne Burden.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
MAY 19, 2017

CARLTON — Alma R. Rivera and Kyle R. Carlton of Umatilla: a girl, Kylee Rose Carlton.
HANNA — Linsey M. Mitchell and Jason L. Hanna of Heppner: a girl, Charlee Mae Hanna.

MAY 20, 2017
COLVIN — Kendra R. Colvin and Mitchell W.

Colvin of Hermiston: a boy, Luke Joseph Colvin.
ROBLEDO — Stacey I. Rebledo and Jonathan R. Robledo of Hermiston: a girl, Emilia Robyn Robledo.
MAY 23, 2017
ALMONTE-MENDOZA — Yadira Mendoza and Carlos Almonte of Hermiston: a boy, Hector Almonte-Mendoza.

Pet of the Week

Rosey

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.

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