

# McKay Creek celebrates Mother's Day

Smiles and hugs were abundant as residents, family members and friends enjoyed a special Mother's Day celebration at McKay Creek Estates.

Executive director **Noemi Wiseman** said a large turnout gathered and enjoyed specialty desserts created to share with others at the Pendleton assisted living facility. The event also included raffle drawings, and prizes for the residents with the most children and grandchildren. In addition, **Louisa Krosting** was recognized as the 2017 Mother of the Year.

The 98-year-old, Wiseman said, was surprised by the announcement. She received a certificate of appreciation, a wall decoration and a crown.

Roses were distributed to the residents and lots of pictures were taken as people visited and shared memories.



LEFT: Members of the McKay Creek Estates community, including Genevieve Masters, Tammy Hulze, Billie Jo Moses, Bobbie Demauro and Frannie Bissinger, go through a dessert line during a special Mother's Day celebration at the Pendleton assisted living facility. RIGHT: Kathy Creason, Louisa Krosting and Karen Thacker enjoy a special Mother's Day event at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton. Krosting was honored as Mother of the Year.

Photos contributed by Noemi Wiseman

extended special thanks to resident **Maxine Patterson** for the use of her decorations

to spruce up the festivities. For more information about activities at the center,

contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or [nwiseman@pres-tigecare.com](mailto:nwiseman@pres-tigecare.com).



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An awards event honored athletes, volunteers and coaches of Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 May 23 at The Arc Building in Hermiston. Pictured are Kristi Smalley, event announcer; Angela Schneider, local program coordinator, holding her son, Peyton, 16 months; Natalie Adams of Hermiston Drug & Gift; Cindy Middleton, volunteer of the year; head bowling coach Doris Boatright, who awarded Jillian Smalley with female athlete of the year; and Mark Smalley, head basketball coach.

## Awards applaud Special Olympics supporters

A handful of participants and supporters were recognized during the Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 awards event.

Athletes, coaches, volunteers and family members gathered May 23 at The Arc Building in Hermiston to celebrate those who help make the program a success.

Among those honored were Coach of the Year **Kris Neustel**; Business of the Year **Hermiston Drug & Gift**; Volunteer of the Year **Cindy Middleton**; Female Athlete of the Year **Jillian Smalley** and Male Athlete of the Year **Trampus Jeffreys**.

Special Olympics provides year-round athletic training and sports compe-

titions for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To participate, athletes must be age 6 or older. There is no charge to participate.

Local athletes are now focusing on training for golf, bocce and athletics (track and field). In addition, they are collecting pledges for the annual walk-a-thon to help

raise money for the local program. The fundraiser is Tuesday, June 20 at 6 p.m. at the track at Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston.

For more information about Special Olympics programs, call **Angela Schneider**, local program coordinator, at 541-314-0166.

## Memorial Garden blooms thanks to local Boy Scouts

While most people were relaxing during the Memorial Day weekend, a determined Boy Scout was toiling in the soil at The Arc Building in Hermiston.

**Logan Miller** of Troop #679 was sprucing up The Arc Memorial Garden as part of his Eagle Scout project, said **Kristi Smalley** of The Arc.

Supervised by Boy Scout leaders **Pat McDonough** and **Jenny Miller**, along with fellow Boy Scouts **Jason Simpson** and **Isaac Reardon** of Troop #654, the dedicated group of volunteers came together to work on the project May 27. They transformed the front flower beds into an oasis of color with plants provided by **Westwinds Nursery** of Hermiston and **D & B Farm Supply** of Pendleton, Smalley said.

Miller also committed to constructing four benches that will be attached to the front porch to provide outdoor seating, Smalley said. **Michele Keitzke**, The Arc president, was also on hand, providing a rototiller and guidance for the project.

In its ninth season, the garden has had a number of volunteers assist in its creation and continuance. It was established to honor the memory of individuals who died while residing in Oregon's state institutions for people with intellectual



Photo contributed by Kristi Smalley

**Logan Miller** of Boy Scout Troop #679 receives instruction on the use of a rototiller from **Pat McDonough**. The youth was working on his Eagle Scout project Memorial Day weekend at The Arc Building in Hermiston.

and developmental disabilities. The garden also honors the memory of other friends and loved ones.

The first year, the **Green Thumb 4-H Club** of Athena prepared the flower beds and planted flowers to assist in beautification, Smalley said. A pair of club members had lost their fathers in the previous year and wanted to do something in their memory.

As part of the Memorial

Garden project, members of The Arc also place flowers during Memorial Day weekend at the headstone located in Pendleton's Olney Cemetery for residents who were living at Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center who died between 1913 and 1982. Many of the residents, Smalley said, died during that era without a family connection to honor their passing.

## Pendleton track runs away with donation

The **Buckaroo Booster Club** recently donated \$250,000 to the **Pendleton School District**.

The money will help in paying for improvements at the **Pendleton High School** track complex. The majority of the donation will be used to purchase and install a lighting system, which will allow athletic activities in the evening. In addition, part of the money will be used to purchase a new scoreboard.

The donation from the Buckaroo Boosters will be added to the remaining bond funds the school district is using to improve the facility, said club

president **Kevin Porter**. It will provide upgrades for multiple uses, including track and field events, soccer and football.

A nonprofit entity, the Buckaroo Booster Club's mission is to promote athletic excellence, positive community image and competitive programs by providing financial assistance and support to the school's athletic programs and co-curricular activities. The membership includes alumni, community members and businesses.

For more information, call Porter at 541-379-1639 or find the Buckaroo Booster Club on Facebook.

## Hermiston American Legion Post elects new officers

**Glenn Bradley** is the new post commander of **Hermiston American Legion Post #37**.

Other officers elected for 2017-18 during the May 1 meeting include **Gary Hartinger**, first vice commander; **John Kuhnert**, second vice commander; **Gary Hall**, adjutant; **Bill Jennings**, finance officer; **Tom Reamer**, chaplain; **Bill Runion**, historian; **Jodine Frost**, service officer; and **Willie Boyd**, sergeant-at-arms.

The gathering also included a discussion of upcoming projects for the year and the American Legion State Session, which will be held in June

at Warm Springs.

A highlight of American Legion activities, **Hartinger** said, was an April visit at the Nixyaawii Governance Center by **Charles E. Schmidt**, National American Legion commander. Schmidt is the first National American Legion commander from Oregon.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the **Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall**, located at 45 W. Cherry Ave., Hermiston. Members include veterans from Hermiston and the surrounding area. For more information, contact **Hartinger** at [bhart125@msn.com](mailto:bhart125@msn.com).

### BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

MAY 23, 2017

**BONIFER** — Claudia A. Tannehill and Anthony D. Bonifer of Pendleton: a girl, Sophia Varellee Bonifer.

**NUNEZ DEVINE** — Dianna A. Nunez Devine and Francisco J. Nunez Lezama of Boardman: a girl, Abigail Yarel Nunez Devine.

MAY 24, 2017

**TINOCO ARIZAGA** — Erika B. Arizaga Corona and Antonio J. Tinoco of Pendleton: a boy, Andres Tinoco Arizaga.

MAY 25, 2017

**VELASQUEZ** — Ashleigh D. Velasquez of Pendleton: a boy, Chance Anthony Velasquez.

MAY 27, 2017

**GROSJACQUES** — Ronnie S. Sampson and Jason V. GrosJacques of Pendleton: a boy, Raiden Carter GrosJacques.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MAY 24, 2017

**DIAZ** — McKenzie Diaz and Ray Diaz of Hermiston: a boy, Bear Hudson Diaz.

**ESPINOZA LANDEROS** — Jessica Landeros and Alejandro Espinoza of Umatilla: a boy, Ariel Espinoza Landeros.

MAY 25, 2017

**LATHROP** — Julie L. Lathrop and Jared H. Lathrop of Hermiston: a girl, Jade Mykael Lathrop.

MAY 26, 2017

**HAYWARD** — Kristan Van Beek Hayward and Allen Hayward of Hermiston: a girl, Izabela Faith Hayward.

**ROGERS** — Kristi Lambert and Austin Rogers of Hermiston: a girl, Ellisia Rogers.

MAY 29, 2017

**CELESTINO** — Oriana S. Coutino and Arturo Celestino of Umatilla: a boy, Jacob Celestino.

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## Pet of the Week

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**Woof! Woof!** Did you notice my handsome face right away? My name is **Woof** and I'm an older gentleman with good manners. I like other dog friends and people. I was found as a stray awhile back, now I'm available for a new home with a family who will love and care for me. I'm about 6 years old, fully vaccinated, neutered and micro-chipped. If you'd like to meet me just come to **PAWS** anytime between 12-4pm Tuesday-Saturday and mention me, **Woof!**

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