



Armand Larive Middle School student Joseph Markwith and his family enjoying the PASS (Perfect Attendance Spells Success) Program barbecue June 17 at Rogers Toyota of Hermiston. Also pictured are Laurie Adkins and Cullen McLemore.

Photo contributed by Misty Davison

## Students pedal away with perfect attendance

Rogers Toyota of Hermiston helped get kids out of bed and off to school this past year.

In its first year of offering the PASS (Perfect Attendance Spells Success) Program in Hermiston, 18 local middle school students rode away with brand new bicycles. Students and their families were invited to a special event June 17 at the dealership. The group enjoyed a family-style barbecue, which was put on by staff at Rogers Toyota.

"Many of the recipients this year stated that they had never had perfect attendance before, and that this program was a huge motivator for them," said Misty Davison, Rogers Toyota administrative assistant. "Parents thanked us for making it easier for them to get their kids out the door in the morning."

The purpose of the program, Davison said, is



Armand Larive Middle School student Landan Gerard shakes hands with Glenn Silaski, Rogers Toyota of Hermiston general manager during the PASS (Perfect Attendance Spells Success) Program barbecue June 17 at the dealership.

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to teach kids that excel-

lent attendance isn't just

important while in school, but it also will be valuable

in their future as working adults. Now is the perfect time to start great behaviors.

General manager Glenn Silaski congratulated each of the recipients, presenting them with a certificate, a bike helmet and a bicycle.

The PASS Program originated in the Rogers Motors store in Lewiston in 2006, giving away 14 bikes in its inaugural year. This year, 110 students received bicycles through the program in Lewiston.

In Hermiston, all sixth graders at Armand Larive and Sandstone middle schools were eligible for the program. While this was the first year of the PASS Program for the Rogers Toyota of Hermiston store, it won't be the last, Davison said.

"We will be growing the program next year, so look for it as a school near you," she added.

## BMCC rodeo team wrangles in donations

The men's and women's rodeo teams at Blue Mountain Community College recently received a financial boost.

A pair of large donations will go towards scholarships for rodeo team members. On June 5, the teams received a \$5,000 donation towards scholarships from the Pendleton Round-Up Association, presented by Rob Collins, Pendleton Round-Up Scholarship Committee chairman, and Tiah DeGroff, sponsors director. Also on June 5, BMCC was presented with a \$20,000 check from the Northwest Intercollegiate Rodeo Finals Association. Board president Jason Graybeal, treasurer Blaine Hendrickson and board member Tiah DeGroff presented the scholarship funds to BMCC President Cam Preus and rodeo team coaches Larry Patterson and Shawn Eng.

The NWIRFA Board organizes BMCC's home rodeo at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds each



Blue Mountain Community College President Cam Preus (center) accepts a \$5,000 donation from Pendleton Round-Up Association director Rob Collins. Also pictured are BMCC rodeo coach Larry Patterson, Round-Up sponsors director Tiah DeGroff, BMCC men's rodeo student-athlete Preston Pederson, BMCC women's rodeo student-athletes Quincy Pendergrass and Candida Eldridge, and BMCC rodeo coach Shawn Eng.

Photo contributed by Casey White-Zollman

spring, and initially, the rodeo's proceeds just went to cover expenses related to putting on the rodeo. However, the rodeo's success over the past

several years has provided the group with additional money.

"For the last seven or eight years, we've been able to provide additional funds

for scholarships," Graybeal said. "We feel really good about that since NWIRFA was originally created to just put the rodeo on each year."

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Other new officers include Jackie Carey, vice president; Robin Harris remains as treasurer, and Ben DeCarlow, a first-year member of the board, was elected to the position of secretary.

A nonprofit organization, PAWS promotes and provides humane treatment of animals through education and fostering/sheltering/adopting homeless animals. For more information, call 541-276-0181 or visit [www.facebook.com/PAWSPendleton](http://www.facebook.com/PAWSPendleton).

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Prior to getting slimed, Jerad Farley, principal of Rocky Heights Elementary School, poses with Kristi Smalley, Hermiston School District elementary librarian, and students Tad Farley, Cate Doherty, Keely Burns, Taw Braden, Jacob LaBeck and Leslie Mendoza Romero. A yearly tradition, students who meet reading goals get the honor of pouring the bucket of slime.

## Students 'slime' principal

A five-year tradition continues at Rocky Heights Elementary School. On the last day of school, students slimed principal Jerad Farley.

To reward students for reaching reading goals, the top readers from each grade level earns the privilege of pouring a bucket of slime on the principal, said Kristi Smalley, Hermiston School District elementary librarian.

Leslie Mendoza Romero, a fifth grader, was designated as the "Super Slimer." She read the most

words in the entire school, while also maintaining a high level of reading accuracy as measured by the Accelerated Reader Program. Other grade level winners included Keely Burns, first grade; Taw Braden, second grade; Cate Doherty, third grade; Tad Farley, fourth grade; and Jacob LaBeck, fifth grade.

First grade teacher Shanna Evans said the competition really serves to motivate students, especially encouraging them to keep reading in the spring.

## THANK YOU

### Thankful for Pendleton healthcare community's compassion

I have visited Pendleton twice. The first time about eight years ago when my sister was in the hospital and had taken a bad turn. The second was the weekend of June 3 to say my final goodbye to my beloved sister.

Neither time did I do any sightseeing or walking around town. Having said that, I learned a great deal about Pendleton. I learned it from the people I have come to know. The kind and loving people who have been caring for my sister — people she calls friend — people I call godsends.

On Feb. 22, Susan had a slight stroke and was rushed to the hospital, where testing determined exactly what had caused all of this to happen. They discovered that in addition to being in the end stages of pulmonary fibrosis, she had fully metastasized stage 4 small cell carcinoma in the lungs, the brain, the liver and the bones.

Susan and I spoke daily and I was in touch with her many friends who visited her regularly. These godsends made it possible for me to get through each day — 1,000 miles away. Lieutenant Sylvia and Lieutenant Ricky visited often as her pastors, supervisors and friends. They prayed with her and brought her spiritual comfort. Sylvia brought Susan some cute, comfortable things to wear. Ingrid visited her with cheery flowers at Regency and at home.

Her in-home caregivers are amazing women. Mandy practically moved in to care for her daily — often returning during the night and early morning hours. She called me daily and texted throughout the day to inform me of changes. She would call me when she got home to walk me through Susan's days. She became our sister connection once Susan was unable to talk or text.

The two angel's taking evening and night shifts providing loving, gentle care. Being a caregiver is exhausting work and they brought and gave their whole selves, every single day. There are so many more I know. Thank you all for praying her through tough times, lifting her spirits — making her laugh and laughing with her, and wiping her tears while fighting back your own. God bless each and everyone of you.

So, to the citizens of Pendleton I want to say, if you have ever doubted that angels walk among you, let me assure you they do.

Cathy Powers, sister of Susan Lamb  
Los Angeles, Calif.

## SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

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# Pet of the Week

**Milo**

Hey everyone my name is Milo! I am a super friendly pug mix with long legs. I get along just great with other dogs and I don't really care much about cats. I love to ride in the car and also give hugs. I need a home where someone can be with me all of the time or take me with them. I am a sensitive little guy who will give you a lot of love. I am house-trained and leash trained. I am neutered, up to date on my shots and micro-chipped. Please come to PAWS and visit me. It gets really lonely down here and I need a forever friend. My adoption fee is just \$130 and I am willing and ready to go to a new home today!

Visit Milo at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws  
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