

Five Hermiston students pedal into reading

Five students from each of Hermiston's five elementary schools pedaled into summer with new bicycles thanks to **Hermiston Masonic Lodge #138**.

The **Bikes for Books** program encourages students in third through fifth grades to improve their reading skills. Students receive a chance to win a bike by completing AR Reading Goals.

Winners of the bicycles and their grade level at each school included:

Desert View: **Jared Crowther, Abby Goller, Seth Reeve**, all third graders, **Sydney Slonker-Bowe**, fourth grade, and **Guadalupe Esparza**, fifth grade.

Highland Hills: **Sienna Harsteen**, third grade; **Ashton Chairez** and **Lorelai Keefauver**, both fourth grade; and fifth graders **Kenya DeLa Fuente** and **MacAnn Stone**. Rocky Heights: **Addison**



Students from Highland Hills Elementary School receive bicycles as part of the Hermiston Masonic Lodge's Bikes for Books program.

McClure, fourth graders **Ruben Fernandez** and **Jaziel Ramirez**; and fifth graders **Dayana Ponciano** and **Claire Anderson**. Sunset: **Gabrielle Mendoza**, **Bryanna Lopez**

and **Addisen Alder**, third graders; **Johnathan Avila-Munoz**, fourth grade; and **Veera Patel**, fifth grade. West Park: **Alexa Barreto** and **Fernando Varela Lopez**, third graders; **Selene Garibaldi**, fourth

grade; and **Cristal Santos** and **Stephen Hofbauer**, fifth graders. The program creates a high level of motivation for students, said **Kristi Smalley**, Hermiston School District elementary librarian.

Photo contributed by Kristi Smalley

ANNIVERSARY

Bud and Bernie Moore

On July 8, 1967, Bud and Bernie Moore were married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pasco, Wash. The couple is celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 9 during the 10 a.m. mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, followed by a reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church parish hall. The presence of friends and family is encouraged, but the couple requests no gifts.

Bud is a retired pharmacist. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, and the Pendleton Country Club. Bernie is semi-retired after selling Country Sunshine Hallmark, but works part-time at Sunshine Gourmet Shoppe in Pendleton. She also is a member of St. Mary's and



Bernie and Bud Moore in 1967



Catholic Daughters of America, and P.E.O. The couple enjoys spending time at their cabin at Priest Lake, Idaho.

Celebrating with the Moores are their sons Mark (Kathi) Moore of Spokane, Wash., and Eric (Caroline) Moore of Houston, Texas. They also have five grandchildren, Mica, Keira, Julian, Margaux and Kenan.

Epilepsy Walk takes steps against disease

More than 75 people enjoyed a leisurely one-mile stroll beginning at McKenzie Park during the Northwest Run/Walk for Epilepsy in Hermiston.

In its seventh year, the June 17 event aims to raise money, awareness and support for people who live with epilepsy/seizure disorders.

After completing the walk, the participants gathered in front of The Arc Building for a short presentation. The Arc president **Michele Keitzke** shared about the services offered by the Northwest Epilepsy Foundation, including providing medications for homeless people with seizure disorders. Next on the program was a testimonial by **Yaya Martinez**, mother of 22-month-old **Alexia**, who was diagnosed with a seizure disorder shortly after birth.

Martinez shared that her daughter is her "Epilepsy Hero" for continuing to grow and thrive despite the challenges of living with this complex disorder that impacts one in 26 people. The crowd, including many family and friends sporting bright pink "Team Alexia" T-shirts, cheered when Martinez declared that, due to medications, Alexia had been seizure-free for one year.

The event raised more than \$7,000, which is split between the Epilepsy Foundation and The Arc Umatilla County. Prior to the walk,



Members of Jill's Silly Walkers, including Jillian Smalley, Kristi Smalley and Mark Smalley, hold a banner while participating in the seventh annual Northwest Run/Walk for Epilepsy in Hermiston.

Photo contributed by Luke Barnes

coffee was provided by **Dutch Bros. Coffee** along with fruit provided by **Fiesta Foods**. Many local businesses provided a variety of items resulting in door prizes for all participants.

"It is truly amazing how this community embraces this event every year," said Keitzke. For more information about epilepsy, visit www.epilepsynw.org.

ESD receives safety award

The **InterMountain Education Service District** recently received an award from the **Property and Casualty Coverage for Education (PACE)** program.

Recognized as a **School Safety Star**, the ESD was presented with the award from **Phil Wentz**, chairman of the PACE board, during the "PACE Day: Safe and Secure Schools" event in Salem.

The local education service district was honored as the inaugural School Safety Star for its regional school security initiative, an innovative program to provide the ESD's 18 component school districts in three counties with evaluation tools, resources and training to improve school security and increase student safety. The award included \$5,000 from PACE to be used in a school safety improvement effort.

"The IMESD is honored to receive this safety award from PACE, but we share this recognition with the many regional partners who continue to collaborate with us on the crucial issue of school safety," said **Michele**

Madril, IMESD's director of communication and print solutions.

Stuart Roberts, Pendleton's chief of police, is an integral partner in the school security initiative, **Madril** said. Roberts said that safety should be a priority for everyone, and educating people about appropriate responses to perceived/identified threats is important.

"Through the leadership of IMESD superintendent **Mark Mulvihill** and his IMESD peers, deficiencies were identified and solutions were vigorously pursued in order to meet the agency's charge of not only educating, but also protecting students, staff and visitors alike," Roberts said. "Albeit safety responses and protocols will always be a work in progress, I applaud the IMESD's vision, commitment and leadership in the area of school safety."

PACE is an insurance pool made up of roughly 300 Oregon member school districts, charter schools, education service districts and community colleges. For more information, visit www.pace.osba.org

Local American Legion members attend state convention

District 6 **American Legion** was represented by members from local posts at the 99th annual Oregon State Convention, held June 20-24 in Florence.

Those attending include **Toni Cordell** of Pendleton, District 6 Commander; **Andy Muller** of Milton-Freewater, National Executive Committee; **Glenn Bradley** of Hermiston, Post 37 Commander; **Bill Runion** of Hermiston, Post Historian; **Dan Seimer** of Irrigon, member of Post 37; **Jody Frost** of Hermiston, Service Officer; and **Ed Baker** of Lexington, Heppner Post Commander.

The American Legion is the nation's largest veteran's service organization. It's committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. The Legion



Members of District 6 American Legion posts recently attended the 99th annual Oregon State Convention, held June 20-24 in Florence.

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helps veterans and their families during times of need, provides scholarship opportunities and various other events that give back to their communities. The American Legion

is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization and its success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. Local post meetings are held monthly in Hermiston,

Milton-Freewater, Athena, Pendleton and Heppner.

Two sheriff's deputies graduate from Public Safety Academy

A pair of deputies with the **Umatilla County Sheriff's Office** were among the recent graduates with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

Jacob Potter and **Kash Wrightson**, along with other members of Basic Corrections Local #BCL027, participated in a graduation ceremony June 16 at the **Oregon Public Safety Academy** in Salem.

The academy is nationally recognized for its innovative training programs and active

stakeholder involvement. It implements standards for the training and certification of more than 40,000 city, tribal, county and state law enforcement officers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, fire service personnel, telecommunications, emergency medical dispatchers and private security providers.

Eriks Gabliks serves as director and **Jason Myers** of the Marion County Sheriff's Office is chairman of the board. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/dpsst.

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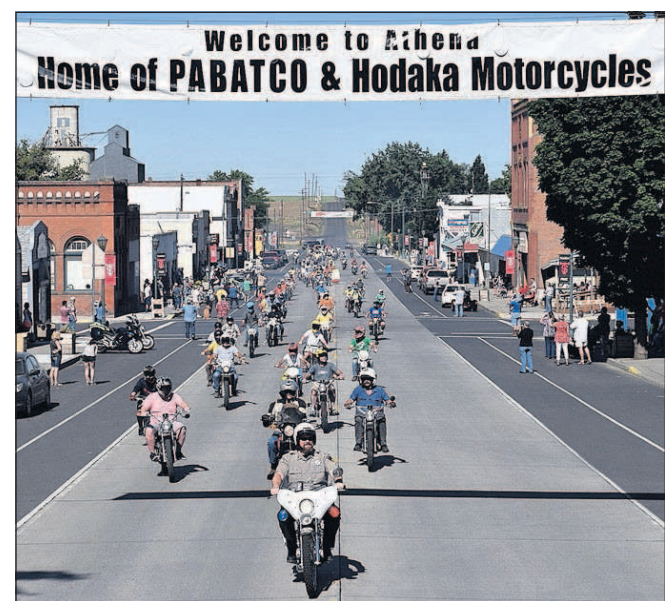
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Hodaka faithful cruise into Athena

A Hodaka enthusiast from Plainsboro, New Jersey, was thrilled to be in Eastern Oregon recently for the **Hodaka Days** event.

Although it's been 53 years since the trail bikes and motorcycles were made in Athena, people are still hooked on Hodakas, said **Stu Gillard**, who owns a 1972 Hodaka 100B+. The Hodaka faithful, Gillard said, will continue to converge on Athena each year for the poker run, the Bad Rock Trail Ride, the swap meet, barbecue, time trials and a chance to catch up with fellow Hodaka lovers. Gillard said the event offers something for the entire family.

For more about the event, visit www.hodakadays.org.



The Hodaka Days parade drew many participants from across the country — 53 years after the last Hodaka trail bikes and motorcycles were manufactured in Athena.

Photo contributed by Stu Gillard

Pet of the Week



If you're looking for a fabulous feline, come to PAWS and meet **Glitter!** She's a 2 year old domestic shorthair with a grey and blue overcoat with sparkling white fur. She will mesmerize you with her gorgeous bright yellow eyes. **Glitter** is very social and wants to stay indoors. She is also spayed, up to date of shots, tested and vaccinated for FELV and FIV. Come to PAWS Tuesday-Saturday located at 517 SE 3rd St in Pendleton or call 541-276-0181 for more information.

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