

ANNIVERSARY

Lee and Patricia Towers

Lee and Patricia Towers of Pendleton are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. On July 8, 1967, they were married in Turner, Oregon. The wedding took place in the backyard of Geraldine and Lawrence Bower.



Patricia and Lee Towers in 1967



After graduating from Boardman High School, Lee served in Vietnam, and at the time of the wedding he was employed at the Umatilla Army Depot. Patricia had graduated from Cascade High School and was employed at Salem General Hospital in the maternity wing.

After the wedding, the couple lived in Irrigon. Two years later, they moved to a house in Pendleton and, in 1972, they moved into the house that they still currently live in today. Lee went to work for Pacific Northwest Bell in 1969 where he worked until his retirement in 2004.

Pat was a stay-at-home mother and homemaker raising three wonderful children.

Joining the Towers in their anniversary celebration are their children: Michael Towers and his wife Melissa from Vale, Oregon; Cindy Wood and her husband Matt from Helix, Oregon; and Sheri Towers and her significant other, Shaner Applegate, from Pendleton. They also have four grandchildren: Lacey and Cody Towers and Willie and Annie Wood.

Local firefighter/EMT receives volunteer award

The Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District and Umatilla Volunteer Firefighters Association recently celebrated 20 years of volunteer services from one of its members.



Potts

Kerri Potts has been saving lives and property in the Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District and surrounding communities for more than two decades. The Umatilla woman began her career as a volunteer firefighter with the URFPD April 1, 1997. She subsequently was certified as an emergency medical technician to work on the ambulance. Today, in addition to fulfilling her volunteer role as an EMT Intermediate and firefighter, she also works as an registered nurse for the Good Shepherd Health Care System.

The URFPD is a primarily volunteer fire department serving the city of Umatilla and surrounding areas. They provide fire suppression, education and prevention services in the area and on the Columbia River. They also provide quick response medical services in conjunction with Umatilla County Fire District 1. For more information, including how to become a volunteer, visit www.umatillafire.org.

On behalf of the URFPD, Rob Tooley, assistant chief and training officer, announced the milestone — congratulating and thanking Potts for her 20 years of volunteer service.

Caledonian Games winners named

ATHENA — Winners for the 2017 Caledonian Games held July 8-9 at Athena City Park included:

Horseshoe Tournament Saturday Singles: Kris Powaukee (1), Mike Fetter (2); **Sunday Doubles:** Lee Davis and Kris Powaukee (1), Tyler Smith and Brent Fetter (2).

Athletic Competitions Men's "A" (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Alex Jeffery (1); Cory Frazier (2); Adam Larson (3); John Odden (4).

Men's "B" (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Mike Lanegan (1); Justin Funderburk (2); Andrew Schibig (3); Dan Gregory (4); Daniel Keffer (5); Nick Heuer (6).

Men's "C" (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Chris Moore (1); Nathaniel Hotchkiss (2); Richard Welch (3); Cory Swanson (4); Travis Saulls (5); Joel Dougall (6); Jason Nielson (7).

Men's Light (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Billy Keeley (1); Shaun Campbell (2); Vaughn David Gregory (3); Jacob LeBaron (4).

Men's Novice (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Hunter Stucker (1); Joe Small (2); Louie Vidmar (3); David Walker (4).

Women's Masters 40+ (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Rachelle Wiley (1); Angela Shelly (2); Connie Nielson (3); Regina Wechter (4); Gretchen Yoder (5).

Women's "A" (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Chrystal Rubert (1); Annie Singer (2).

Women's "C" (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Niki Eberly (1); Bree Larson (2); Shelley Reed and Kara Vallard (tie 3); Kaillen Hearn (5); Emily Hauge (6); Brandi Dunlap (7); Connie Sullivan (8).

Masters 40-49 (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Mark Wechter (1); Kyle

Dayle (2); William Griffith (3); Anthony Shouldis (4); Les Wallace (5); Sean Peffrey (6).

Masters 50+ (Best of Comp and Extra Throws): Paul McLachlan (1); Perren Baker (2); Scott Compton (3).

Parade Float: Inland Northwest Musicians Orchestra (1); Athena Auto Parts (2).

Service Organization: Pendleton Shrine Club (1); Main Street Cowboys, Pendleton (2).

Marching Unit: Pendleton VFW Letter Buck Post 922 (1).

Cars/Vehicles: Walla Walla Cruisers (1); Hodge Upholstery (2).

Royal Court (riding): Pendleton Round-Up Queen and Court (1); Happy Canyon Princesses (2); Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse Queen and Court (3).

Royal Court (non-riding): Umatilla County Fair Court (1); Umatilla County Pioneer Picnic Queen and Marshal (2).

Band: Weston-McEwen Pipes and Drums

Equestrian Group: Northwest Aside Group, Heppner.

Specialty: Athena-Weston Pooper Scoopers (1); Robert Cannon, Athena (2).

Scottish Clan: Clan Turnbull, Pendleton (1); Clan Crichton, Walla Walla (2); Clan McBean, Milton-Freewater (3).

Piping Grade 5, 2/4 March: Dan Dorsett, Tigard (1); Allison Munch-Rotolo, Pullman, Wash. (2).

Grade 5, Slow Air: Dan Dorsett, Tigard (1); Allison Munch-Rotolo, Pullman, Wash. (2).

Grade 4, 2/4 March: Jozie Munch-Rotolo, Pullman (1).

Grade 4 Strathspey/Reel: Jozie Munch-Rotolo, Pullman (1).

Adult, 2/4 March: Peter Elder, Cove (1).

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Members of the Eastside Rollers Special Olympics bocce team Makayla Thompson, Mary Jones, Jillian Smalley, Lyall Arey, Misty Larsen, Jessica Sexton and Kristi Smalley recently participated in a regional tournament in Hillsboro.

Special Olympians go for the gold at regional tournaments

More than 75 athletes from the Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510 recently competed at three regional tournaments.

The golf competition took place June 10 near Banks. First-time athlete Saul Lara received a gold medal in the Individual Skills Competition and David Andrews, a longtime Special Olympic athlete but new to the golf program, received a bronze. Jonathan Wilson and unified partner Dan Headley earned silver in a nine-hole alternating stroke play, Jonathan Kinsel and unified partner Tye Stewart took fourth place followed by Jason Cargill and partner

Kris Neustel with a sixth place finish.

On June 11, six members of the Eastside Rollers bocce team traveled to Hillsboro to compete. The traditional bocce team of Makayla Thompson and Mary Jones earned silver medals in the female division, while partners Jillian Smalley and Lyall Arey also took silver in their division. The first-time unified team of Misty Larsen and Jessica Sexton took bronze. All three teams earned the sportsmanship awards for their respective divisions.

The athletics team (track and field events) traveled to Milton-Freewater for competition. With more than



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The Special Olympics relay team of Cassidy McQuinn, Jeff McEachran, Timothy Tichy, and Cameron Goldie received a bronze medal after a come from behind effort during the regional tournament held in Milton-Freewater.

60 athletes, many medals were earned including a come-from-behind bronze medal finish for the relay team of Cassidy McQuinn, Jeff McEachran, Timothy Tichy and Cameron Goldie, who are coached by Di Fordice.

A high point of the competition experience began even before boarding the bus. Each athlete was presented with a card made by the leadership students at Sandstone Middle School encouraging them to do well in competition.

"We are one program and these cards made by students at Sandstone were just one more unifying factor for our team," said Angela

Schneider, local program coordinator.

Special Olympics provides year-round athletic training and sports competitions for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To participate, athletes must be age 6 or older. There is no charge to participate.

The next sports season for the local program is bowling, which begins Sept. 1 at Desert Lanes in Hermiston. Signups are Monday, Aug. 21 from 4-5 p.m. at the Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. For more information about participating as an athlete or volunteer, call Angela Schneider at 541-314-0166.

McKay Creek residents have a blast with Independence Day

A Red, White and You theme for the month of July also featured a Fourth of July celebration at McKay Creek Estates.

The Pendleton assisted living facility was decorated in patriotic colors to celebrate Independence Day. In addition, residents, staff and family members participated in the Pendleton Fourth of July parade. Before boarding the facility's bus, many enjoyed having their photos taken, said executive director Noemi Wiseman.

Among the parade participants were volunteers Barby Cleveland and her friend Michelle Villarreal, who both rode their horses



Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman

A group from McKay Creek Estates prepares to head to the Pendleton Fourth of July parade.

bearing the American flag and Prestige Care flag, Allison Galloway, and Wiseman's daughter

Tiffany Wiseman who, in her third year, used a Hula Hoop for the entire parade route.

"It was really a fun experience for our residents," Wiseman said. "Their smiles are priceless."

The best part of joining the parade, she said, was winning first place for the Float Category. She said they were thrilled to take the trophy back to share with all the residents while enjoying a Fourth of July barbecue.

"We share this trophy to all McKay Creek residents, families, volunteers and staff," Wiseman said.

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

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

JULY 5, 2017 CLINKENBEARD — Kyria J.M. Werner and Russel G. Clinkenbeard of Pendleton: a boy, Deklan Lowell Clinkenbeard.

JULY 9, 2017 COMPARAN — Jimena Moreno Vargas and Ramon A. Comparan of Boardman: a girl, Fatima Comparan.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JUNE 29, 2017 NOYES — Caitlin R. Cozad and Jacob D. Noyes of Hermiston: a girl, Georgia Raine Noyes.

JULY 2, 2017 SHOEMAKER — Jenna D. Baker and Travis J. Shoemaker of Hermiston: a boy, Travis John Shoemaker Jr.

JULY 3, 2017 FREDERICKSON — Isabella Eddy and Erik Frederickson of Hermiston: a girl, Alara Ann Frederickson.

GARCILAZO — Judy R. Garcilazo of Umatilla: a boy, Keegan Asher Garcilazo.

JULY 6, 2017 GUTIERREZ LEON — Maria Leonus and Carlos Gutierrez Gabriel of Boardman: a girl, Daniela Dominga Gutierrez Leon.

JULY 7, 2017 BENETTI — Amber Benetti and Brenden Benetti of Holdman: a girl, Ember Lee Linn Benetti.

MARIN — Jennika M. Mendoza and Jorge A. Marin of Hermiston: a girl, Aniya Sophia Marie Marin.

JULY 8, 2017 MARTINEZ — Tausha L. Patterson and Francisco Martinez Jr. of Hermiston: a girl, Lluvia Edith Martinez.

JULY 10, 2017 SENN — Sabrina M. Senn of Hermiston: a girl, Olivia Rose Senn.

Travel Oregon recognizes Tamástslikt, Pat Beard

A local organization and individual were among the recipients of the 2016 Travel and Tourism Industry Achievement Awards.

Presented by the Oregon Tourism Commission, doing business as Travel Oregon, in May at the 2017 Governor's Conference on Tourism in Salem, Tamástslikt Cultural Institute and Pat Beard were recognized.

Tamástslikt received the Gene Leo Memorial Award. Established in 1994 to honor the late Gene Leo, it recognizes an outstanding contribution for a tourism-related activity or attraction focused on Oregon's natural beauty or outdoor recreation.

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, located in Mission, was recognized for its multi-year investment to efficient and

renewable energy. Over the course of 14 years, they have reduced their electrical usage by 67 percent and natural gas usage by 76 percent, saving more than \$750,000.

Beard, formerly with Travel Pendleton (he was hired as Pendleton Convention Center director effective July 1), received the Oregon

Tourism Leadership Award. He was recognized for paving the way for the next generation to gain knowledge and a budding passion for tourism.

The award announcement called Beard a "cowboy with an undying love for Eastern Oregon." He is said to go above and beyond his job duties

out of genuine love for his community. From creating inspiring itineraries, leading media and familiarization tours, and

cultivating large-scale events, Beard exemplifies what strong leadership looks like in Oregon's tourism industry, the award said.

The annual awards recognize people and organizations across the state

that go the extra mile to enhance the travel and tourism industry in Oregon. The award recipients are outstanding examples of professionals who, by virtue of their vision, perseverance and dedication, are a credit to Oregon's tourism and hospitality industry. For more information, visit www.traveloregon.com.



Beard

Pet of the Week

Mirrak

If you're looking for a handsome and affectionate new feline to welcome to your home, come meet Mirrak! He will greet you at the door in our free roaming cat room. He has been neutered, tested and vaccinated for FELV and FIV, up to date on shots and ready to go to a terrific new home! If Mirrak caught your eye, come to PAWS anytime between Tues-Sat 12-4pm. His adoption fee is \$70.

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