



Photo contributed by Mindy McCartt

The Oregon State Police Mid-Columbia Fish and Wildlife Team was recently awarded with the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division Team of the Year. Pictured are: Back row: Senior Trooper Swede Pearson, Senior Trooper Justin Frazier, Sergeant Les Kipper; Front row: Senior Trooper Mark Jubitz, Senior Trooper Brent Ocheskey, Trooper Jason Walters and Senior Trooper Thad Routson. Not present: Senior Trooper Craig Gunderson.

OSP team reels in top award

The Oregon State Police Mid-Columbia Fish and Wildlife Team was recently awarded with the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division Team of the Year award for 2016 accomplishments.

The Mid-Columbia Team consists of highly motivated, dedicated and tenacious troopers who enforce fish and wildlife laws and protect Oregon's natural resources, citizens and visitors in Hood River, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties, said Mindy McCartt, OSP communications director.

Together, the Mid-Columbia Team proved that through perseverance, dedication and quality investigations their collaborative work enabled them to successfully hold people accountable.

The Mid-Columbia Fish and Wildlife Team — which includes Senior Troopers Swede Pearson,

Justin Frazier, Mark Jubitz, Brent Ocheskey, Thad Routson, Craig Gunderson, Trooper Jason Walters and Sergeant Les Kipper — is commended for a job well done and for their commitment to protecting people, property and Oregon's natural resources, McCartt said.

Cases in 2016 included initiating an ongoing multi-state major serial poaching investigation where several individuals unlawfully killed up to 30 animals throughout several counties in Oregon and up to 50 animals throughout several counties in Washington. Troopers are continuing to work closely with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife sharing information and coordinating conclusion of this investigation.

Also, a team member investigated a serious boat collision occurring in the

Columbia River, which caused serious injury to several occupants. The investigation resulted in a guilty plea by one boat operator for Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants, two counts of fourth-degree assault and reckless boating. In addition, they conducted several boat patrols during the fall commercial fishing season, making several arrests and seizures of fish and gill nets used while fishing illegally.

Team members also worked closely with patrol division troopers, assisting with traffic crashes and other calls for service. Additionally, they work well with other local and county law enforcement partners within five counties to provide the best service to the citizens of Oregon, McCartt said.

For more information about the Oregon State Police, visit www.oregon.gov/OSP.



Photo contributed by J.D. Kindle

U.S. Bank Foundation's Community Possible Grant Program makes a presentation to the Oregon East Symphony. Those present include Kathy Nooy, Pendleton U.S. Bank manager; J.D. Kindle, Oregon East Symphony executive director; Oregon East Symphony board members Bill Mayclin, Sue Nelson, George Nelson; and Brian Young, U.S. Bank assistant vice president.

Symphony scores grant awards

The Oregon East Symphony recently received a pair of donations.

The grant awards included \$1,000 from the U.S. Bank Foundation's Community Possible Grant Program and a \$7,500 grant from the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation of Portland.

The U.S. Bank Foundation's program is designed to embrace the diversity in the communities U.S. Bank serves. The Oregon East Symphony will use the

money towards fulfilling its mission to operate, support, and maintain a symphony orchestra, ensembles, chorale, and youth classical music program to enhance the cultural wealth of the region through education and performance.

Money from the Miller Foundation will be used to support activities for the symphony's "Playing for Keeps" youth education project. The grant is the second portion of a two-year grant awarded to the symphony.

The Miller Foundation

was established in 2002 to enhance the quality of life of Oregonians through support of the arts and education. It envisions a state where the arts thrive in supportive communities and educational systems support the effectiveness of teaching and learning in every classroom.

For more information about the Oregon East Symphony, its education projects, season concerts and rehearsal information, visit www.oregoneastsymphony.org. For questions, call 541-276-0320.

Quilts of Valor covers doctor, mayor

A Hermiston physician was surprised this past spring when he was presented with a special quilt.

A Quilts of Valor presentation was made to Dr. Bruce Carlson, who received the labor of love after Tina Newson, one of his patients, made arrangements through J. Marie Norris, Oregon state coordinator for Quilts of Valor. Newson was on hand when Norris arrived to present the longtime physician with the quilt.

"He was pleasantly surprised and very humble," Norris said.

A family practice specialist, Carlson owns and operates the Urgent Health Care Center on East Newport Avenue in Hermiston.

Also, Pendleton Mayor John Turner was honored with a Quilt of Valor. The quilt was presented to him during the Crazy Horse



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Dr. Bruce Carlson, center, receives a Quilt of Valor from J. Marie Norris and Tina Newson at the Urgent Health Care Center in Hermiston.

Quilt Show at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Norris said Turner received the quilt in recognition for his more than 20 years of service with the U.S. Marines.

Founded in 2003, the mission of Quilts of Valor is to "honor and comfort"

service members and veterans. The local group regularly hosts sew-ins at Thimbles Fabric-N-More in Pendleton. For more information, contact Norris at j.marie.norris@QOVF.org, 541-429-1327 or visit www.facebook.com/j.marie.radqlart.



Photo contributed by Brandon Harris

Filmmaker Kat Hunt outside The Granada Theatre during the 2016 Eastern Oregon Film Festival. The La Grande-based festival was ranked among MovieMaker's 2017 Coolest Film Festivals in the World.

EOFF ranks among 'Coolest Film Festivals'

The Eastern Oregon Film Festival has landed a ranking in MovieMaker magazine's coveted annual article for 2017.

The 2017 Panel of Cool deemed the La Grande-based film festival as one of the top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World. Recognizing festivals of all shapes and sizes, the list highlights festivals featuring "everything that's fun about making and watching movies."

"The description for EOFF sums our event up pretty well for filmmakers and industry guests — an

experience," said festival director Christopher Jennings, a 1998 Pendleton High School graduate.

"... La Grande has quietly fostered a hand-crafted festival that delivers quality and a wide-open sensibility without much hubbub. From the cozy confines of the Granada 3 Theatre to the down-home events that highlight the festival's slender selection, there is an undeniable love of good independent cinema with a healthy dose of hospitality and who-knows-what-might-

happen intimacy."

In its eighth year, the Eastern Oregon Film Festival is Oct. 19-21 in La Grande. Venues include the The Granada 3 Cinema, McKenzie Theater at Eastern Oregon University and The Liberty Theatre. General admissions festival passes will go on sale in September. To become a member, sponsor, or to learn more about the festival, visit www.eofilmfest.com.

To view the rest of the MovieMaker list and read up on movie trends, visit www.moviemaker.com.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

JULY 25, 2017

MCBRIDE — Jessica R. McBride and Nathan McBride of Pilot Rock: a boy, Ty Roger McBride.

JULY 26, 2017

PORRAS — Shilah Hilliard and Juan Porras of Pendleton: a boy, Braxton Emmanuel Porras.

RAY — Elena K. VanPelt and Michael R. Ray of Pendleton: a girl, Amelia Kay Lynn Ray.

JULY 28, 2017

SANDS — Rachel Montee and Ryan Sands of Irrigon: a girl, Chloe Jeen Sands.

JULY 30, 2017

RAMIREZ TRUJILLO — Greysi I. Trujillo Soto and Fernando Ramirez Prado of Irrigon: a girl, Leilani Grace Ramirez Trujillo.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JULY 26, 2017

BRANNON — Tayllor E. Brannon and William A. Brannon of Heppner: a boy, William August Paul Brannon.

AUG. 2, 2017

VENEGAS — Sarani Hernandez and Eduardo Venegas of Hermiston: a boy, Eduardo L. Alejandro Venegas.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

STANDING WITH STANDING ROCK, WATER, AIR AND EARTH PROTECTORS, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton.

PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-11:30 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Dinner from 6-8 p.m., music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

PENDLETON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828)

PFLAG PENDLETON, 4 p.m., location varies, Pendleton. No-host lunch followed by meeting. Everyone welcome. (Vickie Read 541-966-8414)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

BOARDMAN QUILT GROUP, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Quilt construction, quilting updates, education, history and friendship. Free. (Kathy Hyder 541-571-7009)

UMATILLA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, 5:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. Jamie McLeod-Skinner, candidate for CD2, is August guest speaker. All Umatilla County Democrats and those interested in participating in the Democratic Party are encouraged to attend. (Sue Peterson 541-276-4569)

IRRIGON MOOSE LODGE TACOS AND BINGO, 6-9 p.m., Irrigon Moose Lodge, 220 N.E. Third St., Irrigon. Tacos from 6-9 p.m., bingo from 6:30-9 p.m. Open to members and guests. (541-922-1802)

Pet of the Week

Mirrak

If you are looking for a new feline to add to your family, come meet Mirrak at PAWS! He is a beautiful white 2 year old altered lover-boy who likes to follow you around the house. Just like most cats, he adores being petted and loved on. Mirrak needs to be an indoor only cat. Please come fill out an application at 517 SE 3rd St in Pendleton to adopt him Tues-Sat from 12-4pm or call 541-276-0181.

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