



Photo contributed by Kirk Furniss
Jake Furniss, 10, and 5-year-old twins Brody and Katie Furniss soak in the Eastern Oregon scenery during a trip from Kamloops, British Columbia, to view the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse.

Oregon hospitality shines for eclipse travelers

A Canadian father and his three children recently enjoyed kind hospitality from people in Eastern Oregon. Three days before the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse, **Kirk Furniss** said he decided to hit the road with his kids **Jake**, 10, and 5-year-old twins **Brody** and **Katie**. After looking at a map, Furniss and the adventurous foursome departed Sunday morning from their home in Kamloops, British Columbia. The trio drove about eight hours and set up camp near Dale. In addition to enjoying the beautiful landscape, Furniss was appreciative of fellow campers stopping by to see if they needed any supplies. “Americans are the friendliest and most generous people on earth,” he said. “It was such an amazing experience, one my kids and I will never forget.”

Pendleton resident cashes in at Community Bank

The luck of the draw made **Mark Jaeger** a little richer recently. **Community Bank** announced the Pendleton man, who won a \$100 monthly drawing in May, also won in July. Jaeger, who cashed in through the bank’s **Win-Win Certificate of Deposit**, also is eligible for a \$1,000 drawing at the end of the year. The program, which Community Bank introduced in January, is structured to encourage saving through multiple incentives, including a low minimum opening deposit of \$25. In addition, customers have opportunities to win monthly and annual drawings, with increased odds based on additional minimum deposits. To be eligible for the Win-Win CD, individuals must be at least 18 years old with primary residences in Oregon and Washington counties where Community Bank operates branches. For more information, visit www.communitybanknet.com or stop by a local Community Bank location.



Photo contributed by Leah Johnson
Mark Jaeger receives \$100 during Community Bank’s Win-Win CD drawing from Ben Byrd-Jolley, Pendleton personal banker.

Theatre project heats up with cultural grant

Athena’s Gem Theatre project recently got a boost from the **Oregon Cultural Trust**. The nonprofit organization received \$39,120 for its new HVAC system. A community group formed about a dozen years ago to renovate the vintage theater. The restoration project includes the Gem Theatre & Star Saloon. Also, three Wallowa County entities received funding. The **Joseph Center for Arts and Culture** will use its \$21,842 to support upcoming exhibits and complimentary programs that will engage audiences with a diverse array of arts and culture events. The **Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center** will use \$27,657 to support expanding the interactive exhibits, programs and visitor’s experience at the visitor center and **Nez Perce Homeland Project**. The **Wallowa Valley Music Alliance** received \$8,542, which will be used to support a multimedia concert in Enterprise featuring classical music, spoken word and visual arts inspired by the geography of Wallowa County.

Generous donors resulted in a record \$2.94 million in grants being disbursed to 136 cultural nonprofits for the 2017-18 fiscal year — 37 of the organizations receiving money were first-time grant recipients. For more information, contact **Carrie Kikel**, communications manager, at 503-986-0081, carrie.kikel@oregon.gov or visit www.culturaltrust.org.

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Photo contributed by Malia Lieuallen
Members of the Pendleton Round-Up court and the Happy Canyon princesses greet new resident Eric Otzenberger during a recent barbecue at Elizabethan Manor in Pendleton.



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People go through a line to get food at a recent barbecue at Elizabethan Manor. Special guests at the Pendleton assisted living facility included members of the Pendleton Round-Up court and the Happy Canyon princesses.

Elizabethan Manor wrangles in royalty

Members of the **Pendleton Round-Up** court and the **Happy Canyon** princesses were given the royal treatment recently while visiting **Elizabethan Manor**. The Pendleton assisted living facility hosted a barbecue in the women’s honor as the residents of the facility gear up for rodeo and activities during Round-Up week, which is Sept. 13-16. **Malia Lieuallen** said **Eric Otzenberger**, who recently moved to the center, was thrilled. She said this will be Otzenberger’s first experience with Round-Up. If the barbecue event was any indication, Lieuallen said he should have a great time. “Watching him smile was a huge treat,” she said. For more information about activities at Elizabethan Manor, call 541-276-7157 or visit www.prestigecare.com/location/elizabethan-manor.

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Photo contributed by George Bonbright
Backyard pool provides cool drink in summer heat
Pendleton resident George Bonbright offered neighborly hospitality when a trio of deer recently visited his back yard.

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BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
AUG. 15, 2017
GAITER-BARNES — Elaine K. Rodriguez and Sean P. Gaiter-Barnes of Pendleton: a boy, Xavier Richard Gaiter-Barnes.
MCCONNELL — Elysse McConnell and Rodney McConnell: a girl, Chevel Wyn McConnell.
AUG. 16, 2017
OSORIO — Kaeli L. Osorio Garcia and Delfino Osorio Garcia of Umatilla: a boy, Kannon Albis Osorio.
AUG. 21, 2017
BROWN — Jordan E. Brown and Jimmy C.T. Brown of Pendleton: a girl, Kynnlie Skye Brown.
AUG. 22, 2017
GIVENS — Marissa R. Miller and Timothy J. Givens of Milton-Freewater: a girl, Miela Rose Givens.
Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
AUG. 16, 2017
BROWN — Katrina Brown and Devin Brown of Hermiston: a boy, Winston Duke Brown.
AUG. 17, 2017
KESSELL — Emmy J. Adkins and Troy J. Kessell of Hermiston: a boy, Theo Parker Kessell.
AUG. 18, 2017
NAVA-GARCIA — Adelina V. Garcia and Esteban Nava of Umatilla: a boy, Elijah Angel Nava-Garcia.
PANKEY — Sara M. Rodgers and Kasey S. Pankey of Umatilla: a girl, Penelope Louise Pankey.

Gina Wilson to graduate from safety academy

A parole and probation officer with the **Morrow County Sheriff’s Office** is set to graduate in a ceremony for the 75th Basic Parole & Probation Officer Class. Gina Wilson is among the members of the class that will be honored Friday, Sept. 1 at 11 a.m. at **Oregon Public Safety Academy** at 4190 Aumsville Highway S.E., Salem. **Jeremiah Stromberg**, assistant director of the **Oregon Department of Corrections**, will be the guest speaker. The event is free and open to the public. The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training provides training to more than 25,000 students each year throughout Oregon and at the academy in Salem. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/dpsst.





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