

PENDLETON



Photo contributed by Donna Perkins

The Pendleton High School Class of 1945 met for its 72nd class reunion Aug. 25, 2017, at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge. First row, left to right: Doris Bell Dodd, Carol Moser Elliott, Opal Hatley Hillard, Catherine Fullerton Brow, Esther Morris Richards and Donna Perkins. Second row, left to right: Rudolph Enbysk, Pete Keating, Verla Thompson Tomlinson, Jim Cornwell, Jack Kelley and Henry Downing.

Umatilla soldier memorialized in Colorado

Staff Sgt. Austin Bieren, who died of natural causes March 28 while on active duty in Syria, was memorialized last month in Colorado. Bieren, 25, grew up in Umatilla, and his family has been an active part of the community there. The August ceremony at Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Cripple Creek, Colorado, honored five service members from both the 21st Space Wing and the 10th Special Forces Brigade who lost their lives in the line of duty. Their names were added onto a memorial wall located at the cemetery. The five Front Range Airmen and Soldiers added to the memorial included Bieren, as well as Maj. Andrew Byers, Staff Sgt. Christopher Wilbur, Staff Sgt. Adam Thomas and Spc. 1st Class Ryan Gloyer. Col. Kathleen Flarity, Office of the Surgeon General, provided closing comments and conducted The Laying of the Wreath. The High Frontier Honor Guard performed a rifle salute with the shots fired representing the sacrifice made by the service members. The ceremony concluded with the playing of “Taps” in their honor. The Memorial Wall with 385 names engraved on it offers a place to reflect on the sacrifices made by service members and was dedicated in 2007. Rachel Bieren, wife of the late Staff Sgt. Austin Bieren, was in attendance as well as representatives from Bieren’s leadership.



Rachel Bieren, wife of the late Staff Sgt. Austin Bieren, 4th Space Control Squadron physical security NCOIC, participates in a ceremony honoring her husband and four service members from the 21st Space Wing and the 10th Special Forces Brigade, who lost their lives in the line of duty. The event was held at Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Cripple Creek, Colorado, on August 20. Courtesy photo

BOARDMAN

Extravaganza shines light on community

More than 400 people recently participated in the Boardman Community Resource Extravaganza. In its seventh year, the event was held Sept. 12 at Sam Boardman Elementary School. According to a press release from Dirk Dirksen, Morrow County School District superintendent, it featured nearly two dozen organizations, including banks, the Boardman Police Department, the Port of Morrow Workforce Center and the new Boardman Recreation Center. In addition, many local service organizations, ranging from the Department of Human Services to Morrow County School District’s Care Team to the OSU Extension Office



Several children check out an information booth during the Boardman Community Resource Extravaganza, held Sept. 12 at Sam Boardman Elementary School. and 4-H, also attended and provided information, prizes and games for families. “This is an excellent event for our community and allows our families to

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see all the various entities available to support them and their child,” said Brandon Hammond, Windy River Elementary School principal. Hammond said the school district appreciates the organizations that made time to attend the event and provide information. He also said staff at Boardman schools are excited to collaborate with the community and look forward to the event next year and for many years to come.

Blood drive at Eastern Star Club collects 32 units

First-time blood donor Muna Satter was among the 48 donors who participated in the Sept. 18 American Red Cross blood drive at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. In all, 32 units were collected, said volunteer Patti Perkins. The Hermiston Eastern Star Club provided the canteen. Blood products are always

in high demand, but with all the natural disasters in the past few months there is a greater than normal demand, Perkins said. The areas that have been hit with hurricanes and wildfires will not be able to have normal blood drives, so other areas of the country need to step up and help, she said. A donation of blood can help save the lives of up to three people.

The next blood drive at Good Shepherd is Monday, Oct. 16 from noon to 6 p.m. at 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Perkins said walk-ins are welcome, but it’s helpful if donors schedule an appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 800-448-3543. A service group is needed for canteen duties at the December drive. For details, call 541-571-5372.

BIRTHS

- St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

SEPT. 22, 2017

HARSIN — Ashley Harsin and Chad Harsin of Pendleton: a girl, Raylynn Marie Harsin.

SEPT. 25, 2017

FLEMING — Kaitlyn V. Baune and Levi Fleming of Pendleton: a boy, Cain Anthony Fleming.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

SEPT. 19, 2017
- GARCILAZO MADRIGAL** — Hortencia Garcilazo Madrigal and Noe Garcilazo Hernandez of Boardman: a girl, Guadalupe Garcilazo Madrigal.

SEPT. 24, 2017

KANEASTER — Ashley L. Ford and Dakota D. Kaneaster of Stanfield: a girl, Octavia Shae Kaneaster.

SEPT. 26, 2017

LORENZO MENDOZA — Hermelinda Mendoza Ramirez and Sebastian Lorenzo Matias of Hermiston: a boy, Bayron Ariel Lorenzo Mendoza.

Long Creek woman receives AAUW grant

Elaine Eisenbraun recently received a 2017-18 Career Development Grant from the American Association of University Women. Eisenbraun is pursuing a master’s degree in business leadership and management at Western Governors University. Currently, she provides consulting and facilitation services to nonprofits and likes to give to the community, having served on various boards, including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, private corporations and civic organizations. “This opportunity will allow me to help import the art of business systems to the science-based world of natural resources,” Eisenbraun said. “I plan to bring program efficiencies and creative ideas to people connecting with nature, particularly water resources.” Eisenbraun and her husband, Marty, live off-the-grid near Long Creek, where she manages businesses, gardens, hikes, bikes, knits, and writes a wide variety of papers, letters, grants and stories. She has worked for industry, nonprofits, small business and tribes, including serving as chief executive officer of the North Fork John Day Watershed Council and Merck Forest and Farmland

Center, a historic outdoor education center. The AAUW grants help women advance in their careers. The awards were originally created to offer funding to AAUW members who sought to renew or resume academic work for career or employment advancement. The grants now assist women who are preparing to advance or change their careers or to re-enter the workforce. With the award, Eisenbraun said she knew she would have the resources she needed to build a new business called Tomorrow’s Water, which advances grassroots devotion to water stewardship. “I wouldn’t have been able to pursue this path without the AAUW partnership,” she said. Gloria Blackwell, AAUW vice president of fellowships, grants, and global programs, said education opens doors and the group is committed to helping women pursue additional training and education. For the 2017–18 academic year, AAUW awarded a total of \$3.7 million through six fellowships and grant programs to more than 250 women and community projects serving women and girls. For more about the AAUW, visit www.aauw.org.

THANK YOU

Couple thanks Pendleton for response to RV fire

Thank you Pendleton. We live full-time in our RV. While traveling through your town from back east to North Idaho, our RV caught fire. We lost our home and possessions and we were “Stranded without a home” as George Plaven wrote in this paper on Aug. 2. It was and it still remains a devastating loss to us on many levels. Yet a big, shining light throughout this very tough time was the kindness and generosity of the citizens of Pendleton. From the very first, when bystanders called 911 and yelled to us to get out of the RV until we left Pendleton weeks later, we were touched by the goodness of the people in your city. Big thanks from us: to the city worker driving behind our RV who jumped out of his truck and attempted to put the fire out; to the Pendleton Fire Department for arriving promptly and doing an amazing job of getting the fire contained before it reached the fuel tanks; to Sgt. Tyler Reddington who very competently handled the incident and contacted the Red Cross on our behalf since we were now homeless. We are also so very grateful to Red Cross volunteers, the many employees of the Oxford Suites, Frankie’s Towing, Salvation Army, National Guard, Wells Fargo, the families that brought us banana bread, iced tea, packing boxes and tape and then helped pack the items we salvaged, the man who wired our cargo trailer after he got local businesses to donate the parts to do so, and the many people in Pendleton who knew of our story and offered condolences and words of encouragement to us. We will always remember your support in our time of need. As I told our family & friends back East: “The fire was devastating ... but if you’re going to have a disaster, have it in Pendleton, Oregon!” God bless you and your city,

Joy Goubeaud
Priest River, Idaho

SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

Submit Your EO News information and high-resolution photos to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, or Renee Struthers-Hogge at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

Pet of the Week

Daisy

Daisy desperately needs a home where she can be the loving and lively dog that she can be. Daisy is a 7 year old American Terrier mix with tons of energy and kisses to give. Daisy was found alongside a highway as a stray so there isn't a lot of background on her at this time. She loves kids and people and gets along with some other dogs. Daisy is spayed, up to date on vaccinations, micro-chipped and ready to go to a suitable home. She enjoys playing fetch in the yard and loves the water too. If you are looking for a new companion to welcome into your home please come visit Daisy at the shelter anytime between 12-4pm Tue - Sat and thank you in advance for choosing to adopt!

Visit Daisy at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws
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