

# Alpenfest waltzes into Wallowa County

Cooler temperatures weren't enough to keep nearly 600 guests from enjoying polka, waltz, alphon music and Swiss yodeling during the 39th Oregon's Alpenfest.

The Swiss-Bavarian festival, held Sept. 28-Oct. 1 in Enterprise, Joseph and Wallowa Lake also featured bratwurst, sauerkraut and lots of beer, said **Chuck Anderson**, Alpenfest president.

"Attendance was down a little compared to last year, but our food and beverage sales were way up," Alpenmeister Anderson said. "Folks were hungry and we delivered as we always do."

In addition to the delicious food, Anderson said visitors enjoyed **Terminal Gravity's** special-batch Alpenfest Ale. The festival, he said, presents some Bavarian aspects of Oktoberfest plus a Swiss twist with yodeling, alphon music and the spectacular scenery of Oregon's Little Switzerland.

Performances at Wallowa Lake's Edelweiss Inn featured returning favorites **The Polkatones** dance band, the **Tirolean Dancers of Oregon** folk



The Tirolean Dancers of Oregon perform an authentic Alpine folk dance at Oregon's Alpenfest. The Swiss-Bavarian festival is held each fall in Wallowa County.

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dance troupe, Swiss yodeler **Art Brogli** from Lodi, California, and Enterprise alphonist **Bruce Coutant**. Alphonist **Larry Johnson** of Portland joined Coutant

with his 24-foot bass alphon, nicknamed "Big Al," as in "big alphon," the alpenmeister said.

Wallowa County's economy depends heavily

on tourism and Oregon's Alpenfest is an important factor, Anderson said. It contributes an estimated \$150,000 to the economy late in the tourist season

when there is little else to bring visitors to the area. The festival will celebrate its 40th year in 2018. For more information, visit [www.oregonalpenfest.com](http://www.oregonalpenfest.com).

## Lions Club installs safety with smoke detectors

In an effort to reach out to the community and help ensure fire safety, members of the **Pendleton Lions Club** teamed up with the **Pendleton Fire Department** to install smoke detectors in Riverside Mobile Estates.

The group headed out Oct. 7 with a desire to help protect residents by making sure they had a working smoke detector in their homes. The Lions became interested in the project after a recent house fire in the area.

Pendleton Fire Chief **Mike Ciraulo** told the Lions that he had never recovered a body from a

structure where there were working smoke detectors, said **John Taylor** of the Lions Club.

In preparation for installing the detectors, which were obtained through the **Oregon State Fire Marshal's** office and the Pendleton Lions Club, the Lions received training in the correct locations and methods for installation from Ciraulo. During the project, 68 smoke detectors were installed.

For more information about service projects of the local Lions Club, contact Taylor at [jxtbone99@gmail.com](mailto:jxtbone99@gmail.com).



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Photo contributed by Kristi Smalley

Special Olympics local program coordinator **Angela Schneider**, far left, is pictured with athletes **David Andrews**, **Lyall Arey**, **Angie Koester**, **Andrea Eiden**, **Jillian Smalley**, and head bowling coach **Doris Boatright**, far right, during a bowlathon fundraiser.

## Special Olympians roll in the dough

More than six dozen athletes from **Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program #510** recently raised more than \$6,000 during its annual Bowlathon fundraiser.

The Oct. 7 event was held at Desert Lanes in Hermiston. **Jillian Smalley** was the top fundraiser, followed by **Andrea Eiden**, **Angie Koester**, **David Andrews** and **Lyall Arey** — they each

won cash prizes for their efforts.

**Kristi Smalley**, publicity manager, invites the community to come out and cheer the bowling athletes on as they participate in the **Regional Bowling Competition** Saturday, Oct. 14 beginning at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. There is no admission charge. **Special Olympics** provides year-round athletic

training and sports competitions for individuals ages 6 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Fundraisers help in supporting the program, which is free for athletes to participate.

For more information about participating or volunteering, call **Angela Schneider**, local program coordinator, at 541-314-0166.

## Blue Mountain Wildlife soars with grants

A pair of recent grants awarded to **Blue Mountain Wildlife** were greatly appreciated, said **Lynn Tompkins**, executive director.

The funds include \$12,000 from the **Kinsman Foundation**, which will be used for 2018 operating expenses. The other recent award was received from the **Wildlife Support Charitable Trust**, which provided \$5,000 for 2017 operating expenses.

Both organizations, Tompkins said, are long-time supporters of BMW and wildlife rehabilitation throughout Oregon. Tompkins especially enjoyed visiting with **Mark and Linda Phillips**, trustees at Wildlife Support.

A nonprofit organization, **Blue Mountain Wildlife's** mission is to preserve wildlife and the habitats in which they live. Services include wildlife rehabilitation and public education. Its primary center is located five miles south of Pendleton at 71046 Appaloosa Lane.

For more information, contact 541-278-0215, [lynn@bluemountainwildlife.org](mailto:lynn@bluemountainwildlife.org) or visit [www.bluemountainwildlife.org](http://www.bluemountainwildlife.org).

## Umatilla students run away with wins

Congratulations are in order for the **McNary USA** runners.

Students from **McNary Heights Elementary School** in Umatilla recently competed in the Big Cat Classic race in Stanfield. The Umatilla girls — **MiaRose Bernal**, **Claudia Castro-Ortega**, **Natalie Bodecker**, **Jacqueling Araiza** and **Lilliana Gutierrez** — swept the top five places. In addition, two boys placed in the top five — **Jose Perez** and **R.J. Estrada**.

### THANK YOU

## Good Samaritans deserve thanks

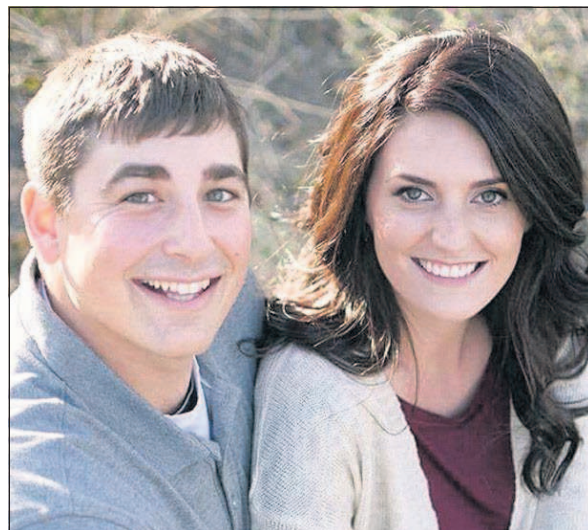
I want to thank the people who heard my cries for help on Sept. 16 at the post office.

My hip was dislocated and fractured, and the hip socket had to be rebuilt so I could have a hip replacement. I'm three weeks on the mend and no weight on my right leg for six weeks.

Thank you all.

Dixie Jessen  
Hermiston

### ENGAGEMENT



Kolby Haliewicz and McKenna Moore

## Moore-Haliewicz

McKenna Moore and Kolby Haliewicz, both of Pendleton, are announcing their upcoming wedding. McKenna is the daughter of Matthew and Tana Moore of Pendleton. Kolby is the son of Jutta Haliewicz, also of Pendleton.

McKenna and Kolby graduated from Pendleton High School in 2011.

The couple will exchange vows Aug. 18, 2018.



NOVA

## Pet of the Week

Nova is 5 years young and roughly 9 pounds. She is a very friendly shorthair looking for her forever home. She is housetrained, up to date on shots and spayed. Come meet Nova at PAWS free roaming cat room anytime Tuesday-Saturday, 12-4PM at 517 SE 3rd St Pendleton. Adoption fee \$70



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### BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**OCT. 3, 2017**

**CASTRO** — Marissa D. Crowe and Taylor A. Castro of Hermiston: a boy, Taylor Romeo Castro Jr.

**ORDUÑA** — Oriana A. Orduña of Umatilla: a boy, Giovanni Adan Orduña.

**OCT. 4, 2017**

**MABRY** — Mary K. Mabry of Umatilla: a girl, Coraline Anne Katherine Mabry.

**OCT. 5, 2017**

**SANCHEZ** — Blanca Avina and Ramon Sanchez of Hermiston: a boy, Isaac

Manuel Sanchez.

**OCT. 8, 2017**

**PARIS** — Alexia C. Paris and Jonathan A. Paris of Hermiston: a girl, Ripley Valene Paris.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**

**OCT. 3, 2017**

**DELGADO** — Skylee M. Soper and Juan V. Delgado of Hermiston: a girl, Mahlia Rae Delgado.

**OCT. 6, 2017**

**VRABEL** — Crystal A. Schlaht and David L. Vrabel of Pendleton: a boy, Ayden Lee Vrabel.



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