



Hermiston residents Richard Scarlett and Jerry Cullers look through scrapbooks, articles and photos chronicling a 2,800-mile bicycle trip they took 50 years ago.

Childhood chums recall bike trip

Hermiston residents Richard Scarlett and Jerry Cullers enjoyed reminiscing this summer about a bicycle trip they took 50 years ago from Seattle to Montreal, Canada.

The two met as grade schoolers at West Park Elementary School in Hermiston. They maintained contact as teens, even when their families moved to Washington within a couple of weeks of each other — Cullers' family to the Renton area and Scarlett's to Tacoma. The fast friends often spent weekends together at each other's houses. As young teenagers, the pair even rode their bikes to Hermiston on a couple of occasions.

Plans for the roughly 2,800-mile journey fell into place after the pair wrote to Dan Evans, Washington's governor at the time. The 17-year-olds received financial support from the governor's office, who also put them in touch with officials from the Seattle World's Fair. The connections continued, which led to the Leo Scherrer Co. of Seattle, who donated bicycles for the trip.

On June 17, 1967, a contingency of mayors attending a convention saw the duo off at the base of the Space Needle, the site of the 1962 World's Fair. During the trip, they camped, stayed in the homes of mayors and occasionally

in motels. The most unusual accommodations included the back of a U-Haul type truck and a jail cell — although they weren't actually incarcerated.

The teens mapped out plans for trip, which included stops to meet officials, speak at civic groups and participate in youth activities. They anticipated it would take 40 days — it ended up taking 62 days before they arrived at Montreal, Canada, the site of Expo '67.

Cullers said that the people they met along the way were friendly and went out of their way to help them.

"It was probably the most adventurous thing I've ever done," Scarlett said. "It was the trip of a lifetime."

Photo contributed by Wanda Hunt



Photo contributed by Casey White-Zollman

Blue Mountain Community College board of education member Bob Savage, BMCC President Cam Preus and former BMCC Board of Education chairman Ed Taber pause for a photo during the Pat Clubb Memorial Golf Tournament, held Sept. 23 at Quail Ridge Golf Course in Baker City. The tournament raised scholarship money for BMCC students.

Golf tourney tees up BMCC scholarships

The inaugural Pat Clubb Memorial Golf Tournament recently raised \$3,500 for Blue Mountain Community College student scholarships.

The event was held Sept. 23 at Quail Ridge Golf Course in Baker City in memory of the late Pat Clubb, who lived in Baker County with her husband, Jack, a supporter of the BMCC Foundation. Students from Baker, Union and Wallowa counties can apply for the Pat Clubb Memorial Scholarship through the BMCC Foundation.

Jack Clubb greeted guests at the tournament to honor his late wife. BMCC board of education member Bob Savage, who represents

Baker County in the BMCC service district, worked with the BMCC Foundation and BMCC Baker County Center director Dan Koopman to organize the event.

The winning team, with a low score of 58 for 18 holes, was Candace Hoskins, Todd Crockett, Mark Grigg and Ricky Gloria from Baker City. The second place team, with a score of 62, included Mike Barhyte, Joe Rosenberg, Gary Prout and Tim Gilbert of Pendleton. A total of 11 teams participated in the event.

A 2018 Chevy Malibu was up for grabs as a hole-in-one prize, sponsored by Baker Garage, but no one made the shot. Participants also enjoyed a tri-tip

barbecue lunch prepared by BMCC alumni and former Associated Student Government president Bill Markgraf, his wife, Calesta, and their daughter, Nicole. All three are BMCC graduates and were part of BMCC's agriculture program. They now ranch in Baker City.

"It was incredible to receive such support from Baker citizens to make this tournament a success," said Margaret Gianotti, executive director of the BMCC Foundation.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Pat Clubb Memorial Scholarship or any other BMCC scholarship is encouraged to call Gianotti at 541-278-5775 or Koopman at 541-523-2358.



Photo contributed by Judy Fordice

Virginia Beebe of the Hermiston Senior Center receives a donation from Wayne Harris and Larry Carrick of the Hermiston Elks Lodge.

Local Elks support Hermiston seniors

A pair of longstanding members of Hermiston Elks Lodge No. 1845 recently met with members of the Hermiston Senior Center to make a donation.

Larry Carrick, a 52-year

Hermiston Elks member, and Wayne Harris, with 47 years of membership, presented a check for \$200 to Virginia Beebe, Hermiston seniors vice president. The money will go toward the seniors'

new building project. The guests also enjoyed lunch with a group of seniors in the parish hall at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, the temporary lunch site while the new facility is under construction.



Photo contributed by Dorys Grover

Jeanne Bryan, seated, and Mary Evans enjoy books at Sun Ridge Retirement Community. The Pendleton Friends of the Library generously donated the materials for the facility residents.

Sun Ridge turns pages thanks to library donation

Residents at Sun Ridge Retirement Community are grateful for a generous donation from the Pendleton Friends of the Library.

The library group provided books and other publications so residents of the facility may enjoy additional reading materials,

which helps in enriching their lives and assists in providing personal growth. Dorys Grover enjoyed a recent visit with Jeanne Bryan and Mary Evans as they looked through materials available in the facility's library.

Located at 3234 S.W.

Nye Ave., Pendleton, the residents are always appreciative of donations, as well as visitors to join them during activities.

For more information about the facility, contact 541-276-2143 or visit www.sunridgeretirementcommunity.com.

Video series plugs Darrin Umbarger's invention

Darrin Umbarger, director of Clearview Mediation and Disability Resource Center in Pendleton, was recently recognized for his inventing efforts by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.

A partnership with the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability, Lakeshore Foundation, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Disability and Health Branch highlighted Umbarger's wheelchair charging station project along with other programs that assist people with disabilities.

It's featured in "Promoting Activity and Inclusive Healthy Communities Series," a collection of videos showcasing the work of 10 communities in five

states to improve access to healthier lifestyle choices for people living with disabilities. Umbarger created 10 wheelchair charging stations that have been installed in local parks and at the Oregon state capital. Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, helped champion the effort. The project enables people who use power wheelchairs to spend more time enjoying the outdoors and to become more involved with their local government.

The CDC Disability and Health Branch of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities granted each participating community \$22,800 to explore targeted interventions for increasing access and opportunity for physical activity, healthy eating and general accessibility at the local level,

said Karma Harris, one of NACDD's disability inclusion experts.

"From hiking path signs for people with a visual impairment to adapted bikes in school systems, we were impressed with how participating communities leveraged their grants to improve inclusion in treasured community resources like parks, farmer's markets, and playgrounds," Harris said.

Since 1988, the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and its members have worked to strengthen state-based leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control across the nation. For more information, contact Paige Rohe at prohe@chronicdisease.org, 470-809-0589 or visit www.chronicdisease.org.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
OCT. 18, 2017
GOLAND — Cambry N. Bracken and Nicholas P. Goland of Pendleton: a girl, Parker Jude Goland.
OCT. 22, 2017
LYTLE — Krissy A. Lytle of Pendleton and

Nathan W. Gregg of Athena: a boy, Xander Sabriel Lytle.
Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
OCT. 18, 2017
SIMMONS — Jaimee Simmons and Kurtis Simmons of Irrigon: a boy, Henry Sterling Simmons.

OCT. 21, 2017
SANCHEZ AVILA — Zulema Avila Garcia and Victor Sanchez of Boardman: a girl, Ximena Sanchez Avila.
OCT. 23, 2017
BARTON — Hope Barton and Ryan Barton of Hermiston: a girl, Reagan Rae Barton.

🐾 Pet of the Week

Gandolf

Gandolf is a loving 2 year old cat looking for his forever home to give him all the attention and love he desires. He comes litter box trained, up to date on shots, neutered, and loaded with an awesome personality! Come visit Gandolf in P.A.W.S free roam cat room at 517 SE 3rd St, Pendleton, OR 12-4 Tuesday-Saturday!

🐾 610 Pets Adopted in 2017!

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 541-276-0181
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