



Photo contributed by Larry McMillan

Colors of the autumn sky

An early morning sunrise filters through clouds to present splashes of color in the skies over Pendleton.



Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman

Don Peck, Louisa Krosting, Frannie Bissinger and Jerry Schubert of McKay Creek Estates enjoy the Thanksgiving décor at the Pendleton assistant living facility.

McKay Creek residents celebrate with thanksgiving

A favorite gathering place at McKay Creek Estates is by the fireplace in the main commons area. Executive director Noemi Wiseman said residents particularly enjoy meeting up to socialize with family members and other

visitors. Smiles are abundant, Wiseman said, when someone pulls out a camera. Recently, the facility has been festively decorated for Thanksgiving, complete with fall colors, leaves, gourds and stuffed turkeys — the plush-type.

The entire McKay Creek team, Wiseman said, is grateful for the opportunity to serve the facility's residents. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, she encourages people to be thankful each day. The facility invites the

community to join them during many activities. Information will soon be available about a Dec. 5 holiday dinner. For more information, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or wiseman@prestigecare.com.

Umatilla County Historical Society harvests heritage grant

The Umatilla County Historical Society was among the recent Oregon Heritage Commission grant recipients. The money will be used to complete phase three of the "Umatilla Gold: The History of Wheat in Umatilla County" exhibit. The historical society runs Heritage Station

Museum, located at 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. It's open Tuesday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact 541-276-0012, info@heritagestationmuseum.org or visit www.heritagestationmuseum.org. A total \$230,000 through a

total of 18 grants were distributed across the state through the commission as part of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department program. They are for projects that conserve, develop and interpret Oregon's cultural heritage. The grants, which ranged from \$2,000 to \$20,000, will

go towards everything from exhibits to oral history and awards range from \$2,000-\$20,000. The grants are offered once per biennium. For more information, contact Kuri Gill at kuri.gill@oregon.gov, 503-986-0685 or visit www.oregon-heritage.org.

Wildhorse announces third quarter grants

The Hermiston Senior Center recently received \$20,000 from the Wildhorse Foundation — the maximum grant amount awarded by the organization.

The Hermiston seniors, who are building a new center, will use the money to purchase new kitchen equipment. Having commercial kitchen facilities assists the group in providing essential meal services for seniors and the Meals on Wheels program.

The foundation also announced other third quarter awards, which included 31 disbursements for a total of \$303,584. Other local recipients and the purpose for the grants include:

•PENDLETON: Altrusa International of Pendleton, \$10,000 for youth-focused projects, including Feed the Child and Kids At Risk Empowered; McKay Creek Elementary School, \$10,942 for gymnasium renovation; Sherwood Heights Elementary School, \$7,500 for Cycling To The Next Level, which utilizes exercise bikes to promote academic achievement in reading.

•ATHENA: Athena Elementary School, \$6,000 for classroom Chromebooks; Athena's Gem, Inc., \$7,000 for theater addition exterior wall finish project; East Umatilla County Health District, \$10,000 for a chest compression system; Weston-McEwen High School, \$1,681 for band room remodel completion project.

•HEPPNER: Community Counseling Solutions, \$2,000 for the Healthy Smiles Dental Clinic.

•MILTON-FREE-WATER: Blue Mountain Community College - Milton-Freewater Center, \$9,438 for a student lounge.

•UMATILLA: Umatilla

Museum and Historical Foundation, \$9,818 for museum energy upgrade.

•UMATILLA COUNTY: Start Making A Reader Today, \$5,155 for SMART reading programs; Umatilla County 4-H, \$600 for Attitudes for Success: Preparing for the Future.

•OTHER AREAS: Boys and Girls Club of Dayton, Columbia Walla Walla Fire District No 2, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Confluence Project, Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, F. Maxine and Thomas Cook Memorial Library, Fort Walla Walla Museum, Friends of the Elgin Opera House, Hells Canyon Preservation Council, Hurricane Creek Grange, Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, La Grande High School, Liberty Theatre Foundation, Oregon Elks Children's Preschool Vision Screening, Providence St. Mary Foundation, Shriners Hospital for Children-Portland, Union Rural Fire Protection District, Walla Walla Sheriff's Foundation.

The Wildhorse Foundation manages a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The board considers quarterly grant applications in the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection and cultural activities. The next application deadline is Jan. 1.

For more information or a grant application, visit www.thewildhorsefoundation.com or contact Tiah DeGrofft, Wildhorse Foundation Administrator, at 541-966-1628 or tiah.degrofft@wildhorseresort.com.

Local board members receive leadership awards

Three school board members from the region were recently recognized by the Oregon School Boards Association's Leadership Institute.

Jennifer Spurgeon of the Athena-Weston school board received the gold and platinum awards for completing course work through the OSBA program. In addition, Jon Lorence of the Umatilla school board was presented a gold award along with 14 other school board members, and Herb Winters of the Fossil school board was among 30 who received a bronze award.

The awards were presented Nov. 11 at OSBA's 71st Annual Convention in Portland.

They recognize board members for significant levels of achievement in leadership and development. Jim Green, OSBA's executive director, said the awards recognize local school board members whose volunteer service and dedication help create a better future for Oregon's children.

OSBA is a member services agency for more than 200 locally elected boards serving school districts, education service districts and community colleges. It also provides services to charter schools and their boards. For more information, contact Alex Pulaski at 503-485-4812, apulaski@osba.org or visit www.osba.org.



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Eric Reise, Hermiston Rotary Club member and a regional leader for ShelterBox, accepts a donation from George Murdock, president-elect of the Pendleton club.

Pendleton Rotarians provide shelter in the storm

The Pendleton Rotary Club recently raised money in recognition of relief efforts on behalf of hurricane victims in Florida and Texas.

George Murdock, president-elect of the Pendleton club, presented a check for \$4,000 to Eric Reise, a member of the Hermiston Rotary Club and the West Coast team leader for ShelterBox USA. Rotary International partners with ShelterBox to provide emergency shelter and provisions to help people and communities impacted by disasters.

For more about ShelterBox, including how to make donations visit www.rotary.org or www.shelterboxusa.org.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
NOV. 15, 2017
BELOIT — Jacki M. Harrison and John T. Beloit of Pilot Rock: a girl, Landrie Lorraine Beloit.

NOV. 16, 2017
DEAN — Carissa A. Dean and Justin L. Dean of Pendleton: a boy, Ethan Michael Dean.

NOV. 19, 2017
REED — Erin J. West and Justin D. Reed of Heppner: a boy, Rhyatt West Reed.

WHITE — Diana C. Thompson and Matthew R. White of Pendleton: a girl, Abra-Rose Renee White.

NOV. 20, 2017
ALLEN — Tiffany M. Allen and Matthew S. Allen of Pilot Rock: a girl, Aubrey Grace Allen.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
NOV. 14, 2017
REVOIR — Matreena Revoir and Travis Revoir of Heppner: a girl, Elideé Anna Revoir.

NOV. 17, 2017
BELEW — Amber J. Belew and James D. Belew of Hermiston: a boy, Wyatt

Thomas Belew.
NOV. 20, 2017
EZELL-VIRREY — Leslie Virrey and Randy Ezell of Hermiston: a boy, Randy Mason Ezell-Virrey.



Pet of the Week

Meet Brownie! This pup is 5 years old with moderate energy. She has an awesome personality, loves people and giving hugs and kisses. She comes house trained, spayed, chipped, and up to date on shots. Come meet this sweet girl at PAWS!

Brownie!

Visit Brownie at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws
 Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm
 517 SE 3rd St, Pendleton
 541-276-0181
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 541-276-9292

672 Pets Adopted in 2017!

