



Staff, residents, family and friends celebrated with a festive holiday dinner Dec. 5 at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton.

McKay Creek Estates serves up holiday celebration

Santa Claus and a quartet from Pendleton High School, including Kristen Gregg, Tyler Simpson, Ithea Engum and Jenna Harrison, were among the special guests during a holiday celebration at McKay Creek Estates. Executive director Noemi Wiseman said the young musicians were applauded for their performance. And St. Nick was well-received as he handed out Christmas presents. The Pendleton assisted living facility celebrated several individuals during the Dec. 5 holiday dinner, including designating Jerry Schubert as the 2017 Santa Claus and Edith Johnson as the 2017 Mrs. Claus. A chorus of “Happy Birthday” filled the air for the November and December birthdays of Martha Warberg (Nov. 14), Brenda Hascall (Nov. 21), Bill Storie (Nov. 26), Barbara Davis (Nov. 28), Don Peck (Dec. 3), Jerry Schubert (Dec. 9), Rosemary Gustavson (Dec. 13), and Jean Thomson and Ethel Bagwell (both Dec. 16). In addition, staff of the month were honored, including Jennifer Stiteler (November) and Malia Lieuallen (December).



Several of the management team from Prestige Care enjoy a holiday dinner celebration Dec. 5 at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton. Those pictured include Ashelee Fairbank, health services director; (and her 5-year old daughter, Hailee Fairbank), Noemi Wiseman, executive director; Sheila Beesley-Smith, regional director of nursing; Jessica Raphael, Elizabethan Manor’s executive director; Karen Hoholik, community relations director; and Malia Lieuallen, business office manager.

Thelma Linder was recognized as the facility’s November resident of the month. Wiseman acknowledged the McKay Creek team during the dinner, thanking them for their commit-

ment and compassion in serving the residents. She also introduced Sheila Beesley-Smith, regional director of nursing, and Jessica Raphael, executive director of Elizabethan Manor, who were in atten-

dance at the dinner. Many activities at the facility are open to the public. For more information, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.com.



Rodent roams the riverside

A squirrel romps in the tree branches along the Umatilla River in Pendleton.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
NOV. 28, 2017
MANNING — Rebecca Manning and Ryan Manning of Pilot Rock: a girl, Raylee Faith Manning.
NOV. 29, 2017
BANICA — Genna M. Banica and Octav N. Banica of Pendleton: a girl, Romey Marie Banica.
DEC. 1, 2017
GUIZAR GONZALEZ — Jessenia Gonzalez Ramirez and Alberto Guizar of Irrigon: a girl, Melanie Guizar Gonzalez.
DEC. 3, 2017
THOMAS — Lacey Caldera and Shane Thomas of Pendleton: a boy, Carter William Thomas.
Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
DEC. 1, 2017
WALCHLI — Chessy Henkel and Cody Walchli of Hermiston: a boy, Oland James Walchli.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For a complete listing of regional events, visit eastoregonevents.com

SATURDAY, DEC. 9
MEN’S BREAKFAST, 8 a.m., Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton. (541-276-7559)
FRIENDS OF THE UMATILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9 a.m., Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (541-922-5704)
EASTERN OREGON CELTIC SOCIETY PIPERS GATHERING, 1 p.m., The Old Meeting House, 901 M Ave., La Grande. For pipers of all skill levels. Instruction is free, but a \$2 donation for use of the building is appreciated. (541-568-4643)
BLACK INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS CLUB, 2 p.m., Starbucks, 1235 N. First St., Hermiston. Practicing the wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the community, including all cultures and races. Everyone welcome. (John Cubbage 817-795-6161)
PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-11:30 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Dinner from 6-8 p.m., music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)

SUNDAY, DEC. 10
PENDLETON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828)
WHITE EAGLE GRANGE, 5:30 p.m., White Eagle Grange Hall, 43828 White Eagle Road, Pendleton. 5 p.m. potluck, bring salad or dessert. Regular meeting to follow. (Gail Wilson 541-276-3778)

MONDAY, DEC. 11
BOARDMAN QUILT GROUP, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Quilt construction, quilting updates, education, history and friendship. Free. (Kathy Hyder 541-571-7009)
GARDENING FRIENDS, 2 p.m., venue varies, venue varies. Boardman. (Margie Park 541-481-2570)
IRRIGON MOOSE LODGE TACOS AND BINGO, 6-9 p.m., Irrigon Moose Lodge, 220 N.E. Third St., Irrigon. Tacos from 6-9 p.m., bingo from 6:30-9 p.m. Open to members and guests. (541-922-1802)
GREENFIELD GRANGE, 6:30 p.m., Greenfield Grange 579, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman. (541-481-7397)

BMCC employee cashes in with excellence award

The financial director at Blue Mountain Community College was recently honored by the American Association of Women in Community Colleges. Yadira Gonzalez received the Community College Excellence Award. The award celebrates individuals whose accomplishments make a difference for women in their local community college. Gonzalez is a founding member of BMCC’s chapter of AAWCC, and is the chapter’s secretary.



Gonzalez

Gonzalez, who has worked for BMCC since 2014, was nominated for her passion and commitment to providing service on campus and in the community. According to a press release, Gonzalez not only serves as an advocate for women but also for the local Hispanic community. She routinely travels to high schools in the college’s district to present financial aid information and answer questions in both English

and Spanish to local youths and their families. “Yadira is a trusted and valuable asset to our AAWCC chapter and our college community,” said Cam Preus, BMCC president. “She truly cares about our students and providing access to information so that everyone can pursue their higher education goals.” AAWCC is a council of the American Association of Community Colleges. It is dedicated to equality, equity and excellence for women in community colleges. The organization encourages professional development for women in community colleges, supports women in leadership roles, develops communication among women in community colleges, promotes and offers local and state workshops, and disseminates information on courses programs and services for professional women. For more information, visit www.aawccnatl.org.

Elks Hoop Shoot winners advance

A handful of sure-shotted basketball players will advance to the Northeast District Hoop Shoot (Jan. 7 at Sandstone Middle School in Hermiston) after taking top honors in their age groups during the Hermiston Elks Hoop Shoot Competition. About 50 area youths ages 8-13 participated in the Dec. 2 event at Sandstone Middle School. Moving on are Alexia Sanguino of West Park Elementary School, Adrian Gonzales of Sunset Elementary School, Layla Chavez of McNary Heights Elementary School, Julian Gomez of Irrigon Elementary School, Leslie Rivera of Clara Brownell Middle School and Ronaldo Torres of Armand Larive Middle School. Other second and first place finishers in their division during the local competition included Girls 8-9: Rocio Garay of Windy River, Dulce

Valencia of West Park. Boys 8-9: Jose Perez of McNary Heights, Carson Cyganik of McKay Creek. Girls 10-11: Ashlynn Cutburth of Sunset, Lorelai Keefauver of Highland Hills. Boys 10-11: Micheal Montez of McNary Heights, Blaze Hoffman of Desert View. Girls 12-13: Laura Molina of Irrigon Jr/Sr High, Chloe Gomez of Riverside Jr/Sr High. Boys 12-13: Alexis Armenta of Clara Brownell, Jesus Montes Martinez of Riverside Jr/Sr High. Winners of the district competition will advance to the Oregon State Hoop Shoot Feb. 10 at Alder Creek Middle School in Milwaukie. The Elks Hoop Shoot culminates with the National Hoop Shoot Finals, which are April 21 in Chicago. For more information, contact local Hoop Shoot director Ernie Kern of Hermiston Elks Lodge No. 1845 at eandkern@yahoo.com.

Hermiston resident Sandra Vandever becomes 12-gallon blood donor

Hermiston resident Sandra Vandever recently became a 12-gallon donor during the Nov. 20 American Red Cross blood drive held at Good Shepherd Medical Center. Volunteer Patti Perkins said a total of 34 units were collected from 46 donors. The canteen was provided by Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. The next drive is Monday, Dec. 18 from 12:30-6 p.m., also at Good Shepherd, 610 N.W. 11th St. Perkins said walk-ins are welcome, but it’s helpful if donors schedule

an appointment by calling 800-448-3543. Perkins said blood products are always in demand. However, with recent natural disasters, the current need is even greater. Many areas hit by hurricanes, flooding and wildfires are unable to hold regularly scheduled blood drives and depend on others to step up, Perkins said. A person can save up to three lives with a blood donation. For more information, contact Perkins at pzperchek@charter.net or 541-571-5372.

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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

Galaxy

Galaxy is a shy tortie-calico kitty at first but once she gets to know you she turns into a big ball of love! She is only 10 months old with a lot of potential to be your best friend! She comes spayed and up to date on shots. Come meet Galaxy at PAWS in the free roam cat room!

697 Pets Adopted in 2017!

Pendleton Book Co.
125 S. Main St., Pendleton
541-276-9292

Visit Galaxy at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws
Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm
517 SE 3rd ST, Pendleton
541-276-0181
Check out the PAWSABILITY Thrift Store