



Photo contributed by Karen Hoholik  
The audience is attentive as Jr. Jam dancers perform Dec. 6 at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton.

## Dancers jam during holiday performance

A group of young dancers from Jr. Jam helped spread holiday cheer as they performed at McKay Creek Estates. The Pendleton assisted living facility welcomed the group, who are taught by Debbie Kishpaugh and Piper Kishpaugh. Dressed in festive costumes, groups of dancers performed several numbers during their Dec. 6 visit.

"The residents and staff were all delighted with the talent of the young dancers," said Karen Hoholik, community relations director. McKay Creek Estates often invites the community to join them for activities. For more information, contact Hoholik or executive director Noemi Wiseman at 541-276-1987.



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A group of Jr. Jam dancers perform Dec. 6 at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton.



Photo contributed by Jackie Peck  
Lt. Jeff Carey, left, of Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, oversees the Angel Tree donations for The Salvation Army.

## EOCI staff pitch in for Santa Claus

Staff and contractors at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution recently gave a helping hand to Santa Claus. Those affiliated with the Pendleton prison helped by sponsoring more than 80 children through the Angel Tree program coordinated by The Salvation Army. The project provides Christmas gifts for needy children in the community. For the past four years, Lt. Jeff Carey

has organized the effort at EOCI, with this year's project resulting in gifts for 84 children. Sylvia Scruggs of The Salvation Army Pendleton Corps recently picked up the gifts, which will be distributed to the community. "Even during the busy holiday season we enjoy coming together to support our local community," said Jackie Peck, EOCI public information officer.



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Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution purchased gifts for 84 local children as part of the Angel Tree program through The Salvation Army.

## Independent living group honors Ferrioli

Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, was recently recognized by the Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living.

The District 30 legislator received the 2017 Betha Kagayama Legislator of the Year Award at the State Independent Living Council's Dec. 1 meeting at the Salem Convention Center. AOCIL represents Oregon's seven consumer-driven, peer-based Centers for Independent Living in working to advance the rights of all people with disabilities.

Ferrioli was recognized for his extraordinary advocacy and leadership in government on behalf of the independent living movement and the thousands of men, women and young people with physical, mental and sensory disabilities. The award is given in the name of Betha Kagayama, a life-long constituent of Malheur County who dedicated her

life's work to advocate for people with disabilities.

Throughout his tenure as a state legislator, AOCIL said Ferrioli has been a staunch supporter of programs that empower people with disabilities. During the 2017 session, he supported legislation to fund childhood screening for vision and hearing impairment, to require additional training for professionals in suicide risk assessment and treatment, to provide services for adolescents experiencing a mental health crisis, and to prevent discrimination against people with disabilities who require an organ transplant.

Ferrioli, who was first elected to the state legislature in 1996, recently accepted an appointment to the Northwest Power & Conservation Council.

For more about the AOCIL, visit [www.aocil.org](http://www.aocil.org).



Ferrioli

## ENGAGEMENT



Kelsi Cleveland and Michael Gardner

## Cleveland-Gardner

Kelsi Cleveland and Michael Gardner of Richland, Wash., have announced their engagement to their families. Kelsi is the daughter of Valerie Scott of Milton-Freewater and Robert Ramsey of Arizona, and the granddaughter of Steve and Linda Meier of Milton-Freewater. Michael is the son of Ron and Susan Gardner of Republic, Wash. A fall 2018 wedding is being planned.

## PHS career programs cash in with US Bank grant

The Pendleton School District got a boost for its School to Careers program and the Employee Pipeline Project. US Bank recently provided a grant for \$3,000 for the programs, which connect students with employers. After a competitive application process, Brian Young, US Bank district manager and Pendleton branch manager Kathie Nooy presented a check to Pendleton superintendent Chris Fritsch and board chair Lynn Lieuallen. "US Bank is happy to participate in the great work you are doing for the students in your community," Young said.



Photo contributed by Susan Bower  
Brian Young, district manager of US Bank, and Kathie Nooy, Pendleton branch manager, present a check to Pendleton School District Superintendent Chris Fritsch and Lynn Lieuallen, school board chair, for the School to Careers program and the Employee Pipeline Project.

Since its inaugural year, in 2016-17, more than 100 students have been placed with nearly 50 different work site partners. The program is a hometown workforce development initiative and career exploration opportunity. Students enjoy job shadows, internships, work experience, service learning projects and mentorships. In addition, it includes worksite

tours and career days learning and networking with the area's employers. The School to Careers program has been identified as way to measure progress toward Goal 3 in the school district's strategic plan — to create classrooms and

schools without borders. The Employee Pipeline Project is a hometown workforce development initiative between Umatilla County, CAPECO, Pendleton School District and Eastern Oregon Business Source. For more information

about connecting with students, employers can contact Christina van der Kamp, School to Careers coordinator, at 541-969-6748 or [christina.vanderKamp@pendleton.k12.or.us](mailto:christina.vanderKamp@pendleton.k12.or.us).

## BIRTHS

- St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**  
**DEC. 4, 2017**  
TAALA — Catherine D. Barkley and Iosefa T. Taala of Pendleton: a boy, Xalish Xalish Francis Taala.  
**DEC. 6, 2017**  
TOWNE — Carley R. Towne and Shawn A. Towne of Pendleton: a girl, Kaylee Rae Towne.  
**DEC. 7, 2017**  
MOSS — Kacie A. Moss and Patrick A. Moss of Pendleton: a girl, Fiona Mae Moss.  
**DEC. 8, 2017**  
BEAMER — Brittney L. Beamer and Aaron R. Beamer: a girl, Raelynn Leigh Beamer.  
VILLEGAS — Teiko D. Szasz and Gerardo Villegas of Boardman: a boy, Kobe Roberto Villegas.  
**DEC. 11, 2017**  
FROSTAD — Rebecca L. Frostad and Devon G. Frostad of Pendleton: a girl, Amelia Jane Frostad.
- Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
**DEC. 6, 2017**  
COX — Arraceli Flores and Kenneth H. Cox of Hermiston: a girl, Jenesyss Star Cox.  
SCHELL-MURPHY — Amanda L. Murphy and Colten R. Schell of Umatilla: a girl, Amelia Page Schell-Murphy.  
**DEC. 8, 2017**  
GUNN-WALKER — Racheal Gunn-Walker and Spencer Walker of Hermiston: a boy, Travis Wayne Gunn-Walker.  
**DEC. 11, 2017**  
TENORIO — Maritza Sanchez and Fred Tenorio of Umatilla: a girl, Abby Maritza Tenorio.  
VIESCA — Lakicha Viesca of Hermiston: a boy, Jaiden Alexander Viesca.



Photo contributed by Joann Bechtel  
Dirt Dabblers dig in for Domestic Violence Services. The Dirt Dabblers Garden Club are providing a brighter holiday season for Domestic Violence Services. During its final meeting of the year, the group collected items to donate to the nonprofit organization.

# Pet of the Week

Remington

Meet Remington he is a little over 1 year old playful and active German Shepherd cross. He loves attention and going on walks. this gentle boy comes neutered, up to date on shots, and micro-chipped! Come meet Remi at PAWS, he would love to meet you!

712 Pets Adopted in 2017!

Visit Remington at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws  
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