



Photo contributed by Michele Madril

Grillin' for Grants, which featured a tri-tip dinner, raised \$20,000 for the Education Foundation of Pendleton.

Education foundation cooks up grant fund

About \$20,000 was raised during a Nov. 9 benefit event for the Education Foundation of Pendleton.

Held at the Pendleton Convention Center, Grillin' for Grants included dinner, auctions and an opportunity to showcase the new Pendleton High School Culinary Arts food truck. The foundation provides grants to fund enrichment opportunities for Pendleton School District students, including field trips, conferences and workshops,

speakers and artist-in-residence programs. Half of the money raised will be disbursed as Spring 2018 grants, with the other half going into the endowment for future grants, said Michele Madril, publicity chairwoman for the foundation board.

"It was a great evening of good food and entertaining auctions," she said.

On behalf of the foundation's board of directors, Madril expressed thanks to those supporting the third

annual event, including: Scholastic (\$1,000) sponsors: CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Gordon's Electric, Rogers Toyota of Hermiston and Tom Denchel Ford Country; Academic (\$500) sponsors, which included 19 local individuals and businesses; In-Kind sponsors, KUMA, 92.1 Party FM and the East Oregonian; and to other local businesses who generously donated products and services. Preparing most of the meal were PHS culinary

arts students, Kristin Swagart, culinary arts teacher; Dan Greenough, principal; and Troy Jerome, athletic director.

"The Education Foundation of Pendleton board greatly appreciates all the sponsors, auction donors and those in the community who attended. We would like to grow this annual event in order to raise more funds for Pendleton School District teachers and students," said Steve Muller, the foundation's president pro tem.

'The Promise of Oregon' features Umatilla students

A pair of Umatilla School District students are featured in "The Promise of Oregon" public education support campaign

Jordan Lucky Pifer, a student at Clara Brownell Middle School, is part of a statewide public education support campaign, which officially debuted in November 2014. It aims to create public support to help meet the state's 40-40-20 goals and lift student achievement and graduation rates. The Promise campaign also showcases districts whose cutting-edge programs are preparing students for careers and college.



Pifer



Moreno

"I am the Promise of Oregon because..." Pifer states he wants to become a veterinarian and help people's animals. Also, a Dec. 12 spot features Maria Moreno, a Umatilla High School student who wants to study history.

The "Promise" campaign is coordinated by the Oregon School Boards Association. The campaign's two defining principles are: Today's students are Oregon's greatest natural resource and we as Oregonians must invest in our public schools so the next generation can reach its potential.

"We need to continue to dream bigger," said Jim Green, OSBA's executive director. "Public schools are the best investment we can make in our young people."

For more information, visit www.promiseoregon.org.

Donation honors former Boardman student

A donation made in honor of a former Boardman student will provide daily lunches for a current student at Windy River Elementary School.

Starr Caswell recently contacted Brandon Hammond, the school's principal, because she wanted to make a donation on behalf of her friend, Pamela Kuhn. While growing up in the area, Kuhn attended Boardman schools. Now living in Greenwich, Connecticut, she's a well-known opera singer, radio talk show host and music director/conductor.

"To give this gift in Pam's name is an honor and privilege," Caswell said in a letter to the

school. "Through all her accomplishments, Pam has never forgotten her roots and often speaks of her beloved hometown, Boardman!"

The donation, which was approximately \$300, will be used to pay for lunch for a student for the entire school year. Hammond said the gift truly represents the spirit of the holiday season. In addition, he expressed gratitude for how the donation will impact a family in need.

"Boardman is a special place to raise a family, and to see the lasting effect that the area has had on Pamela (Kuhn) is a testament to this town," Hammond added.



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Santa's elves helped with the Santa's Workshop event at the Stanfield Public Library.

Stanfield elves check-out holiday spirit

A bunch of Santa's elves lent a helping hand during a Dec. 15 holiday event at the Stanfield Public Library.

Santa's Workshop featured cookie decorating, writing a letter to Santa, an ornament craft and photos with Santa. Library director Cecili Longhorn said a number of people took a break from Santa's toy shop at the North Pole to help with the event, including Sebastian Sanchez, Elizabeth Cervantes, Adam Lemmon, Jennifer Brown, Debbie Baros, Anna Lemmon, Kathy Wall, Jennifer Baros, Nikki McCann, Kitty Lamb, Samantha Vermillion, Aleta and Bruce Lemmon, Melissa Peterson and Frosty.

"You are all a treasure to Stanfield and we are lucky to have you in our community," Longhorn said.



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Stanfield city manager Blair Larsen has a family photo taken during Santa's Workshop at the Stanfield Public Library.

Children's Rodeo ropes in donation

The InterMountain Education Service District received a donation of \$2,183 from representatives of Swire Coca-Cola and Pendleton Walmart on Nov. 10.

The donation will be used for the Children's Rodeo, which is held each year on Thursday of the Pendleton Round-Up for area children with special needs.

"We greatly appreciate this generous donation from these two companies for our event and look forward to their continued support in years to come," said Michele Madril, IMESD director of communications.



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Terri Spriet (Swire Coca-Cola) and Shawna Nulf (Pendleton Walmart) present a donation to Michele Madril (IMESD), Brasen Newsom (a Children's Rodeo participant) and Ashley Haapla (Brasen's mom and an IMESD employee) Nov. 10 for the annual Children's Rodeo.

Enrichment director coordinates fun

A recent promotion results in a familiar face as the life enrichment director at McKay Creek Estates.

Monica Becker, who has served in post-acute care at the Pendleton assisted living facility, has a degree in healthcare administration, with additional studies in gerontology and human services.

As life enrichment director, Becker is tasked with providing opportunities for fun events and regularly scheduled activities, such as neighborhood barbecues, special outing outside of Pendleton and recreational activities, including attending parades, going fishing or visiting museums.

Outside of work, Becker is a busy mom of four children, Kelen, 16, Adrien, 14, Oryen, 7, and Magdalene "Maggie," 2. The Beckers enjoys taking family road trips.

Also, Becker likes making crafts with different media, hunting, fishing, baking and spending time near the water at lakes or the ocean. In addition, she loved the holidays, especially Christmas, as she enjoys the spirit of giving.

For more information about activities at the center, contact executive director Noemi Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.com.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

DEC. 19, 2017

MCALLISTER — Shayleigh Nulf of Pendleton and Bobby J.L. McAllister of Athena: a boy, Olive Lee McAllister.

DEC. 20, 2017

MORTON — Jane Morton and Justin Morton of Pendleton: a girl, Claire Elisabeth Morton.

DEC. 21, 2017

ROSALES — Elisa Duron and Marcos Fernando Rosales III of Irrigon: a boy, Marcos Fernando Rosales IV.

SAUL — Katie L. Saul and Glen L. Saul of Hermiston: a boy, Garrett Layne Saul.

DEC. 22, 2017

DOHERTY — Kyle L. Edgmand and Tanner E.

Doherty of Athena: a girl, Darian Rae Doherty.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

DEC. 19, 2017

ANDRADE DOWDY — Aliyah Dowdy and Zavyan Andrade of Hermiston: a boy, ZaVonte L.J. Andrade Dowdy.

DEC. 20, 2017

COLGROVE — Ruby Colgrove and Genesis Colgrove of Hermiston: a girl, Cynthia Hope Colgrove.

DEC. 22, 2017

GONZALEZ — Michell Gonzalez and Jose Regalado Lemus of Hermiston: a boy, Ezequiel Regalado Gonzalez.

GOMEZ — Rubi Elizondo and Alexis Ivan Gomez of Hermiston: a boy, Thiago Gomez.

Pet of the Week

Hercules

Hercules is a fluffy 1-2 year old 54-pound border collie mix. He is an extremely friendly and playful boy! He loves to give hugs and receive tons of attention. Hercules comes up to date on shots, microchipped, and neutered. Come meet Hercules at PAWS!

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

Pendleton Book Co.

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

745 Pets Adopted in 2017!