# Car enthusiast drives museum donation

**Denny Evans** of Pendleton recently donated a Model A (circa 1928-31) to the Western Antique Aeroplane and **Automobile Museum** in Hood River.

Dorys C. Grover said when Jim Smootz took the 90-year-old to the museum, he decided to donate the vehicle that he purchased several years ago in Pasco.

"With a little help from Donna **Richards**, we textured the hood from its yellow paint by throwing a little dirt on it to make it look brown," Evans said.

The vehicle, which was mostly in its original condition, had been stored until recently, Grover said. After receiving no serious offers for the vehicle, Evans decided the museum would be a great home for the vintage vehicle.

The Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, which opened in 2007, features an extensive collection of antique aircrafts and vintage automobiles. Most of the antique and classic vehicles are still in running condition.

Museum visitors can ride in vehicles during the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition, many who arrive early may be asked to give a hand in firing up the engines.

The museum collection, which is housed in a 3.5-acre indoor hangar facility, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's located at 1600 Air Museum Road,



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Hood River. Admission is \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and veterans. \$7 for ages 5-18 and free for kids 4-and-under.

For more information, visit www. waaamuseum.org or www.facebook. com/WAAAMuseum.



Among the first place category winners of the Weston Lighting Contest were Will Gallaway, Greg & Lois Phillps and Jack & Sheila Jasperson.

#### Weston announces **Christmas lighting** contest winners

The city of Weston announced winners of its Christmas Lighting Contest.

In the Glitz & Glamour category, Will Gallaway took first place; followed by Joe & Carlene Hearn with second place and Dusty and Lucy Hearn in third.

Reason for the Season included Greg and Lois Phillips with first place, Mark and Joni Clark, second and Betty Munoz, third.

Top prize for Old-Fashioned Christmas went to Jack and Sheila Jasperson, placing second were Tyrel, Jinni and Hailie Burns and third place was Roy and Sue Rachor.

### **Weston residents** plant giving tree

A pair of Weston residents coordinated efforts for Santa Claus by creating a Giving Tree to collect gifts for needy children.

Debi Russell and Sheila **Jasperson** initiated the project with 18 children identified as needing Christmas gifts. However, due to an outpouring of support, an additional 35 kids benefited from the effort.

"The citizens of Weston really came through for us," Russell said.

More than 200 presents were delivered by Santa Claus and his trusty elves several days before Christmas, Russell said.



Debi Russell and Sheila Jasperson helped coordinate a Giving Tree to provide gifts for needy children in Weston.



Judge Richard Courson (aka Santa Claus) of McKay Creek Estates helps in presenting gifts to Maria Perez, second from left, and her daughter, Citlali, 10. The Pendleton assisted living facility "adopted" the family (which also includes Guadalupe, 15, not pictured), providing them with gifts.

made a little brighter for Maria Perez and her two daughters, Guadalupe, 15, and Citlali, 10.

McKay Creek Estates executive director Noemi Wiseman said the Pendleton assisted living facility "adopted" the family for Christmas and were happy to share love and blessings during the holiday season. The residents, family and staff presented gifts to the family.

Retired Judge Richard Courson, the resident Santa Claus, donned a red suit and shared the happy moment with the family when they visited the facility just before Christmas.

Wiseman said they plan

### Family unwraps holiday spirit

to make it an annual tradition The holiday season was to "adopt" a family during the holiday season. McKay Creek Estates

invites people in the community to join them for many activities. For more information, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.

#### ANNIVERSARY





# Jarry & Dixie Jessen

Hermiston are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Jan. 1968, in Stirling City, Calif.

Jarry retired Union from Pacific Railroad in 1991. He enjoys hunting, fishing and the great outdoors. He also loves to putter around his shop, and spend time with his children and grandchil-

Dixie's main claim to fame is her enjoyment in

Jarry and Dixie Jessen of taking care of her yard and garden. She also spent many years bowling. She

looks forward spending time with family whenever possible.

The couple has three children: son Stacey Jessen of Heppner and daughters Kathi Keefer of Honolulu, Hawaii,

and Kelli Biecker of Pendleton. They have seven grandchildren, Kevin, Tyler, gunner, Maycee, Elijah, Jared and Tresten, and one great-grandson, Daniel.

## **Oregon Community** Foundation supports region

The Oregon Community Foundation recently announced that it approved disbursement \$335,800 in grants to support 17 projects with nonprofit organizations in Eastern Oregon.

"The nonprofit communities in Eastern Oregon know the benefit of working together to improve quality of life and build community resiliency. Our nonprofit partners demonstrate this by providing creative solutions to much needed services in their remote regions," said Cheryl Puddy, associate program officer/regional coordinator for The Oregon Community Foundation in central and Eastern Oregon.

Puddy said the programs include entities that address access to health care, early learning opportunities for youth and strategies to address the changing use of rural lands. The OCF, she said, is proud to partner with them in their efforts.

Area OCF grants include:

Community Action **Program of East Central** Pendleton, Oregon, \$10,000 to add a refrigerated van and increase staffing for a fast-growing program that rescues food from grocery stores and makes it available low-income and working-class families in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

•Community Counseling Solutions, Heppner; \$20,000 to purchase office furniture and equipment for a new headquarters facility under construction, to house broad-based behavioral health programs serving five Eastern Oregon counties.

•Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition, Echo; \$20,000 to partner with watersheds and farmers on innovative projects that increase economic opportunity and improve environmental conditions and the quality of life for five Eastern Oregon coun-

•Morrow County Health District, Heppner, \$20,000 for an expansion of the Irrigon Clinic, including three new exam rooms, an expanded waiting area, offices for care coordination and behavioral health, and a staff meeting room.

•Willow Creek Park District, Heppner; \$25,000 for development of a multi-purpose community park. Others receiving

funding in Eastern Oregon include: Baker School District, Blue Mountains organizations Forest Partners (Mt. Vernon), Boys & Club of the Western Treasure Valley (Ontario), **Building Healthy Families** (Enterprise), City Golf Club (Baker City), Divide Camp (Joseph), EUVAL-CREE (Ontario), Four Rivers Cultural Center and Museum (Ontario), Giggles & Grace Early Learner Center, Inc. (Ontario), Music Camps @ Wallowa Lake and Wallowa Land Trust (Enterprise).

For a full list of grants awarded across the state, more information about the OCF and how to make donations, visit www. oregoncf.org.

#### SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

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.



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**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston** 

**DEC. 26, 2017 KEELER** — Courtney Keeler and William Keeler of Hermiston: a girl, Hannah Noelle Keeler.

**DEC. 27, 2017** FRAUSTO CALVILLO Cassandra Calvillo and Juan Frausto of Boardman: a girl, Alessandra Frausto

Calvillo. **DEC. 29, 2017 CAMPOS** — Ofelia R. Cisneros Zavalza and Luis

Campos of Irrigon: twin boys, Liovanni Jose Campos and Giovanni Vicente Campos.

**JAN. 1, 2018 ESCOBEDO** — Jennifer

Escobedo and Jose L. Escobedo Jr. of Umatilla: a boy, Jose Phillip Escobedo.

> St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

**DEC. 24, 2017** LADENSACK — Carla K. Naranjo and John P. Ladensack of Pendleton: a boy, Aaron Matthew Ladensack.

**DEC. 29, 2017 CALVERT** — Gaylynn Calvert and Jacob Calvert of Heppner: a girl, Cora Leigh

LOPEZ HARVEY -Madison R. Lopez Gomez Harvey and Kelvin E. Lopez Gomez of Pendleton: a boy, Landon Ivan Lopez Harvey.

Calvert.

**DEC. 30, 2017** WILDMAN — Christine Ellis of Pendleton: a girl, Jaylee Ann Wildman.