

Irrigon Elementary celebrates fun learning

An evening of educational fun drew 125 participants with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.

STEAM Night, which was held Jan. 18 at **Irrigon Elementary School**, included a “Science of Electricity” assembly with an outreach team from the **Oregon Museum of Science & Industry**.

In the library, students downloaded instructions from laptops into small robots, and then lined them up to race. Students quickly learned that correct coding was one of the keys in winning.

The **Irrigon Jr/Sr High Drone Club** presented a demonstration using First Person View goggles to drive drones around a course. Junior **Gracie Stirk**, a member of the new club, said she got involved because she finds drones interesting and they provide many opportunities for exploration.

Students practiced their math skills in a delicious way — measuring ingredients to make smoothies under the direction of staff from the **Oregon State University Extension Service**. Also, the **Bank of Eastern Oregon** taught students the proper way to write a check and proper use of decimals.

Students assembled science kits, with materials and instructions to conduct 12 experiments at home. Also, participants learned about the “Hour of Code,” a global movement introducing millions of students worldwide to computer science.

Volunteer **Lisa Mueller**, a design manager at Microsoft in Seattle, was thrilled to share technology excitement with students, including three of her nieces who attend



Students Paul Sanchez, Josiah Moreno and Mason Harrison enjoy LEGO building during STEAM Night Jan. 18 at Irrigon Elementary School.

Irrigon schools.

“Coding is just a set of instructions, anybody can do it,” she said. “This shows kids it’s a career path that can take them anywhere they want to go.”

The **Port of Morrow** sponsored an activity about oobleck, a material that is polymers and non-Newtonian fluid. In simple terms, it’s not a liquid or a solid and

consists of cornstarch and water. A chorus of “That’s cool,” “Is it slime?” and “Wow, this is amazing!” could be heard throughout the classroom as students made it.

The “A” in STEAM featured rock painting with vibrant colors and various themes emerging. Organized by **Irrigon Rocks**, the community group helps

inspire creativity and encourages people to hide their rocks for others to find.

Principal **Erin Stocker** said STEAM Night was a great way to celebrate science and the arts.

“Finding ways to show participants how technology touches so many aspects of our lives and what career paths it can lead to is really positive,” she said.

Photo contributed by Michele Madril



Photo courtesy Pendleton Chamber of Commerce

Banner Bank recognized for table decoration

Banner Bank won the “Best Use of Theme” award for their Pendleton First Citizens Banquet table decoration. According to **Kristen Dollarhide** of Travel Pendleton, many area business put weeks of work and considerable expense into designing their tables and there were many worthy winners.

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Realtors board elects Farley to lead

The **Umatilla County Board of Realtors** recently elected **Jef Farley** to serve as president in 2018.

Co-owner of **Coldwell Banker Whitney and Associates**, Farley and has been a licensed real estate broker since 1991. He previously served as board president in 1997, 2002 and 2006.

Others elected to serve in 2018 are president-elect **Matt Vogler**, John J. Howard and Associates; and directors **Vicki Dick**, Coldwell Banker Whitney and Associates; **Kerry**

Baird, Turn Here Realty; and **Milne McLaughlin**, Clarke Jennings and Associates. **Mary Earley**, of The Whitney Land Co., is executive officer for the board.

The local Realtor organization provides services to its members. They are committed to promoting professionalism in the real estate industry and protecting the private property rights of our community. For more information, visit www.umatillacountyrealtor.wordpress.com.



Farley

Ferrioli receives rural legislator award

Former **Sen. Ted Ferrioli**, R-John Day, received the **2017 Rural Legislator of the Year Award** from the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems’ Small and Rural Hospital Committee.

Ferrioli, who received the award Jan. 3, was recognized for his long-standing commitment to the health of rural communities and his dedication to the hospitals that serve them.

Charlie Tveit, OAHHS hospital committee chairman, called Ferrioli “a steadfast friend” to rural hospitals.

“It was only natural to honor his commitment to rural health care and rural

health care providers at the end of his legislative service,” Tveit said.

The former Senate District 30 republican officially resigned from office Nov. 22 to begin his appointment by **Gov. Kate Brown** as a member of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council. Ferrioli was first elected in 1996.

Sen. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, who has served as a state representative since 2008, was recently appointed to fill the remainder of Ferrioli’s term. Joining the Oregon Senate, he was sworn in Jan. 8 by Oregon Supreme Court **Chief Justice Tom Balmer**.



Ferrioli

Area farmers outstanding in their field

Several area farmers were recently recognized for their crops in the **2017 National Corn Growers Association’s Corn Yield Contest**.

Kristen Corpus of Hermiston achieved a winning yield of 310.7090 bushels per acre in the irrigated category with **DEKALB DKC62-05**.

A trio of Boardman farmers swept the No-Till/Strip Till Irrigated division with **Vern Frederickson** taking top honors for his **DEKALB DKC62-05**, which yielded 315.7699 bushels per acre. **Nolan Mills** placed second with **Pioneer® P0805AM™**, with a yield of 308.7628 bushels; and **Emily Rea’s**

258.6239-bushel yield, which came in third, was with **Pioneer®** hybrid **P0157**.

DuPont Pioneer growers took home nearly 50 percent of the state awards. **Pioneer®** brand products continue to shine throughout the nation, said **Gregg M. Schmidt**, communications manager with DuPont Pioneer.

The **NCGA Corn Yield Contest** is an annual competition among corn producers with the goal of producing the highest yields. Growers compete in six corn production classes.

For more about the association, including a link to a list of all contest winners, visit www.ncga.com.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
JAN. 18, 2018
FAIRBANK — Adrienne Fairbank and Matthew Fairbank of Pendleton: a girl, Jade Laykin Fairbank.
JAN. 22, 2018
SMITH — Carly Smith and Ryan Smith of Pendleton: a boy, Callum Henry Smith.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
JAN. 16, 2018
CAMPBELL —Dixie

L. Campbell and Joshua D. Campbell of Boardman: a girl, Elizabeth Caroline Campbell.
JAN. 19, 2018
FLORES — Elizabeth H. Weems and Horacio Flores-Salas of Hermiston: a boy, Noah Isaiah Flores.
JAN. 21, 2018
NEWTON — Raven D. Newton of Hermiston: a boy, Kaos David Newton.

JAN. 22, 2018
AGUILAR — Yareth C. Aguilar of Umatilla: a girl, Leilani Alessia Aguilar.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 27
MEN’S BREAKFAST, 8 a.m., Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton. (541-276-7559)

UMATILLA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE, 12:30 p.m., Columbia Grange Hall, 32339 Diagonal Road, Hermiston. Lunch will be followed by a meeting. (Tom or Doris 541-567-9742 or 541-567-8663)

PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-11:59 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, JAN. 28
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)

UNION PACIFIC EMPLOYEES CLUB, 1:30 p.m., Hermiston VFW Hall, 45 W. Cherry, Hermiston. All UP employees, working or retired, welcome to attend. Bring a main dish or dessert and table service. (541-567-5260)

MONDAY, JAN. 29
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)

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)

SISTERS IN SONG REHEARSAL, 6:30-8 p.m., Pendleton High School choir room, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Community women’s choir performs a variety of music in an atmosphere of supportive and good-humored cooperation. Spring concert May 20. No auditions required. (Lezlee Flagg or Cheryl Carlson 541-263-2755 or 541-429-0160)

INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS CHORALE REHEARSAL, 7 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy gymnasium, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. No tryouts; all welcome. No rehearsals June-July-August or Christmas-New Year. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696)

TUESDAY, JAN. 30
PENDLETON TOASTMASTERS NO. 154, 6:30 a.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501

S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

GREENFIELD GRANGE PINOCHLE, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenfield Grange 579, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman. (541-481-7397)

BIBLE STUDY, 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. (Rev. Jim Pierce 541-276-2616)

“THE LIFE MODEL: LIVING FROM THE HEART JESUS GAVE YOU” BOOK STUDY GROUP, 1-2:30 p.m., Bowman Building, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. (Pat 541-276-6671)

STUDYING THE MIRACLES OF JESUS, 4-6 p.m., Good Samaritan Ministries, 319 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston. (541-564-1041)

WILLOW CREEK SYMPHONY REHEARSAL, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School, 315 E. Wyoming Ave., Irrigon. Preparatory orchestra for all ages. Does not rehearse June-July-August or during Christmas-New Year holidays. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696)

AWANA, 6:30-8 p.m., Pendleton Baptist Church, 3202 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. For children age 3 through sixth grade. (541-276-7590)

A SHARP PLAYERS ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton High School band room, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Intermediate orchestra for players of any instrument. (JD Kindle 541-276-0320)

Badger

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