



Photo contributed by VFW Auxiliary No. 4567
Susan Kralman, BMCC Milton-Freewater center director (right) accepts a donation for scholarships from Milton-Freewater VFW Auxiliary treasurer Mary Ward and Kathy Mendoza, chaplain.

VFW auxiliary donates to BMCC scholarship fund

A member of the **Oregon National Guard** is the first recipient of a **VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Fund** at the Milton-Freewater center of **Blue Mountain Community College**.
Ana Urueta, who is currently finishing her nursing prerequisites at BMCC M-F, received a scholarship for the 2017-18 winter term. The special fund was created after members of **Milton-Freewater Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 4567** voted to make the donation.
Due to inactive membership, it became necessary for the auxiliary to dissolve as a group and give up their charter, said **Marcia Akes**, the group's secretary. The auxiliary presented \$1,750 to BMCC and requested that scholarships be awarded to current military personnel, veterans or members of a veteran's family who attend classes at the Milton-Freewater center.
"The funds can be used for tuition, books or emergency needs of worthy students," Akes said.
Center director **Susan Kralman** was pleased to accept the donation from the veterans support organization. Recipients and dollar amounts are determined by a scholarship committee under her guidance.

Stedman graduates from safety academy

Joshua Stedman of the **Umatilla Tribal Police Department** recently participated in the Basic Police Class at the **Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training** in Salem.
Stedman and classmates from #BP374 graduated from the 16-week course Feb. 16 at Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. The course topics included firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse, drug recognition and more.
Chief Gerald Moore

of the Salem Police Department was the guest speaker and **Christopher Sobremonte**, an officer with the Sweet Home Police Department, was the class speaker. Family, friends and co-workers celebrated with the graduates during a reception following the ceremony.
The Oregon DPSST is recognized nationally for its innovative training programs. **Eriks Gabliks** serves as director and **Sheriff Jason Myers** of the Marion County Sheriff's Office is the board chairman. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/dpsst.



Photo contributed by Casey Brown
Nearly 700 people attending the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance Feb. 3 at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Daddy-Daughter Dance deals in fun



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Some of the Pendleton Parks & Recreation staff and volunteers pose for a photo during the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance Feb. 3 at the Pendleton Convention Center.

With a theme of the Queen of Hearts, **Pendleton Parks & Recreation** had a full house during the **Daddy-Daughter Dance**.
In its seventh year of selling out, the Feb 3 event, drew 675 people of all ages at the Pendleton Convention Center. The evening featured dancing, music, hors d'oeuvres, the famous chocolate fountain, pictures, door prizes and fun.
"It brings joy to our hearts and smiles to our faces to see the community coming together and celebrating a magical night out!" said **Casey Brown**, city of Pendleton special projects coordinator.
Event sponsors, Brown said, contribute to the overall success of the event, they are **Banner Bank**, **Wildhorse Resort & Casino**, **CHI St. Anthony's Hospital**, and **Pendleton Rotary Club**. Also, he expressed appreciation to the many volunteers and staff members who gave their time to make the event possible.
"It would not happen without you all and without a culture of community service," he said.

Retired educators lend a hand

Oregon Retired Educators Association Unit 9 (OREA-9) recently awarded grants to teachers in the **Pendleton School District**.
The organization has awarded teacher grants for several years to help provide additional education opportunities and resources for students in the school district.
Marge Normington-Jones, OREA-9 president, said the group knows that by helping teachers, they also have a positive impact on students.
The money is used to buy needed supplies, go on field trips or attend conferences.
This year's grant recipients include **Julie Murphy**, **Ken Jacobs**, **Gita Webster**, **Cindy Schimel**, **Emilee Oja**, **Shelle Hand Bixler**, **Glenn Johnston**, **Jenny Coreym**, **Cydney Curtis** and **Michelle Sickels**.



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OREA-9 President Marge Normington-Jones, bottom right, is shown with recipients from the Pendleton School District employees who received grant awards to enhance student education opportunities. Top: Julie Murphy, Ken Jacobs, Gita Webster, Cindy Schimel, Emilee Oja. Bottom: Shelle Hand Bixler, Glenn Johnston, Jenny Corey, Cydney Curtis. (Not pictured Michelle Sickels).
OREA is open to all who are interested in making a positive impact on students.
For more information, contact Normington-Jones at knitting@charter.net.

Umatilla student promises to help others

A **Clara Brownell Middle School** student already has his sights set on the future. As part of "The Promise of Oregon," **Bhavya Kumar** shared that he hopes to become a police officer.
Kumar said he wants to help criminals turn their lives around. Referring to the middle schooler as "amazing," **Umatilla School District** employees **Tina Ridings** and **Stefanie Blake** both give the youngster high marks.
The "Promise of Oregon" is a statewide public education support campaign launched by the by the Oregon School Boards Association. It showcases school



Bhavya Kumar

districts that are using cutting-edge programs to help prepare students for careers and college.
For more information, including photos and comments from Promise participants, visit www.promiseoregon.org.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
FEB. 7, 2018
CLARK — Phyllis D. Clark and Jonathan D. Clark of Pilot Rock: a boy, Jonathan Dale Clark Jr.
KELLOGG — Linsey M. Kellogg and Brandon G. Kellogg of Pendleton: a girl, Tatelynn Ally Kellogg.
SCHNEIDER — Olivia B. Schneider and Dakota P. Schnieder of Hermiston: a boy, Gunner Paul Schneider.
THOMAS — Tanya Y. Thomas and Chad W. Thomas of Pendleton: a girl, Rogue Raelani Thomas.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
FEB. 10, 2018
MEYERS — Carissa B. Bankston and Dwayne N. Meyers of Hermiston: a boy, Liam Douglas Meyers.

Lions Club scores with youth soccer

The **Hermiston Lions Club** was recently recognized by the **American Youth Soccer Organization**.
AYSO Regional commissioner **Erik Juarez** expressed appreciation for a \$1,000 donation, which contributed to the support of six local teams.
Money for the donation was generated from the annual Don Horneck Memorial Dinner. Don Horneck, who died unexpectedly in 2014, was a Lions Club member and an avid supporter of AYSO and other youth programs.
While the Hermiston Lions Club's main mission is to help provide eyeglasses and hearing aids to those in need, the group also contributes to other important organizations or projects within the



Photo contributed by Phil Hamm
Hermiston Lions Club members Phillip Spicerkuhn, Kelly Sanders, Matt Cecil, Carol Nevin and Charlie Clupny hold team sponsorship plaques presented by AYSO Regional commissioner Erik Juarez (third from left). The local club donated money to the soccer program in memory of Don Horneck.
Hermiston community. Club president **Phillip Spicerkuhn** said the Hermiston group was pleased to honor Horneck's memory by being able to contribute

to the local AYSO program. "Don contributed to our community in many ways but one certainly important to him was the youth soccer program," Spicerkuhn said.



Pet of the Week

Meet Itchy, the fun-loving attention-craving 4 month old basset hound mix. This sweet boy loves to play fetch as fast as his stubby legs will let him! Come meet Itchy at PAWS, he comes microchipped, neutered, up to date on vaccines, and packed with loads of personality!

88 Pets Adopted in 2018!

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Itchy