

Area educators celebrate with Crystal Apples

A number of area school district staff are shining up **Crystal Apple Awards** they received May 14 at the Pendleton Red Lion. Representing excellence in education, the awards were presented by **InterMountain Education Service District**. Winners in schools in Umatilla and Morrow counties include:

Umatilla County: **Kristi Armstrong** (transportation, Echo School District), **Rick Thew** (fifth grade teacher, Echo Elementary School), **Frank Longhorn** (facilities manager, Stanfield School District), **Mike Sanders** (agriculture/industrial arts teacher, Stanfield Secondary School), **Monica Anderson** (operational assistant, Umatilla High School), **Pam Bissonette** (alternative education teacher, Umatilla High School), **Amber Doremus** (sixth grade teacher, Weston Middle School), **Rachael Olson** (fourth grade teacher, Weston Middle School), **Ken Campbell** (bus driver, Helix School District), **McKennon McDonald** (special ed/Title I/P.E. teacher, Helix School District), **Kari Ferguson** (lead secretary, Freewater Elementary School), **Maria Gonzalez** (office specialist, district office), **Debra Martinez** (English Learner Program teacher, Ferndale Elementary School), **Carlos Ruvalcaba** (fifth grade teacher, Freewater Elementary School), **Maria Davis** (special education teacher, Washington Elementary School), **Aimee Gunter** (paraprofessional, McKay Creek Elementary School), **Ken Jacobs** (technical ed/industrial teacher, Sunridge Middle School), **Jewel Kennedy** (science teacher, Nixya'awii Community School), **Marcy Jerome** (second grade teacher, Pilot Rock Elementary School), **Marion Schuening** (educational assistant, Pilot Rock Jr/Sr High School), **Linda Kerr** (secretary, Ukiah School)

Morrow County: **Sarah Christy** (first grade teacher, Sam Boardman Elementary School), **Betsy Shane** (math teacher, Riverside Jr./Sr. High School), **Amy Stringer** (counselor, A.C. Houghton/Irrigon Elementary Schools), **Tom Gates** (custodian, Ione Community School), **Chelsea Matheny** (third grade teacher, Ione Community School), **Tracie Bunch** (department secretary, Hepner Jr./Sr. High School)

“We congratulate each of this year’s Crystal Apple winners and are honored to celebrate these wonderful educators who are making a difference every day for students,” said **Michele Madril**, IMESD director of communication.

For a full list of Crystal Apple winners, visit www.imesd.k12.or.us.

THANK YOU

St. Anthony offers hidden gem for stroke patient

Recently I had the privilege of spending some time in the emergency room at St. Anthony Hospital due to a stroke. I was transported over to Kadlec Regional Medical Center and spent a week there in ICU. I was then offered the opportunity to do rehabilitation in the Tri-Cities or return to Pendleton. I chose Pendleton to save my wife the hour and a half commute she was doing daily.

Thinking I was going to the local nursing home, imagine my surprise when they offered St. Anthony Hospital’s Swing Bed Program. What a hidden gem

in our community. The care was excellent. I worked with speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy. The food was like eating downtown, and delicious. I met my goals with the help of their excellent and caring nursing staff.

I highly recommend this program to any and all who need help with their uphill battle. We have an excellent hospital that gives 110 percent back to our community. I will be forever thankful to them for what they gave back to me and my family. Thank you!

Scot Jacobson
Pendleton

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
MAY 8, 2018

DECLUE — Mirissa L. Soliz and Brock M. DeClue: a boy, Oliver Michael DeClue.

MAY 9, 2018

ANGLIN — Aleshia Anglin and Brandon Anglin of Pendleton: a girl, Madeline Eleanor Anglin.

MAY 10, 2018

HINES — Lacey L. Jensen and Tommy Hines of Heppner: a boy, Price Merle Hines.

MAY 14, 2018

STOOPS — Chelsey L. Dick and Christopher

J. Stoops of Pendleton: a boy, Severin Raymond Stoops.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
MAY 11, 2018

HUBER — Amanda L. Huber and Andrew S. Huber of Hermiston: a girl, Hazel Jean Huber.

MAY 12, 2018

RAMIREZ CHAVEZ — Berenice Ramirez and Jhonatan M. Ramirez of Boardman: a boy, Sebastian Ramirez Chavez.

VERA — Brittney M. Clark and Sosimo Vera of Irrigon: a girl, Emmalyn Aviana Vera.

Mac-Hi band jazzes things up

The **McLoughlin High School Jazz Band** qualified for the **Oregon State Jazz Band Competition**.

The student musicians are competing Saturday, May 19 at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. The Mac-Hi jazz band is one of only five high school bands in its division to qualify for the state competition, said director **Mike Agidius**.

To hear the band, be sure and catch their last concert of the year. The free performance is Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in Jack Williams Auditorium at McLoughlin High School, 120 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. The concert will feature the award-winning band performing jazz and big band classics revolving around a theme of exotic ocean beaches and will feature graduating senior band members.

The music to be performed, Agidius said, is all well-known music by composers including **Duke Ellington**, **George Gershwin**, **Benny Goodman**, **Sonny Rollins**, **Kenny G**, **Grover Washington Jr.** and others.



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Members of the McLoughlin High School Jazz Band include (front) Johnny Cochell, Bryan Jones, Inez Pulido, Noah Pratto, Mike Agidius, Gabi Lara, Megan Norton, Caven Pratto, (middle) Nicole Rencken, Ivan Martinez, Aiden Lozano, Adilene Ocampo, Xitali Herrera, Jesse Berry, Jaime Gomez, Tino Saldana, (back) Eric Saldana, Ulises Ceja, Meredith Moore, Larissa Davenport, Jovanny Diaz, Brian Diaz, Dustin Walters, Andy Ceja. Not pictured; Aby Hernandez, Sarahi Ruiz.

posers including **Duke Ellington**, **George Gershwin**, **Benny Goodman**, **Sonny Rollins**, **Kenny G**, **Grover Washington Jr.** and

others. In addition, the performance is that last band concert directed by Agidius as he is retiring from the Milton-Freewater School

District. For more information, contact Agidius at mike.agidius@miltfree.k12.or.us, 541-938-5591 or 541-938-5504.



GRS engraver Diane Scalese, who has been named Engraver of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists, works on a design during the Pendleton Cattle Barons event at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

A closer look at Cattle Barons weekend

Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend on May 11 and 12 at the Pendleton Convention Center set records for its ranch horse and dog sale.

A the Wildhorse Resort and Casino Western Select Horse and Working Dog Sale, the top selling horse was Nu Pep N Chex, consigned by **Jake Stanley** of Hermiston, which sold for \$26,500.

“The slate of horses for this year was our best ever,” said **Andy Vanderplaet**, president of Cattle Barons board of directors “We appreciate the consigners efforts in bringing us stellar horses that help us grow our scholarship funds.”

The top working dog, ZBC Solo from consignor Tom Richards of Melba, Idaho, sold for \$11,000. The other highlight of the working dog sale was the funds that were donated to Cattle Barons scholarship effort through the annual scholarship puppy, which generated \$3,600 in donation bids for scholarships.

Sharon Livingston and The Livingston Ranch were presented with the Cattle Barons Legacy Award for their efforts in supporting and preserving cattle ranching in Eastern Oregon.

Vanderplaet reported the biggest crowds to attend the weekend in the 11 years of its existence.

Other results Cattle Barons results:

- Ranch Horse Championship – AMR Twice as Sugary, consignor Corina Curtis, shown by Dan Roeser. Marsing, Idaho.
- Working Dog Champion – ZBC Iceman by Jim

Zollman and Mandi Post, Wallowa

- Ranch Rodeo Winning Team – Owyhee Team: Woody Harding, Will Knight, Norbert Gibson and Nathan Kelly.

- Stock Saddle Bronc – Ty Osborne, Pendleton

- Northwest Steer Roping Association — 1. Gabe Richardson Craigmont, Idaho; 2. Caleb McMillan Moses Lake, Washington; 3. Joe Talbot Pendleton

- Leather Show — 1. Tony Pedrini, Oregon; 2. Russel Bustos, Oregon; 3. Yves Hirschy, Switzerland; People’s choice, Russel Bustos

- Bit, Spur and Engraving Winners — Bits, Chip Merchant; Spurs, Bill Turner; Engraving, Jodi Brown; People’s Choice, Nevada Watt

- Rawhide Braiding Winner – Jay Adcock, Sudan, Kansas

- BBQ Ribs — 1. BBB BBQ, Sheena Willingham; 2. Chillin & Grillin, Don Morgan; 3. Hoagie Smokers, Rush Hoag.

- Tri-Tip — 1. Hoagie Smokers, Rush Hoag; 2. Beer Belly BBQ, Jeremy Clark; 3. Jack Wagon, Larry Brisbois.

- Reserve Grand Champion — Beer Belly BBQ, Jeremy Clark

- Grand Champion — Hoagie Smokers, Rush Hoag

- Youth Division — 1. Lil Lock Stock

- People’s Choice — Beer Belly BBQ, Jeremy Clark

Local Toastmaster to serve as district director

Jan Taylor of Cay-Uma-Wa Toastmasters will be installed as the new Toastmasters International District 9 director at the spring conference in Spokane.

The May 19 event includes members and guests from 60 clubs from northern Idaho, eastern Washington and northeastern Oregon. The conference features professional inspirational speakers, past international speech contest winners, and “TED Talks”-style speaking called “Smedley Talks” after the founder of Toastmasters International, **Ralph Smedley**.

“This conference is a tremendous opportunity for Toastmasters members to connect and learn, and for non-members to find out what makes Toastmasters a one-of-a-kind training,” said **Jennifer Zerba**, Toastmasters International



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Jan Taylor, left, of Cay-Uma-Wa Toastmasters, is being installed as the new Toastmasters District 9 director May 19 at the spring conference in Spokane. She is pictured with fellow Toastmaster Leigh Pinkham-Johnston.

District 9 director.

Most people, Zerba said, can benefit from the skills learned in Toastmasters. An international communication and leadership organization, Toastmasters has more than 16,400 clubs in 141 countries. For more information, visit www.toastmasters.org.

Emblem Club installs officers

Teresa Moncrief was recently installed as president of **Hermiston Emblem Club #215** for 2018-19 by installing officers **Coyla Bedord**, supreme deputy, and **Donna Laurence**, marshal.

Visiting dignitaries during the event included state president **Brenda Powell**, past state president **Bernice Hill** and **Marie Crockett**, formerly of Hermiston #215 and currently a Washington Emblem.

Other Hermiston club members installed include:

Angel Smith (vice president), **Serena MacPherson** (treasurer), **Maxine Rice** (financial secretary), **Carol Goin** (recording secretary), **Michele Dickmeier** (corresponding secretary), **Coyla**

Bedord (first guard and trustee, also past state president), **Sheryl Goin** (first trustee), **Marge Feyder** (trustee), **Rickie Hokanson** (guard), **Donna Laurence** (marshal), **Nancy Brown** (chaplain) and **Lil Smith** (historian).

Emblem Club members are recognized for the charity work they do in their communities, scholarships they provide, their dedication to patriotism and their support of the Elks and our country’s veterans. The Hermiston Emblem Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Hermiston Elks Lodge. For information about joining, call **Maxine Rice**, membership committee chair, at 541-567-3700.

Local students W-I-N spelling contests

Students from Umatilla, Morrow and Union counties spelled their way to success during the **InterMountain Education Service District’s** Spelling Contest.

The Tuesday, May 8 event was held at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton. Participants had already won a spelling contest in their division at their schools. The winners include:

MORROW COUNTY: Division 1 (first-fifth grades): **Jackson Coiner**, Heppner Elementary School; **Michael McElligott**, Ione Elementary School; **Dakota Seufert**, Irrigon Elementary School. Division 2 (sixth-eighth grades): **Nathan Ellsworth**, Heppner Elementary School; **Jozen Byers**, Irrigon Elementary School; **Axel Paredes-Rosales**, Windy River Elementary School

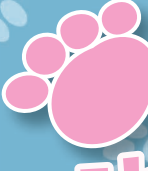
Umatilla County: Division 1 (first-fifth grades): **Grace Welch**, Washington Elementary School; **Adriel Ibarra**, Stanfield Elementary School; **Eden Enkey**, McNary Heights Elementary School. Division 2 (sixth-eighth grades): **Elsa Rogers**, Weston Middle School; **Luis Tejeda**, Clara Brownell Middle School; **Sarah House**, Sunridge Middle School. Division 3 (ninth-twelfth grades): **Fernando Castilla**, Ukiah School; **Sam Burcham**,

Pendleton Homeschool Association

An award ceremony immediately followed, the contests with winners receiving medals. The first place winner from each division is invited to participate in the state competition, which is Saturday, Sept. 1 at the **Oregon State Fair** in Salem.

“IMESD is pleased to congratulate all of our spelling contest winners and would like to thank all the students who devoted time to compete this year,” said **Lizette Berryessa**, IMESD spelling contest coordinator.

For more information, contact Berryessa at 541-966-3126 or lizette.berryessa@imesd.k12.or.us.



Pet of the Week

Noelle is a beautiful 5 year old Siamese with a condition similar to wobbles (Cerebellar Hypoplasia) which doesn't hurt her it just makes her a little clumsy meaning she will need to be an indoor only cat! She is extremely sweet and loving. Noelle comes spayed and up to date on vaccines, and filled with love! come meet this sweet girl at PAWS!



Noelle

253 Pets Adopted in 2018!

Visit Noelle at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws
Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm
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Pendleton
541-276-9292