



Hermiston residents Michelle Weems, 16, and her mother, Heather Weems, are pictured with members of Sawyer Brown. The band played Aug. 7 on the Main Stage at the Umatilla County Fair.

Sawyer Brown poses for photos with fans

Heather Weems not only enjoyed the Aug. 7 Main Stage performance at the Umatilla County Fair, but she also got to meet members of the country group Sawyer Brown.

The Hermiston woman and her daughter, Michelle Weems, 16, wore big smiles as they stood amongst the five band members for a photo op.

Formed in 1981, the band has cruised across the country living the life of a “travelin’ band,” as one of their hit songs says. A fan of the band since she was 8 years old, Heather Weems was happy to have the band perform in her hometown.

Others, too, must have been as equally excited to have Sawyer Brown play — Heather’s father, Gary Hartinger, said the “concert was jam-packed with fans.”

Photo contributed by Gary Hartinger

Three Hermiston reserve officers receive badges

Hermiston Police Department recently welcomed three new reserve officers to its force.

Bryce Kennedy, Shawnee Rodriguez and Sterling Hall earned their badges July 26, said Captain Scott Clark, after completing the 2018 Multi-Agency Police Reserve Academy. They completed 200 hours over the course of the past five months — scheduling the training around their non-police jobs and other time commitments. They volunteered their time to receive the training, Clark said, in order to serve their community.

“We are so thankful for their desire to serve, and appreciate them wholeheartedly,” Clark added.



Bryce Kennedy, Shawnee Rodriguez and Sterling Hall recently joined the reserve officer corps with the Hermiston Police Department.

Photo contributed by Scott Clark

Patient party offers splashing good time

Tacos Xavi served up 1,700 tacos at a recent patient appreciation party for Dr. James West and Columbia Orthodontics at the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center.

The orthodontist and his staff welcomed more than 600 patients to the pool in the 103 degree weather during the July 13 event. In addition to tacos, Yo Country Yogurt was served up and raffle drawings were held.

“Columbia Orthodontics and Dr West are very thankful to be part of this community and are already making plans for next years party,” office staff said.



Contributed photo
Swag from Dr. James West and Columbia Orthodontics was among the raffle items during a July 13 patient appreciation event held at Hermiston Family Aquatic Center.

Local Toastmaster steps up as district director

Jan Taylor was recently elected as district director for District 9 of Toastmasters International, which encompasses northeastern Oregon, eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

The Pendleton woman has been a member of Cay-Uma-Wa Toastmasters Club for seven years. Taylor has served in several district and club officer positions, including as the district’s Program Quality director. In that role, she was instrumental in helping the district become seventh in the world for paid clubs and eighth for membership payments.

Among her notable Toastmasters achievements, Taylor holds the title of Distinguished Toastmaster, the highest educational and leadership award given by the international body. She also belongs to the Pendleton club and the Faculty Club, an advanced group that meets at various locations throughout District 9.

Taylor encourages anyone interested in challenging and improving themselves in the areas of leadership and public speaking to join a local club. She speaks highly of the district’s leaders in their commitment to help members become better leaders and speakers.

Toastmasters is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills. For more information, including finding local clubs, visit www.toastmasters.org.



Taylor

Symphony charges forward with PGE grant

The Oregon East Symphony recently received a \$5,000 grant from the PGE Foundation.

OES executive director J.D. Kindle said the money will be used to support activities for its Playing for Keeps youth education project. The comprehensive program was initiated in 2001 by the symphony’s board of directors to help expose rural youths to new cultural opportunities. In addition, one of the goals is to give young people who can’t afford musical instruction and/or instruments a chance to participate in music lessons, rehearsals and performances.

For additional information about the symphony, its youth education projects, season concerts or rehearsal schedules, visit www.oregoneastsymphony.org. For questions, contact 541-276-0320 or oesdirectorms@gmail.com.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
JULY 31, 2018

DICKINSON — Brittany Cochran and Bryce Dickinson: a boy, Blake Declan Dickinson.
WHITAKER — Ashleyann M. Whitaker and Joseph A. Whitaker of Pendleton: a boy, Joseph Andrew Whitaker III.
AUG. 1, 2018

CONEY — Samantha Kingman and John Coney of Pendleton: a girl, Zaelyn Nora Coney.
AUG. 2, 2018

PREHN — Sarah A. English and Todd A. Prehn of Hermiston: a boy, Deklyn Leo Prehn.
TRUITT — Jennifer L. Truitt and Raymond E. Truitt of Pendleton: a boy, Oliver Kain Dee Truitt.
AUG. 3, 2018

CANCINO — Janet Lomas and Ramiro J. Cancino of Hermiston: a girl, Melanie Emma Cancino.
GARCIA GOTTFRIEDSON — Liza Garcia and Elliot Gottfriedson of Pendleton: a girl, Luna Love Garcia Gottfriedson.
AUG. 4, 2018

HARRISON — Ivette Harrison and Vincent Harrison of Irrigon: a boy, Adam Julian Harrison.
ORRALA — Cheyenne M. Sorensen and Alvaro D. Orrala of Pendleton: a girl, Brielle McKinsay Lynn Orrala.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
AUG. 4, 2018

CALMO RAMOS — Romanda Ramos and Santiago Calmo of Hermiston: a girl, Sara Yeny Calmo Ramos.
AUG. 6, 2018

PHILLIPS — Asia Hayne and Jacob Phillips of Boardman: a boy, Ezra Rashad-Ellis Phillips.

ANNIVERSARY

Don and Nancy Harsch



Don and Nancy Harsch in 2018



Nancy and Don Harsch in 1968

Don and Nancy Harsch are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married August 10, 1968, at Christ Episcopal Church in Lake Oswego, Ore. They met during undergraduate school at the University of Oregon.

They have three sons, Rob, Matt and Dan Harsch, and four grandchildren, Emma, Mackenzie, Wyatt and Hayden Harsch.

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Pet of the Week

Flower is our pet of the week! She is a 3 or 4 year old spayed Domestic Longhair, sweet girl.



FLOWER

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