

Contest slices pumpkin fun



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Creativity ruled during the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center pumpkin carving contest. Jordan Robertson placed first in the adult division and Valerie Campos was tops in the 12 and under group.



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A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Oct. 25 to celebrate the completion of the new playground at Sam Boardman Elementary School.

Rain doesn't dampen spirits with playground opening

The new playground at Sam Boardman Elementary School officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Despite a bit of rainy weather, about 40 people participated in the Oct. 25 event. The project was made possible due to the support of the Parent-Teacher Organization, students and local businesses.

Amelia Newton, vice president of the school's PTO, said it's exciting to have a central playground

which improves student safety. Ana Pineyro, the previous PTO president, said the group had talked about this for three years and many volunteers were the driving force behind the project.

"The sense of community to make this happen has been amazing," Newton said.

More than \$68,000 was raised by students, the Sam Boardman PTO and several community businesses and organizations, including Columbia River Technolo-

gies, Lamb Weston, Wildhorse Foundation, Umatilla Electric Cooperative, NW Health Foundation, Boardman Kiwanis and Boardman Child Development. Also, Mike Sowa of Tillamook in Boardman said the company is pleased to be involved.

"Really it's just an affirmation that we are part of the community," he said. "Stewardship is one of our values, and seeing healthy kids enjoying the playground is just a wonderful thing."

Former residents say goodbye

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Merchants:

As Ron and I leave Pendleton Monday Nov. 5, we can't leave without saying goodbye. We leave with grateful hearts!

The community of Pendleton has blessed us in the last year in so many ways. We have had the opportunity to get to know

so many wonderful people here. Every town has the good and the bad but we leave here with fond memories and blessed by so many of you.

To those of you who we have had the opportunity to rub shoulders with, that encouraged us or befriended us in the last year, we thank you. As God

leads us to Grants Pass to our new paving company we couldn't leave without you knowing how so many of you touched our lives. We will be back to visit this fun little town and the amazing people that blessed our lives!

Blessings to all of you,
Ron, Melissa, Princess and Daisy DePue

Kayak rider appreciates transit service

To Kayak Public Transit:

I would like to say thank you to everyone who put together the million rider promotion. To have been selected as THE millionth rider of Kayak was an enjoyable experience that I will always remember.

Thank you also to my drivers, who get me safely to work and back home every day — Rusty, Mark and Leonard of the Walla Walla Whistler, Phil on the

Mission Metro and Roger on the La Grande Arrow. Thanks to Andrea Hall and Susan Johnson at the Planning Office, who organized the promotion and surprised me with the presentation on that sunny Friday at the transit hub. Thanks also to Claudette, whose smiling face greeted me and all the other riders during the promotion. I'm sure that there are many people behind the scenes that I have not met and to those

of you I also wish to express my appreciation. Your combined hard work and generosity have produced a fun promotion and a successful Kayak organization. Thanks a million!

I wish continued success to Kayak and you can be sure that I will always be your #1 (millionth) fan!

"People rock, so Kayak rolls!"

Sincerely, Jim Youngman
Pendleton

Umatilla County deputy graduates from safety academy

The most recent graduating class of the Oregon Public Safety Academy included Tyler Bigot of the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office.

Bigot and his classmates in Basic Corrections Local #BCL034 were honored during a Nov. 9 ceremony at

the academy in Salem. Chief Deputy Cliff Harrold of the Lane County Sheriff's Office was the guest speaker.

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training operates the Oregon Public Safety Academy. It 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.

Pendleton Foundation Trust announces grants for local organizations

The Pendleton Foundation Trust announced fall grants awarded totaled \$70,483.21. Recipients and the projects are:

•Guardian Care Center, \$4,960.00 for replacement of the air conditioning unit at their Pendleton service building.

•Happy Canyon Foundation Inc., \$10,000.00 toward an electrical upgrade at the Happy Canyon facility.

•Arts Council of Pendleton, \$4,403.00 to purchase seven steel, locking storage cabinets for the arts education room.

•Pendleton Young Life, \$16,198.00 to purchase and install carpet, and purchase equipment, appliances, building materials and furniture to

complete the theater room.

•Eastern Oregon Regional Airport, \$2,321.00 to transform the TSA room into the Doolittle Conference Room with a custom conference table shaped as a B-25 B airplane wing and a coffee table like a tail wing.

•Altrusa International of Pendleton, \$3,270.00 to purchase 30, 8-foot folding tables for use at the Altrusa Bazaar and for other local community organizations that use the Pendleton Convention Center.

•College Community Theatre, \$999.98 to purchase two Chauvet DJ LED Followspots for use in the Bob Clapp Theatre at Blue Mountain Community College.

•Pendleton High School A Capella Choir, \$13,241.25

to purchase 75 choir robes and 75 satin stoles to replace the robes last purchased in 1996.

•Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, \$630.98 to purchase five mannequins and wigs to display traditional leathers of the Round-Up court and beaded buckskins of the Happy Canyon princesses in celebration of their 50th anniversary in 2019.

•Pendleton School District Elementary music program, \$10,842.00 to purchase a full set of Orff instruments, to include bass, alto and soprano xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels.

•Oregon East Symphony and Chorale, \$3,617.00 to purchase three cellos and six

violins, with one laptop computer for the "Playing for Keeps" youth musical education program.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust board announced that grants, memorial trust funds and scholarships given in 2018 will total \$156,637.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust uses the earnings from money donated to the trust by individuals, organizations and estates for its semi-annual grant allocations.

The board includes Kathy Houk, chairperson, Pat Terjeson, Kevin Hale,

David Blanc, Jerrod Spriet, Lonnie Read and Marie Hall. Jerri Bealer serves as secretary and can be reached at 541-276-3331. Gifts are tax deductible and can be mailed to Pendleton Foundation Trust, P.O. Box 218, Pendleton, OR 97801.

BIRTHS

NOV. 5, 2018

KENNEDY — Kyra M. Perry and Dakota L. Kennedy of Pendleton; a boy, Krew Thomas James Kennedy.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

OCT. 30, 2018

BOWMAN — Ashley D. Freel and Brody L. Bowman of Hermiston; a girl, Hayeslee Ray Nicole Bowman.

CONNELL — Rachel D. Haworth and Justin D. Connell of Boardman; a boy, Jaxxon Lee Connell.

NOV. 1, 2018

CARRILLO PABLO — Martha Pablo and Hector Carrillo of Hermiston; a girl, Yuleimy Alva Carrillo Pablo.

HORNING — Brandi L. Horning and Riley J. Horning of Hermiston; a girl, Hayden Lee Horning.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

OCT. 31, 2018

HUTCHISON — Hudson D. Hutchison and Khamaron L. Scott of Pendleton; a girl, Melina Jade Hutchison.

NOV. 1, 2018

MOTT — Shannon N. Mott and Nathaniel R. Mott of Pendleton; a boy, Kaiden Wyatt Mott.

Pet of the Week



Penny will be our pet of the week. She is a perfect balance of sweet and sassy. With an outgoing personality, she is litter box trained, very clean cat. Get's along with other cats has not been tested with dogs.

PENNY

671 Pets Adopted in 2018!



Visit Penny at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws
Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm
517 SE 3rd ST, Pendleton
541-276-0181
Check out the PAWSABILITY Thrift Store

Pendleton Book Co.
125 S. Main St.,
Pendleton
541-276-9292

We are running a NOVEMBER SPECIAL on all black and black and white cats.