

Local destinations make business magazine list

A trio of local tourists activities were included in the **Oregon Business** magazine's top 100 fan-favorite destinations for 2019 in Oregon.

Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, which came in at No. 41, is the top regional destination on this year's list. Placing 28th last year, the museum is operated by the **Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**. Preserving the history of area tribes, it features a permanent collection and rotating exhibits. It's located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino in Mission.

Other regional destinations on the list included **Pendleton Round-Up**, in the 82nd spot. Founded in 1910, this year's Round-Up week is Sept. 7-14. The **SAGE Center**, an interactive visitor center in Boardman, came in at No. 86. Standing for Sustainable Agriculture & Energy, the **Port of Morrow** project was 53rd on last year's list.



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Instructor Marjorie Waheneka, third from right, teaches an American Indian beading class in the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute gift shop. The museum placed 41st on Oregon Business magazine's top 100 fan-favorite destinations for 2019.

Researchers studied 66,000 reviews — a 74 percent increase over last year's information — on Google, TripAdvisor and Yelp, which are the most widely used online review sites. The top destinations will be charted on a map for people

to use as a guide when traveling across the state. They will be distributed at visiting centers and at the state's borders.

"It is fantastic to see this project grow. Travelers rely more than ever on third-party reviews. The participa-

tion increase in this important research shows that more destinations are paying attention as well," said **Andrew Insinga**, CEO of MEDIAmerica.

For more information or to view the full list, visit www.oregonbusiness.com.

Round-Up Hall of Fame introduces new directors

The **Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame** recently welcomed newly appointed directors **Steve Hart**, **Mary French West**, **Casey White-Zollman** and **Jordan McDonald**.

Directors are appointed for three-year terms by the Round-Up and Happy Canyon corporations to promote the history and heritage of the organizations.

Hart, who was born in Dallas, moved to Eastern Oregon at a young age. He grew up in Long Creek, John Day and Seneca — moving to Pendleton in 1983, he graduated from high school in 1985.

After moving away for a couple of years, Hart returned to Pendleton and worked in sawmills then started doing heating, ventilation and air conditioning work in 1993.

He first started volunteering at the Round-Up in 1984 and later volunteered with the Happy Canyon Night Show in various capacities. Hart has a passion for the show and Pendleton's history. He will serve as a director of facility management.

Born and raised in San Francisco, **White-Zollman** received a journalism degree from the University of Portland in 2003 and moved to Pendleton that year.

She is married to **Casey Zollman**, owner of **NW Installations Construction**, and they have a son, **Ryder**. **White-Zollman** is vice president of public relations at **Blue Mountain Community College**.

She has volunteered with Round-Up and Happy Canyon since 2004, including co-chairing the **Tough Enough To Wear Pink** campaign since 2014. Also, her husband's family is very connected to Round-Up and Happy Canyon. **White-Zollman** also volunteers with Pendleton Cattle Barons' Buckaroo BBQ and Homebrew Challenge, and is chair of the Oregon Community College Marketing & Public Relations Association. She will serve as the grants and website director.

Born in Pendleton, West was raised in the Pendleton area and Washington's Skagit Valley. She graduated from Pendleton High School and Eastern Ore-

gon University. West is currently employed as office administrator with **Wilbur Ellis Company** in the agribusiness division located in Adams.

Her family history runs deep with the Round-Up, including serving as a princess in 1989. Her grandfather, **Jack "J.P." French**, judged bucking contests in the 1920s; her great-uncle, **Morris Temple**, founded the **Main Street Cowboys**; her grandmother, **Ruth Porter Piquet**, was a princess in 1933 and 1934; her daughter, **Katy**, was a princess in 2014 and her daughter, **Betsy**, was a princess in 2017 and queen in 2018.

West has been a volunteer with both Round-Up and Happy Canyon intermittently for 30 years. She will direct the annual Hall of Fame banquet in September.

McDonald was raised on his family's small ranch outside of Pendleton. He started early in business as a junior in high school as co-owner of **Wtechlink Incorporated**, an internet service provider. He graduated from BMCC in 2007, and grew the business until 2017

when he sold ownership and went to work for **Windwave Communications**.

McDonald was the 2018 **Pendleton Chamber of Commerce** president, is the 2019 **Pendleton Cultural Foundation** president and chaperoned Pendleton's student ambassador trip to Japan. He most recently finished his ex-officio Round-Up board service in 2018. His Round-Up volunteer service includes building a facility-wide fiber optic and wireless network for the grounds to support ticketing, ATM, security, phones and video broadcasts.

McDonald will serve as the publicity director for the Hall of Fame and coordinate the **Battle of the Bars** fundraiser.

Founded in 1969, the hall of fame is located across from the Round-Up Grounds at 1114 S.W. Court Ave. During the winter, it's open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2 for students. For more information, call 541-278-0815 or email McDonald at jordan.mcdonald@pendleton-overground.com.

Grants help feed students in need

Hungry students in the **Athena-Weston School District** and at **McLoughlin High School** recently benefited from the **Milton-Freewater, Athena, Weston Fund**.

A pair of \$500 grants were disbursed at the end of 2018 to help needy students. Half of the money provides backpacks of food during the weekends for students in Athena-Weston. The other was given to the **Milton-Freewater Kiwanis Foundation** for the Mac-Hi backpack food/shelter program.

An organizing committee led by **Leslie Brown**, **Tim Kennedy**, **Rick Rambo** and **Christopher Jay** started the fund in 2017. **Sam Tucker**, **Randy Grant** and **Dr. Carl Wheeler** joined the organizing committee in 2018. Twenty-six people, families and businesses have each given \$1,000 to become founders of the Milton-Freewater Athena Weston Fund, which now exceeds \$36,000.

"We are thrilled with the support we have received from our friends and neighbors, and grateful to be able to help these vital food programs for area children and youth," Brown said.

The group actively sought donations at the

founder level this past fall, she said, which provided a sufficient amount to make the initial grants. The MFAW Fund is dedicated to supporting charities and projects in the Milton-Freewater, Athena and Weston area of Umatilla County.

Umatilla County has been part of the **Blue Mountain Community Foundation's** service area since its founding in 1984, said executive director **Kari Isaacson**. And, she said, it has a long history of supporting the communities through grants and scholarships.

Although generous people have been supporting their community through BMCF, this is the first fund at BMCF dedicated to these communities, Isaacson said. The philosophy is "local wealth benefiting local communities under local control."

To make donations to the fund, visit www.bluemountainfoundation.org (click "donate" and select the fund name) or send a donation to the Blue Mountain Community Foundation, P.O. Box 603, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Be sure to note "MFAW" on the check. For more information, contact Isaacson at 509-529-4371 or kari@bluemountainfoundation.org.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
JAN. 8, 2019

OWEN — Mariana E. Fanning and Zayne C.V. Owen of Stanfield: a girl, Emmaline Marilou Marie Owen.
JAN. 9, 2019

MENDOZA — Maria C. Mendoza of Boardman: a girl, Alexia Lucia Mendoza.
JAN. 10, 2019

WILDBILL HARPER — Colleen C. Wildbill and Richard L. Harper Jr. of Pendleton: a boy, Alexander Liam Wildbill Harper.
JAN. 12, 2019

POVEDA — Amanda Starlipper and Mark A. Poveda of Pendleton: a girl, Evelyn Neveah Rose Poveda.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
JAN. 8, 2019

GOLDMAN — Devin E. Goldman and Mitchell J. Goldman of Hermiston: a boy, Jack Walker Goldman.
JAN. 10, 2019

STONE-SPRADLIN — Audrey F. Blodgett-Harrison and Justin R. Stone-Spradlin of Hermiston: a girl, Tilly Jean Stone-Spradlin.

Local poets respond to call for works after visit from state poet Stafford

Oregon poet laureate **Kim Stafford** visited Pendleton back in November. He gave a reading and held workshops, and the **East Oregonian** asked readers to submit their own poems in connection to Stafford's stay. We received a few lines from **Tom Hebert** of Pendleton and **Janet Boyd** of Hermiston, souls brave enough to show their works, and we applaud their efforts.

A power-line fell down
If only I was young with a better truck
A power-line fell down
In California and thousands of lives
were changed...
Forever.

From here I can't smell the smoke
But I can feel the miles from
Tutuilla Flats and hope to God
That I am exempt from trouble like
this.

Wish me luck, folks, for
Trouble I have known.
It sometimes beats me.
Like in a horse race.

How long can Eusebio and I go on?
Another decade... I think, I think.
— Tom Hebert

My dear friends
Because my hearing is shot
I don't understand the assignment.
Can I go to the...
Bathroom, Doc?
— Tom Hebert

On the lower Umatilla: (Early morning)
Fog hangs grey, slick,
freezing as it sticks,

hits ground, branches and leaves.
It's cold along the waters edge,
through reeds, through sedge.
To be so blessed!
To be alive,
survive,
into another day.
— Janet Boyd

On Walking Nude Near Midnight: (After moving to my rural farm)
Uncluttered by the stars
The dark and deepened night
Waits
Like a remnant of soft nap,

To be tucked, shaped, wrapped
About my waist,
To lend respectability
— Janet Boyd

The Dream/Nightmare: (after divorce)
And now, unfettered cruel beast;
You interrupt life's feast
to rage and tear, to devour my soul
Until I long for loneliness
to heal my wounds,
Rebuild my nest;
I dodge your forays into my past.
— Janet Boyd

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JAN. 19
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. 20
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)

MONDAY, JAN. 21
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)

BLUE MOUNTAIN PIECE-MAKERS, 12 p.m., Thimbles Fabric N More, 1819 Westgate Place, Pendleton.

PENDLETON ROTARY CLUB, 12 p.m., Red Lion Inn Walla Walla Room, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

DIRT DABBLERS GARDEN CLUB, 1 p.m., Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton.

Giving Luncheon: bring items to donate to Domestic Violence Services, including food, personal hygiene items, household items, new clothing items, gas or gift cards, new or used cell phones, etc. Officers will be elected. Guests welcome. (Sue Stefancik 541-443-2334)

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)

OREGON TRAIL GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Tom Moon 541-278-9702)

BLOOMER GIRLS GARDEN CLUB, 6:30 p.m., location varies, Hermiston. (Barbara Chadwick 541-567-2043)

INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS CHORALE REHEARSAL, 7-9 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy gymnasium, 3121 S.W. Haulley Ave., Pendleton. No try-outs; all welcome. No rehearsals June-July-August or Christmas-New Year. (Salli Ketchersid 541-289-4696)

OREGON EAST SYMPHONY CHORALE REHEARSAL, 7-8:30 p.m., Pendleton High

School music department, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Rehearsals led by Steve Muller will include opera choruses from "Aida," "Nabucco," "Der Freischutz," "Il Trovatore" and "HMS Pinafore." Performance March 15 at the Vert. No audition or fee required to participate. (JD Kinde 541-276-0320)

TUESDAY, JAN. 22
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)

COLUMBIA RIVER TOASTMASTERS, 6-7 p.m., Umatilla Senior Center, Umatilla.

AWANA, 6:30-8 p.m., Pendleton Baptist Church, 3202 S.W. Nye Ave., Pend-


leton. For children age 3 through sixth grade. (541-276-7590)

Pet of the Week


Shep is a 4 year old neutered German Shepard, very out going, loves to play ball, go for walks, knows some commands, very gentle, loves kids, very house broke, affectionate and loves hugs.

37 Pets Adopted in 2019!

Visit Shep at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm
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