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**High school students participate in the 2017 MedQuest Health Career Exploration Camp. Based at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, 12 local students have been chosen for this year's camp.**

## Local students to prep for health care careers

MedQuest camp is June 16-21 at EOU

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A dozen high school students from Umatilla and Morrow counties were among the 37 chosen from across the state to participate in the 27th annual MedQuest Health Career Exploration Camp. In addition, two local residents — who are currently working or studying for careers in the health care field — have been selected to serve as camp counselors.

Based at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, the special summer camp is offered to students interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. The Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center announced that local students selected to participate in the June 16-21 camp include Brooklynn Been, Kyra Ford, Nicole Lee, Ashlynn Madril, Sidney Schreier and Natalie Sieders, all of Pendleton High School; Venus Gonzalez and Cindy Quezada, both of Hermiston High School; Edith Gonzalez, Irrigon High School; Yeidi Ramos Mendoza, Riverside Jr./Sr. High School; and Hunter Nichols and Hannah Palmer, both of Heppner Jr./Sr. High School.

A past MedQuest camp participant, Marti Erice is returning for a third year to serve as a camp counselor. The 2015 Pendleton High School graduate is a certified nursing assistant at St. Anthony Hospital. Erice plans to attend nursing school in the future.

Yessenia Garcia-Sanchez, who had the unique honor of being selected to participate as a MedQuest camper in both 2016 and 2018, is new to the camp staff team this year. A 2018 Umatilla High School graduate, Garcia-Sanchez earned dual credits at Blue Mountain Community Col-

lege, where she is currently studying to obtain an associate's degree. She hopes to attend the Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing at La Grande.

During the camp, students will engage in a variety of unique medical experiences, including job shadows, panel discussions with local health care providers, tours of medical facilities and more. Many past campers have gone on to pursue careers as doctors, nurses, dentists, physical therapists and other health care professions.

NEOAHEC selected the applicants based on extracurricular involvement, essays, academic performance and passion for the health care field.

With a shortage of people in the health care field, especially in rural areas, Brittany Hargrove said the program contributes to the philosophy of "growing your own" health care professionals. The hope is that many of them will return to work in underserved communities.

The camp, Hargrove said, provides an immersive experience of life on a college campus and offers a clearer picture of work in medical careers. In addition, it often leads to an increased passion to pursue a career in a rural health care setting.

Many are health care workers who have been supportive of the program, including Dr. Don Benschoter. A former NEOAHEC board member, the retired Pendleton dentist provided a substantial scholarship donation to assist with tuition for students in need.

For more information about the camp and other programs offered by NEOAHEC, contact Hargrove at 541-962-3422, bhargrove@neoahcec.org or search www.neoahcec.org.

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## Wallowa homeland reopens with special exhibit

WALLOWA — The "Sharing Blankets" fiber art exhibition celebrates the grand reopening of the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland Visitor Center and Longhouse.

The visitor center event is Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at 209 E. Second St., Wallowa. As part of the celebration, the blanket exhibit opening will feature some of the creators, who will share about the significance of the blanket as symbol in contemporary Native American culture. The opening of

the longhouse is Saturday from 2-7 p.m. at 70956 Whiskey Creek Road, Wallowa. The artist's talk and community forum starts at 5 p.m.

The 320-acre homeland area is open daily from sunrise to sunset, although it may be closed on occasion for special events.

For more information, contact [info@wallowanezperce.org](mailto:info@wallowanezperce.org) or visit [www.wallowanezperce.org](http://www.wallowanezperce.org). For more about the exhibit, go to [www.sharing-blankets.org](http://www.sharing-blankets.org).

## Master illusionist to perform in Pendleton

PENDLETON — A Christian illusionist has a unique way of presenting the reality of God's love.

Phil Dalton will present a full-scale magic show Saturday, June 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the Pendleton First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St. There is no admission fee.

Dalton's specialty areas include making people appear and disappear, levitation and mind-blowing displays of sleight-of-hand.

Living out of suitcases in 2017, Dalton and his family embarked on a 50-show, 50-state tour in the summer of 2017 — often holding the shows in churches. They also hit the road last summer and are on the road again. The master illusionist is performing across the country, with

Pendleton as his only planned stop in Oregon — although show dates are still being added.

For more information about the local performance, call 541-276-5358. The magician's website is [www.50magichshows.com](http://www.50magichshows.com).

## Methodist camp hosts open house

JOSEPH — People are invited to an open house event at the Wallowa Lake United Methodist Camp, located near Joseph.

The activities include self-guided tours of the lodge, cabins and grounds. Also, visitors can play gaga ball, basketball, ping-pong, make a prayer flag, swing and enjoy refreshments. No pets are allowed at camp. The event is Saturday, June 1 from 3-5 p.m. The camp is located at 84522 Church Lane, Joseph.

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In addition, information about camp programs for all ages will be available. Also, people can learn about scheduling their own events, reunions and retreats.

For more information, contact Peggy Lovegren at [wallowalakecamp@gmail.com](mailto:wallowalakecamp@gmail.com) or 541-432-1271.

## Christian writers group announces summer conference

PORTLAND — Editors, agents and award-winning authors will come together to assist writers of all levels and genres in reaching their writing goals.

The Oregon Christian Writers Summer Coaching Conference includes in-depth morning coaching classes and 24 afternoon workshops on such topics as the craft of fiction, nonfiction, devotional

writing, children's and young adult writing, pitches and proposals, marketing and writing for magazines. The conference also offers manuscript reviews, one-on-one meetings with editors and agents, mentoring with published authors and professional panels.

The event is Aug. 12-15 at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion in Portland. The early registration fee is \$575 for OCW members, \$640 for nonmembers and \$375 for ages 23 and under. The fee increases after July 10 and again Aug. 1. In addition, there are part-time fees for partial attendance and special add-on sessions.

The conference also features the Cascade Writing Awards presentation and daily devotions and worship. For more information or to register, visit [www.oregonchristianwriters.org](http://www.oregonchristianwriters.org). For questions, contact [business@oregonchristianwriters.org](mailto:business@oregonchristianwriters.org).



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