

Local students S-P-E-L-L their way to victory

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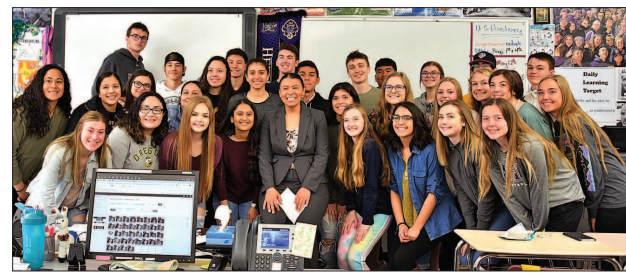
Students from the region showcased their spelling talents during an annual event sponsored by the **Inter-Mountain Education Service District**.

The Monday, May 6 spelling contest was held at **Blue Mountain Community College** in Pendleton. Students participated in three age groups; Division 1 (first-fifth grade), Division 2 (sixth-eighth grade) and Division 3 (ninth-12th

grade). The winners include:
UMATILLA COUNTY:
 Division 1: **Adriel Ibarra**, Stanfield Elementary School; **Kacey Cooper**, Washington Elementary School, (Pendleton) **Hazel Case**, McKay Creek Elementary School (Pendleton)
 Division 2: **Yadira Diaz-Lara**, Central Middle School (Milton-Freewater); **Malaya Stanger**, Sunridge Middle School (Pendleton); **Killian Clements**, Clara Brownell Middle School (Umatilla)
 Division 3: **Ricardo**

Pena, Michael Kerr, both Ukiah High School
MORROW COUNTY:
 Division 1: **Rafael Sepulveda**, Windy River Elementary School (Boardman); **Jackson Hobbs**, A.C. Houghton Elementary School (Irrigon); **Lane Critchlow**, Heppner Elementary School
 Division 2: **Stephanie Booher**, Riverside Jr/Sr High School (Boardman); **John Lindsay**, Heppner Elementary School; **Gaven Harwood**, Windy River Ele-

mentary School (Boardman)
 Division 3: **Emma Rietmann**, Ione Community School; **Angel Flores Rosas**, Riverside High School (Boardman)
 The contest included a total of 35 students, who had already competed and won division contests at their respective schools. All first place winners from each division is invited to advance to the state competition, to be held Saturday, Aug. 31 at the **Oregon State Fair** in Salem.



Photos contributed by Maria Duron

TOP: The Armand Larive Middle School student council was among three middle schools that received the Gold Council award from the Oregon Association of Student Councils. **MIDDLE:** The Hermiston High School student council was one of 16 high schools from across the state to receive the Gold Council award. **BOTTOM:** The Sandstone Middle School student council was recognized with a Silver Council award.

Hermiston secondary schools shine with awards

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Student leaders from Hermiston were recognized April 28 during the **Oregon Association of Student Councils** spring conference, held at the Red Lion Hotel at Jantzen Beach in Portland.

Hermiston High School and **Armand Larive Middle School** student councils each received Gold Council awards for outstanding achievements. The high school group was one of 16 schools from across the state that received the honor. Armand Larive was one of only three middle schools to earn the distinction. In addition, **Sandstone Middle School** brought home the Silver Council award.

Recognition is presented to student councils when they achieve stan-

dards related to community service, by creating events that promote school spirit and pride, sportsmanship, unity, recognition and leadership training, said **Maria Duron**, district communications officer. This is the second year in a row the schools have been honored at the conference, she added.

Club advisors **Dave Rohrman**, HHS social studies teacher; **Cathy Kay**, Armand Larive math and science teacher; and Sara Marks, Sandstone language arts teacher and leadership club advisor, were pleased with the recognition.

"I am impressed with our student leaders," Marks said. "I am proud of their accomplishment and cannot wait for next year to see what difference our leaders will make in our school and community."



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Demetria Thompson, center kneeling, is surrounded by members of **Team Thompson** during **Walk MS Eastern Oregon**. The **May 4** event at **Roy Raley Park** raised awareness and money for the **Oregon Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society**.

MS Walk steps out for 22nd fundraiser

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With a mantra of "No One Walks Alone," a Corvallis woman rallied support during the recent **Walk MS Eastern Oregon**. The May 4 event was held at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton to help raise awareness and money to fund research to combat multiple sclerosis.

More than a third of the event's 94 participants were a part of **Team Thompson**. Nearly 40 family members and friends of **Demetria Thompson** traveled to Pendleton — including 12 from Boise and one from Cheney, Washington — to support Thompson, formerly of La Grande.

"I am so grateful to be supported by my family and friends not only during Walk MS, but also as I face daily challenges of living with MS," Thompson said. "They've all shown me that 'No One Walks Alone,'" which was emblazoned on team T-shirts.

Thompson, who is attending graduate school at Oregon State University, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis — a chronic and progressive disease that impacts the central nervous system — in September 2017. This is the second year in a row that Team Thompson has participated in the Pendleton event to support Demetria — raising more

than \$1,500. In its 22nd year, Walk MS Eastern Oregon was coordinated by **Emily Nash**. The Pendleton woman took the reins from **Merilee McDowell** of Heppner, who had spearheaded the event for two decades.

Nash said \$4,000 was raised prior to the event, with an additional \$7,000 coming in during the walk. In addition to raising awareness and money, Nash said the event offers even more — a connection.

"I think the MS Walk in Eastern Oregon is important for people living with MS because you get to talk to people going through something similar to you," she

said. "They understand all the doctor appointments, the MRIs and the needles."

Thompson appreciates that the **Oregon Chapter of the National MS Society** hosts numerous fundraising and awareness events across the state. Other upcoming events include **Bike MS Willamette Valley**, which is Saturday, Aug. 3 in Monmouth; and **Gala MS**, a Saturday, Sept. 28 fundraiser at the Portland Art Museum. People can also create "DIY Fundraising Events" to support the cause.

For more information, including available resources and ways to give, visit www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/ORC.

BMCC cruises to diesel technology scholarships with annual car show

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Don Williams drove away with the **Best of Show** during the 2019 **Blue Mountain Community College Cruisin' for Scholarships Car Show**. The award, presented in memory of **Scott Waggoner** by **Mike Lapp** and **Javier A. Ingles**, was for a 1959 Dodge Power Wagon Pickup.

Held May 11 on the college's Pendleton campus, the event is in its seventh year. Coordinated by the **BMCC Foundation**, the car show raises money for the diesel technology program. It supports a scholarship fund, and provides assistance to students with the purchase of tools, books, tuition and living expenses.

The show — which included more than 100 entries from across Umatilla and Morrow counties as well as Baker City, La Grande, John Day, Prineville, the Tri-Cities and Boise — raised about \$15,300 for diesel technology scholarships. In addition, \$960.11 was brought in through donut sales, the dunk tank and root beer floats for general scholarships; and about \$1,400 was raised through the **Pendleton Lions Club** food booth. Other trophy winners included:

Best Ford Model T/A pre-



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Don Williams' 1959 Dodge Power Wagon pickup was voted Best of Show at the 2019 Blue Mountain Community College Cruisin' for Scholarships Car Show held May 11 at the college.

sented by **Les Schwab Tire Center**: 1930 Ford 4-door owned by **Arthur J. Falk**.
Best 4X4 presented by **Pendleton Lions Club**: 1975 Ford Ranger XLT owned by **Jeff Norling**.

Best Truck presented by **Pendleton Lions Club**: 1950 Chevrolet 3800 "Tool-Rat" pickup owned by **Rick Sandford**.

Best Diesel Powered presented by **VFW Let'er Buck Post 922**: 1959 Dodge Power Wagon Pickup owned by **Don Williams**.

Best Motorcycle presented by **Elkhorn Media Group**: 2016 Harley Davidson Road King owned by **Jeremy Pike**.

Best Pre-War presented by **Pendleton Air Museum**: 1932 Ford Coupe owned by **Vincent and Sheryl Payton**.

Best Convertible presented by **Hill Meat Company**: 1957 Chevy Bel Air owned by **Sally Schuh**.

Best Muscle Car presented by **Kenworth Sales Co**: 1969 Chevy Camaro owned by **Jim Cheney**.

Best Race Car presented by **Baxter Auto Parts**: 1939 Chevy Coupe owned by **Carol Rowbury**.

Best Hot Rod presented by **Robinson Rentals**: 1934 International P10 owned by **Alvin D. Brockett**.

Best Sound System presented by **Tammi Clark** for

KRBM Radio Broadcasting Alumni: 1995 Chevy Camaro owned by **Troy McGee**.

Best Work in Progress presented by **North East Oregon Masonic Lodges**: 1950 Chevy Pickup owned by **Roman Olivera**.

Best Paint Job presented by **Tum-A-Lum Lumber**: 1968 Ford Mustang owned by **Bob Schilling**.

Best Japanese Import presented by **Rogers Toyota of Hermiston**: 2011 Subaru WRX hatchback owned by **Jesse Messenger**.

Best European Import presented by **Vision Source Pendleton**: 1972 Triumph TR-G owned by **Chris Roop**.

Best 1950s presented by **Wheatland Insurance Cen-**

ter: 1953 Hudson Super Wasp owned by **Dustin Scott**.

Best 1960s presented by **Cascade Natural Gas**: 1969 Oldsmobile Toronado owned by **William Hickey**.

Best 1970s presented by **Tum-a-Lum Lumber**: 1972 Chevy El Camino owned by **Rick Vogel**.

Best 1980s presented by **Ashley Clark** for **BMCC ASG Alumni**: 1981 Chevrolet Camaro owned by **Jerry Matthews**.

Best 1990s presented by **Burns Mortuary of Hermiston**: 1995 Chevy Camaro owned by **Troy McGee**.

Best Millennium presented by **Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co.**: 2005 Dodge Magnum owned by **Mike**

Merrifield.

Lee Dicus Memorial President's Choice presented by **Lynn Stephens**: 1929 Ford Model A Cabriolet owned by **Jim Smootz**.

Lee Eavenson Memorial People's Choice presented by **Bruce Kauss**: 2014 Ford Mustang GT owned by **Curtis McDougall**.

Margaret Gianotti, executive director of the **BMCC Foundation**, expressed appreciation to those who contributed to the event's success — including community volunteers, the Pendleton Lions Club, student volunteers, industry sponsors, **BMCC** diesel technology students and **Jeremy Pike**, **BMCC** diesel instructor.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
MAY 13, 2019

HENDERSHOT — Savannah L. Wells and Anthony M.-C. Hendershot of Pendleton: a boy, Keyoni Teagan-Scott Hendershot.

MAY 15, 2019

MCFARLANE — Brittany L. McFarlane and Nicholas T. McFarlane of Pendleton: a boy, Ezekiel Scott McFarlane.

QUINLIN PULLEN — Kaitlyn L. Quinlin Pullen and Jonathan C. Quinlin Pullen of Pendleton: a girl, Alesis Rose Quinlin Pullen.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
MAY 17, 2019

HENDRICKS — Cheyenne M. Hendricks and Dean A. Hendricks of Hermiston: a girl, Octavia Danielle Lynn Hendricks.

Pet of the Week

Keike is a 2 year old spayed female. She likes other cats as long as she is the boss, does not like dogs. Keike has always been an indoor cat and needs to stay that way. She loves to cuddle and will talk to you.

225 Pets Adopted in 2019!

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

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