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ena Civic Memorial Asso-

ciation recently announced grant awards for the year

ending May 31, 2019.

ATHENA — The Ath-

The association was

established in 1957 as

a means to honor com-

munity charitable giv-

ing. Each year, the direc-

tors review and distribute

grants for further edu-

cation to Weston McEwen High School gradu-

ates. This year, grants were

given to Katie Vescio,

Bryce Thul, Jordyn Lam-

Barahona, Ashley Swaf- of the year. Bill Dudford and Noah Kelly. Also grants were awarded to the Athena Public Library and the Athena Caledonian Games.

Association awards grants

Athena Civic Memorial

Memorials were received from a number of people in memory of deceased individuals during the year: Lyle Bjorklund, Franci Hansell, Karen Montee, Belva Froese, George Vorhauer, Jim Crofton, Allison Faircloth, Cathy McDonald, Virginia Tubbs, Woody Hansell, Lelan O'Harra and God's Little Angels.

Large and small donations can be given to the association at any time ley, a 1934 Athena High School graduate, was a major benefactor to the association.

The Blue Mountain **Community Foundation** handles the association's money with earnings from the principal disbursed as grants. Board members include Judy Weidert. Molly Betts, Ken Bjorklund, Kendal Zerba, McKenzie Hansell, Elvin Taylor and James Zerba.

Gifts to the Athena Civic Memorial Association are tax-exempt and can be mailed to Athena Civic Memorial Association, P.O. Box 12, Athena, OR 97813.

LETTER OF THANKS

North Carolina student appreciates help

Dear people of the great state of Oregon:

A couple of months ago, I had a letter to the editor published in this newspaper. It said that I was doing a state report on Oregon and asked you to send me some information.

Your response was overwhelming! I have tried my best to send a personal thank you to everyone, but if you sent something and have not received a personal letter, please know how much I appreciate the time, thought, effort and money that you took to help me with my project. I learned so much, and I will never forget this experience!

On May 17, we had a big "State Fair" where we got to display the information and items we received. The people of the great state of Oregon were well represented! Thank you again.

> **Tiffiny Shontz Charlotte Latin** School, Charlotte, N.C.



Contributed photo

Eagle Scouts Patton Wright, left, and Spencer Wells of Milton-Freewater Boy Scout Troop #315 earned their Eagle Palms. In addition, they remained active in the troop and went on to earn 15 more merit badges to receive the Bronze, Gold and Silver Palms.

Local Scouts receive Eagle Palms

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MILTON-FREEWA-TER — Milton-Freewater Boy Scout Troop #315 is pleased to announce two Eagle Scouts who earned their Eagle Palms.

Patton Wright and Spencer Wells also went on to earn 15 more merit badges to receive the Bronze, Gold and Silver Palms before they were 18

Eagle Palms are the highest award a Boy Scout can earn. According to

"The Voice of Scouting," they are "an extremely accomplishment rare achieved by only a small fraction of Scouts. Only 5% of Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle and less than 1% then go on to earn a Palm.'

Wright is now an assistant scoutmaster in the troop and will be attending Eastern Oregon University this fall. Wells is currently serving a two-year mission in Indiana for the **Church of Jesus Christ** of Latter-day Saints.

During the troop's May 22 Court of Honor, Jacob Munoz advanced to the rank of Star Scout, Layne Ensey to the rank of 1st Class Scout and Ryelan Fisher and Jacob Shurtz earned their Scout Rank.

Scoutmaster John Wells and assistant scoutmaster Nick Jones have been working with individual Scouts to accomplish their goals, along with having monthly campouts to teach outdoor life skills.

Tee Time in the Park



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

David Vrabel of Pendleton helps his son, Ayden, 19 months, hold a bat while teaching him how to play tee ball on Tuesday at Pioneer Park in Pendleton.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton MAY 28, 2019

BROWN — Jordan E. Brown and Jimmy C.T. Brown of Pendleton: a boy, Kamdin Carl Brown.

MAY 29, 2019

GAILEY — Ashley J. Erickson and Anthony L.J. Gailey of Pilot Rock: a girl, Sophia Isabel Gailey.

MAY 30, 2019

BYRNES — Nicole C. Bynes and Joseph J. Byrnes of Pilot Rock: a girl, Coraline Pearl Byrnes.

JUNE 1, 2019

RAYO — Laura N. Estrada and Felipe Ray Jr. of Pilot Rock: a boy, Lorenzo Bear Rayo.

JUNE 2, 2019 ENGEL — Kristin R. Harlan and Derek J. Engel of Pendleton: a boy, Damien John Engel.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston **MARCH 28, 2019**

SPOON — Crystal M. Spoon and Tim Frank of Umatilla: a boy, Jaxon Edward Tru Spoon.

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LINDERMAN — Jamie Linderman and Bryce Linderman of Hermiston: a girl, Jordyn Linderman.

MAY 31, 2019 ARTZ — Cristal J. Artz and Brandon M. Artz of Hermiston: a girl, Rylie Jewel Artz.

STEWART — Amber D. Skinner and Carl (no last name given) of Hermiston: a girl, AshlynnMarz Zia Stewart.

Photo contributed by Mark Rose

Hermiston author Carol Clupny, left, visits with people during a book launch event hosted by the Hermiston Public Library.

Hermiston author continues book tour

By TAMMY MALGESINI East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Local author Carol Clupny has been making the rounds after launching her book, "The Ribbon Of Road Ahead: One Woman's **Remarkable Journey with**

Parkinson's Disease." The Friends of the Hermiston Library hosted Clupny, who participated in a May 14 book event at the Hermiston Public Library. The Hermiston woman will be heading to Portland for a Thursday, June 20 event at Broadway Books, 1714

N.E. Broadway St. It runs from 7-8 p.m.

For more information about Clupny, to read her blog or to order her book, visit www.ultreiablog.org.

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