

Pendleton Altrusa installs 2019-20 officers

PENDLETON — Megan Lauer was recently installed as president of Altrusa International of Pendleton.

Directors of the service club for 2019-20 are Shelley Atkinson, Joyce Follis, Jan Loughary, Terri Taber, Susan Neal and Karen Hoeft. In addition, officers include Sofi Smith, immediate past president; Karin Power, president-elect; Dorothy Bowen, first vice-president; Beth Harrison, recording secretary; Brittney Eikstaedt, corresponding secretary; Nicole Herranen, assistant treasurer; and Buffy Farber, treasurer.

Chartered in 1938, the Pendleton service club supports a variety of projects — both locally and globally, including the Days for Girls project. In the past year, local Altrusans have made 150 kits for the project that helps in meeting menstrual care needs of girls and women. Club members and other community volunteers donated approximately 1,000 hours working on tasks related to the project, including washing, ironing, cutting, sewing, organizing and shopping for supplies.

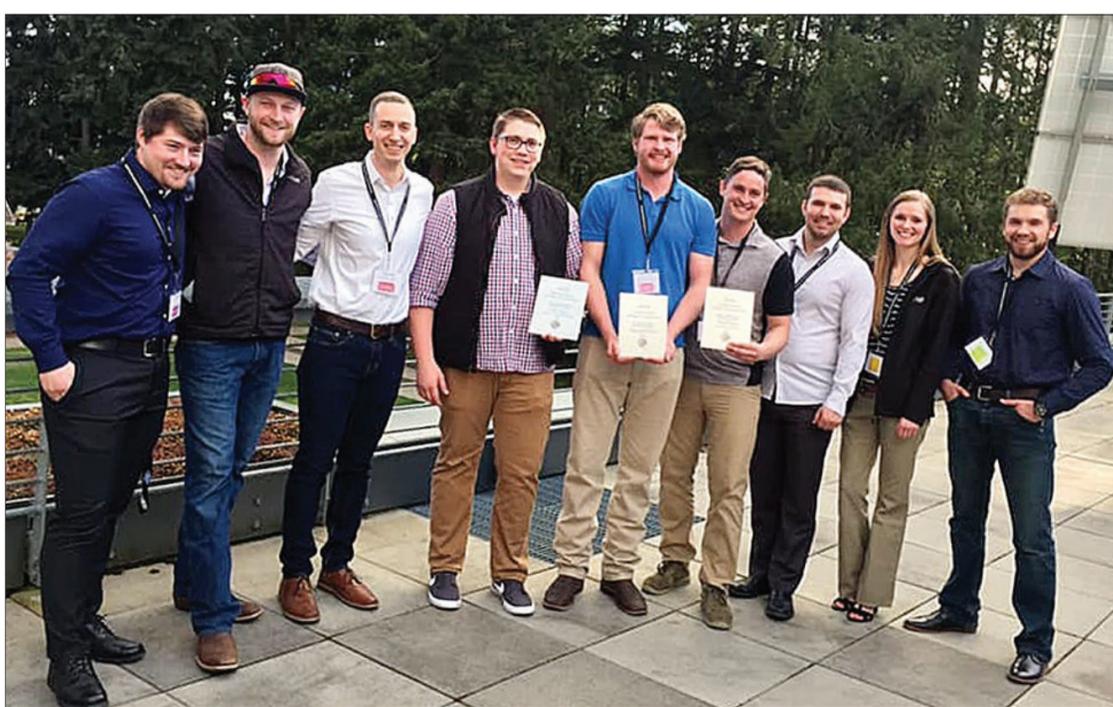
Also, the Pendleton club recently hosted the Altrusa District Twelve convention. The May 16-19 event, held at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, included clubs from across the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia.

For more about the Pendleton club, search Facebook, visit www.districttwelve.altrusa.org or contact altrusapend@gmail.com.



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OIT engineering students compete in national bridge construction contest

KLAMATH FALLS — The Oregon Institute of Technology steel bridge team, led by construction captain Grant Banister of Pendleton, placed 19th at the 2019 American Institute of Steel Construction Student Steel Bridge Competition.

The team also included design captain Bryce Terhune, Dan Iwicki, Michael Hoie, Cody Faber, Kayla de Hoop, Alex Holland and Ian Pargeter. C.J. Riley, civil engineering professor and team faculty adviser; and Pat Kile, civil engineering laboratory technician, provided technical support and consultation.

Earlier this spring, the Oregon Tech team placed second at the regional version of the competition at Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington, which qualified them to compete at nationals. The national competition, which concluded June 1, was held at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. It included 41 teams from across the nation.

The competition challenges student teams to develop a scale-model steel bridge, providing valuable hands-on experience by designing, fabricating and erecting steel bridges. The team must determine how

to fabricate their bridge and then plan for an efficient assembly under timed construction at the competition.

The bridge must span approximately 20 feet, carry 2,500 pounds, and must meet all other specifications of the competition rules. Bridge aesthetics are also judged and considered in the final results of the competition.

At the regional event, the team had the fastest construction speed of 9.97 minutes, well ahead of the next team with a time of over 18 minutes. The OIT team practiced in the weeks leading up to the nationals. That

paid off as they whittled their time down to 6.08 minutes at the national finals, which earned them a fourth place finish in both the construction speed and construction economy (speed/weight) categories.

"This is a phenomenal representation of our institution and program on a national stage, and the team's construction performance was truly inspiring," Riley said. "The steel bridge team next year now has a lot of experience and knowledge to build from ... to participate next year."

For more information, search www.oit.edu.



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Cathy Wamsley, back, InterMountain Education Service District's school-based Oral Health Program coordinator, looks on as Camila Cazana practices brushing a stuffed dragon's teeth at a 2018 health fair in Hermiston. The ESD recently received several grants, providing continued support for its Oral Health Program.

Oral Health Program brushes up with grants

PENDLETON — InterMountain Education Service District recently received several grants for its Oral Health Program.

The project, which serves students in Eastern Oregon, received \$60,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation for the 2019-20 school year. It's the final year of a funding commitment launched by OCF in 2014 to address childhood dental disease across the state. The project included a goal of building partnerships with other funding sources to support dental resources for students.

The education service district also received \$6,115 from the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation, \$4,488 from the Wildhorse Foundation, \$1,630 from Pendleton Foundation Trust and \$1,000 from the Hermiston Kiwanis Club. It will provide dental health edu-

cation materials to schools in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Each elementary school will receive its own mini dental education lab with lessons on dental hygiene.

Another part of the Oral Health Program involves expanded practice dental hygienists from Advantage Dental and DentaQuest. They provide screenings, fluoride treatment, sealants, dental kits and referrals for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students. From July 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019, the program served more than 8,000 students.

Cathy Wamsley, IMESD's school-based Oral Health Program coordinator, is thrilled with the support from the foundations, the local service club and providers. The money, she said, will ensure the sustainability of the program through the 2019-20 school year and beyond.

Hermiston blood drive changes collection venue

East Oregonian

HERMISTON — American Red Cross community blood drives in Hermiston have experienced a recent dip in donations.

Volunteer Patti Perkins wants to spread the word that due to a scheduling conflict at Good Shepherd, the upcoming blood drive will be held at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave. The collection event is Monday, June 17 from noon to 6 p.m.

Perkins also expressed appreciation for those who have donated the past cou-

ple of months. Recent blood drives included the collection of 18 units from 24 donors during the April 15 drive held at Good Shepherd Medical Center. Also, 26 units were collected from 40 donors at the May 20 drive at New Hope Community Church. Perkins also said homemade treats for donors were provided by the Hermiston Emblem Club and Eastern Star.

According to Perkins, approximately 35% of the population is eligible to donate blood, yet only 8% of those people actually do. Perkins said the Red Cross

has a continual need for donors to keep a sustainable supply of blood products for local hospitals.

While walk-ins are welcome during collection events, Perkins said it's helpful for the scheduling volunteers if people make an appointment by calling 1-800-448-3543. In addition, she said a Red Cross app is available that can be used to make appointments, complete the Rapid Pass and keep track of your donation totals.

For more information about donating blood, visit www.redcross.org.

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Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
JUNE 6, 2019

HOLMES — Raven Newton and Richard Holmes of Hermiston: a girl, Havika Desire Holmes.

Pet of the Week

Nala is 1 year spayed beautiful cat. Nala loves people, loves receiving/giving loves. Litter box trained, indoor only cat.

243 Pets Adopted in 2019!

Visit Nala at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws
Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm
517 SE 3rd ST, Pendleton
541-276-0181
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