

Arts Commission disburses grants

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SALEM — A trio of local arts-related nonprofit organizations were among the recipients to receive operating support grants from the Oregon Arts Commission.

Across the state, there were 138 arts organizations that received a share of more than \$1.1 million. The individual grants, which were available to nonprofit organizations with budgets of more than \$150,000, ranged from \$3,114 to \$29,924. Area organizations receiving funding, which was announced in late January, include:

- **Arts Council of Pendleton**, Pendleton: \$11,717
- **Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts**, Mission: \$5,818
- **Oregon East Symphony**, Pendleton: \$3,114

In addition, regional entities receiving funding include, **Fishtrap Inc.** (Enterprise, \$7,448); **Joseph Center for Arts and Culture** (Joseph, \$3,114); **Crossroads Creative and Performing Arts Center** (Baker City, \$4,278); **Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council** (La Grande, \$3,114); **Columbia Arts** (Hood River, \$7,092); and **Four Rivers Cultural Center** (Ontario, \$7,057).



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Zach Banks, right, conducts a spring 2019 rehearsal of the Oregon East Symphony Youth Orchestra. The symphony was among several arts-related nonprofit organizations in the area that received operating support grants from the Oregon Arts Commission.

"We often hear that these are the most important grants we award," said **Anne Taylor**, Arts Commission chair.

"They alleviate some of the economic pressure and allow Oregon arts organizations to focus on their missions."

In addition, the Arts Commission announced in late February recipients of the **Arts Build Communities** grants. Fishtrap received \$7,000 for its Big Read program that celebrates literature, and the Joseph Center was awarded \$5,868 to support

"Women Celebrate 100 Years of Voting & Art," a multi-disciplinary six-week celebration of women through art.

The Oregon Arts Commission is supported with general funds appropriated by the Oregon Legislature and with federal funds

from the **National Endowment for the Arts**, as well as funds from the **Oregon Cultural Trust**.

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Local graduates nominate teachers who inspired them

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LA GRANDE — First-year honor students at **Eastern Oregon University** recently nominated 21 educators from across Oregon, Idaho and Washington to receive recognition as **Inspirational High School Teachers for 2020**.

Freshmen who maintained dean's list standing during the fall term 2019 recommended a high school teacher who influenced them on the road to higher education and academic excellence. EOU presents the awards annually in recognition of outstanding high school teachers who encourage and represent the importance of higher education to their students.

Locally, six 2019 graduates from schools in the area recommended six of their high school instructors:

- **Giliana Adams**: recommended **Stu Clem**, who teaches history and leadership at **Pendleton High School**.

- **Samuel Carlson**: **Rory Simpson**, who teaches government at **Griswold High School** in Helix.

- **Joseph O'Brien**: **Madison Hynes**, who teaches agriculture and math at **Riverside Jr./Sr. High School** in Boardman.

- **Aaron Davis**, who teaches mathematics; **Jennifer Fuentes**: **Aaron Davis**, who teaches AP government;

- **Michelle West**: **Zyan Silver**, who teaches physical science.

For more information, contact **Molly Burke**, executive assistant to vice president for Student Affairs, at 541-962-3058 or mburke@eou.edu.

St Patrick's Day parade takes a shortened route

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HEPPNER — Donning festive green attire, **Raymond and Norma French** were still able to serve as grand marshals of the St. Patrick's parade in Heppner — just a smaller, indoor version.

Although **Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living Facility** is closed to visitors, staff coordinated the afternoon activity Saturday, March 14 to help celebrate St. Patrick's Day. They filmed it on **Facebook Live** for others to enjoy. Festive music played as several facil-

ity staff and the Frenches strolled past resident rooms.

"The spirit of the celebration of St. Patrick's Day is alive and well," said **Rita Van Schoiack** on the video post.

Karen Wolff, who posted a link of the video to her Facebook page, said after being restricted to their rooms, the residents were ready to celebrate. She also noted that her mother, **Marjorie Gorham**, provided Norma with some of her daffodils. As of Wednesday afternoon, the video had been viewed nearly 3,200 times.



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Lucy and Bruce O'French were a featured float during the St. Patrick's Parade March 14 at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living in Heppner.

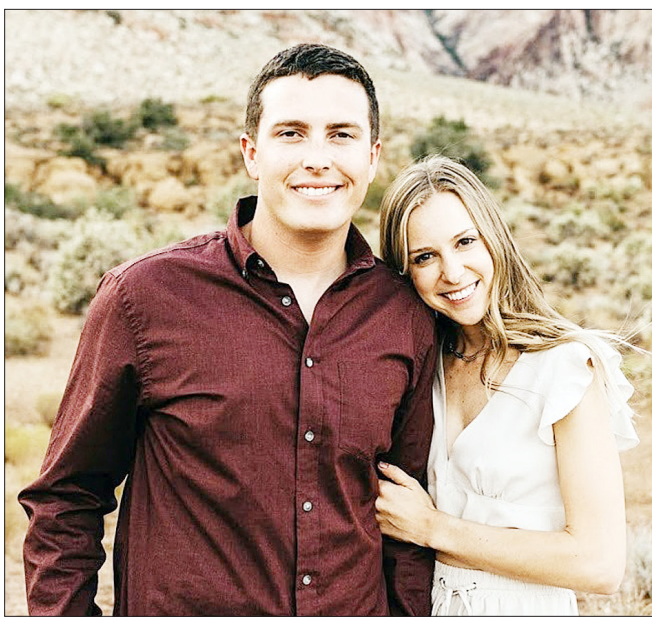
ENGAGEMENT

Haddad-Hamblin

Nicole Renee Haddad and Thomas McKay Hamblin are engaged. Nicole is the daughter of John and Robin Haddad of Henderson, Nevada. Thomas is the son of Kevin and Lynne Hamblin of Hermiston.

Both Nicole and Thomas are 2017 graduates of University of Nevada, Reno. Both are employed by Nevada Department of Wildlife in Henderson, Nevada.

The wedding will be March 28, 2020, in Zion National Park, Utah. A wedding reception will be held in Hermiston on Saturday, June 20 from 3-8 p.m. in Scott and Melissa Purswell's yard.



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Thomas McKay Hamblin and Nicole Renee Haddad.

Mac-Hi graduate shares effort to expand education about civil rights

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WALLA WALLA, Wash. — **Kaitlynn Jensen**, a 2019 **McLoughlin High School** graduate, was part of an effort to expand civil rights education in local schools through **Whitman Teaches the Movement**.

The effort is part of a partnership between **Whitman College** and

Walla Walla Public Schools, said **Gillian Frew**, Whitman media relations strategist. Founded in 2011, the yearly program coordinates student volunteers from the college, who go to local schools to lead conversations about civil rights and social justice.

The Whitman College volunteers taught in kindergarten through 12th

grade classrooms after attending training sessions to prepare for their roles as educators. The curriculum included lessons about **Ruby Bridges**, **Jackie Robinson** and **Martin Luther King Jr.**'s famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

For more information, contact Frew at 509-527-5156 or frewga@whitman.edu.

BIRTHS

ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL, PENDLETON
MARCH 9, 2020

LINHART — Megan D. Linhart and Wesley W. Linhart of Pendleton: a boy, Monty William Linhart.

MARCH 10, 2020

POWELL — Anevay Kimball and Brandon Powell of Hermiston: a girl, Sora Marie Powell.

MARCH 11, 2020

ALBITRE — Lea E. Allison and Jacob P. Albitre of Pendleton: a girl, Lilith Charlotte Albitre.

MARCH 12, 2020

SANDS — Rachel Montee of Umatilla and Ryan Sands of Irrigon: a boy, Colt Bradley-Alan Sands.

MARCH 16, 2020

MORTON — Jane L. Morton and Justin

R. Morton of Pendleton: a boy, Benjamin Paul Morton.

GOOD SHEPHERD MEDICAL CENTER, HERMISTON

MARCH 6, 2020

ADAMS — Caitlyn Adams and Quinton Adams of Hermiston: a girl, Emberlee Rose Charmain Adams.

MARCH 10, 2020


AMEZCUA DIAS — Veronica Dias Torres and Jesus Amezcua Mateo of Hermiston: twin girls, Anabel Amezcua Dias and Isabel Amezcua Dias.

MARCH 15, 2020

CARDONA GOMEZ — Viviana Gomez Ordonez and Martin Cardona Ordonez of Hermiston: a boy, Franklyn Cardona Gomez.

Paw Print

Pet of the Week



Harper came into Paws as a stray, she is 1-2 years old. Up to date on shots, friendly does great on a leash and is house trained. Does not mind other dogs, (do not know about cats).

HARPER

105 Pets Adopted in 2020!



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