

Round-Up names grand marshal of Westward Ho! Parade

Bob Stangier will lead nonmotorized parade on Sept. 17

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PENDLETON — The oldest living Pendleton Round-Up director and a veteran of World War II is the grand marshal of the 2021 Westward Ho! Parade.

Pendleton native Bob Stangier, a beloved figure in the community, leads the nonmotorized parade that trots and rolls along Pendleton streets on Friday, Sept. 17, starting at 10 a.m. and marks an unofficial start to the Pendleton Round-Up.

The Pendleton Round-Up announced Stangier would serve as the grand marshal in a press release Friday afternoon, May 28.

Stangier was born in 1923, raised in Pendleton and grad-



Pendleton Round-Up/Contributed Photo
Pendleton native Bob Stangier, the oldest living Pendleton Round-Up director and a World War II veteran, is the grand marshal of the 2021 Westward Ho! Parade.

uated from Pendleton High School in 1942 before enrolling at Oregon State College, now Oregon State University. He married his wife Mary Jane Stangier in 1949. The couple raised four children in Pendleton. She died in 2017 at the age of 90. He now has four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Stangier is a decorated war veteran who served during World War II in the Army Air Corps as a B-25 bomber pilot, flying 70 missions while stationed in Italy. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with seven clusters for his service.

After the war, Stangier attended Oregon State before returning to Pendleton to begin his business career. His businesses included an ice cream manufacturing plant, a children's clothing store and a Hallmark gift shop.

Stangier has been

involved with the Pendleton Round-Up beginning in 1935 when he was 12, according to the press release. He served as a Round-Up director from 1950-57, where he performed as the accommodations director, concessions director and the policing director, as the positions were titled during his years of service. He is credited for establishing the Buckle Club, which is an event past Round-Up and Happy Canyon directors put on for their members and guests each year.

Stangier not only is the oldest living past Round-Up director, according to the press release, but he also likely is the youngest to ever serve on the Round-Up Board of Directors. And he may hold the title for longest-serving volunteer with more than 80 years of committed service.

"Bob doesn't believe that he has missed a Round-Up,

except the four years he spent serving our country during World War II," the release stated.

Stangier has a history of involvement with other organizations in the community, including the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, the Pendleton Downtown Association, the Rotary Club and the Umatilla County Historical Society. He also was an ex-officio Pendleton Round-Up director while serving as the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce president in 1975.

Stangier continues to be an active and valuable Round-Up volunteer in the retail store.

Pendleton Round-Up in the press release stated Stangier's extensive contributions to the Round-Up "allow him to be recognized and honored as the grand marshal for the Westward Ho! Parade this year."

Students ditch electronics, head outside

By JEREMY BURNHAM
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WESTON — With a return to in-person, indoor learning dominating education news amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Weston Middle School welcomed the return of Outdoor School May 24-27.

Outdoor School is a week-long event when at Weston Middle School students spend their days outside learning skills such as shelter building, stream quality and stream life, cooking over self-made cook stoves and orienteering.

Much of the week was spent at ABC Mountain Retreat. Students also went hiking on trails near Corporation Organizational Camp along the Umatilla River.

Normally, the week is for fifth and sixth graders, but things were a little different this year. The week had to be canceled in 2020 when there was no in-person school statewide in Oregon.

Athena-Weston School District staff didn't want to see last year's sixth graders miss out on the week, so sixth and seventh graders participated this year.

"We are grateful that the state provided funding this year for both grades so that our current seventh graders would also have this important educational experience," Weston Middle School Principal Ann Vescio said.



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Outdoor School, a week-long event when Weston Middle School students spend their days outside learning skills such as shelter building, stream quality and stream life and cooking over self-made cook stoves at ABC Mountain Retreat was May 24-27, 2021. Back after a 2020 pandemic cancellation, this year's event included students who would have attended last year.

This year's fifth graders will get to take part in the fall, Superintendent Laure Quaresma confirmed.

Quaresma said there was a lot of enthusiasm for the week.

"Everyone from students to teachers to volunteers are exhausted after spending four days outdoors, but all return to school each

day with exciting stories and big smiles," Quaresma said. "What a great way to end what has been a difficult school year."

She added that in a year that has been spent inside on computers all day, it was good to get children away from their electronics for awhile.

"Following a year of

COVID screen time, this is the perfect time to get our students in an outdoors learning classroom," she said. "For our students, getting unplugged and out in nature so close to home is a fantastic way to spend a week."

Quaresma said state grants and Oregon State University fund Outdoor School.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Condon man dies in motorcycle crash with car

FOSSIL — Oregon State Police reported a Condon man died Saturday, May 29, outside Fossil after the motorcycle he was driving crashed into a car.

OSP troopers and other emergency personnel at approximately 4:20 p.m. responded to a crash on Hoover Creek Lane. State police reported the preliminary investigation showed Timothy Bender, 32, was driving a Honda 450R motorcycle north on the road and collided with a southbound Subaru Outback.

Bender suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene.

State police also reported Thomas Edwards, 71, of Bend, was driving the Subaru. He and passenger Gale Brown, 61, also of Bend, suffered minor injuries.

Pilot Rock looks to ban using RVs as homes

PILOT ROCK — The Pilot Rock City Council at its meeting Tuesday, June 1, hears the draft of a proposal to prevent people from using recreational vehicles as dwellings.

There are several recre-

ational vehicles people are using as residences, according to the memo to the city council, which determined it's time to limit how long an RV can double as a home.

The city council meets June 1 starting at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at Pilot Rock City Hall, 144 N. Alder Place.

Ordinance No. 592 would prohibit using a recreational vehicle as living and sleeping quarters when it is parked or stored on a residential lot, private driveway, city right-of-way on any location the city council does not approve for such use. The ordinance allows an exception for recreational vehicles that function as guest accommodations for no more than 14 days.

The council packet for the meeting includes one objection to the proposal.

William and Margaret Arbogast in a hand-written letter to the council stated he is on a CPAP — continuous positive airway pressure therapy — machine, and there are times he must sleep in their camp trailer, such as when power goes out or they have company staying at their small house.

The council also will consider a request to divide the property at 241 S.E. Fourth St. and a request for a conditional use permit for a business at a home at 234 S.W. Birch St.

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Shelter building was among many of the outdoor skills activities during Weston Middle School's Outdoor School week May 24-27, 2021.

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