

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

**Athena civic association awards scholarships, grants**

ATHENA — The Athena Civic Memorial Association announced scholarships recently were awarded to five Weston McEwen graduating seniors, along with grants to the Athena Public Library and Caledonian Games celebration.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 were awarded to Nevin Malchow, Victoria Vandembos, Bailey Munck, Shelby Yunk and Isaac Wood. Malchow received the Dorothy Bjorklund Memorial Scholarship.

Grants were awarded to the Athena Public Library in the amount of \$300, and the Athena Caledonian Games received \$2,500.

The association was established in 1957 as a means to honor community charitable giving. A gift to the Athena Civic Memorial Association is a tax-exempt contribution and can be mailed any time of the year to P.O. Box 12, Athena, OR 97813.

Memorials were received from a number of people in memory of deceased family and friends during the year, including: Mike Wallan, Jim Gentry, Charlotte Hudson, Betty Lowary, Jim and Jane Gentry, Carl King, Dorothy Bjorklund, Jim Lieuallen, Garry Groves, Doris McMillan, Mary Wallan, Carolyn Cogswell, James and Linda Stroud, June Schmidtgall, Gaylord Salter, Michael Smith, Helen Callaway, Millie Shaner, Lawrence Beamer,



Malchow



Munck



Vandembos



Wood



Yunk

Beverly Mathwich, Joy Nell Salter and Doreen Munck.

Board members are: McKenzie Hansell, Judy Weidert, Molly Betts, Kendal Zerba, Elvin Taylor, James Zerba and Sally Thompson. Ken Bjorklund retired from the board in 2021 after 32 years of service.

**Training focuses on sharing your faith**

HERMISTON — When Christians share their faith-based experiences, it offers a message of hope many people are looking for, said Chris Hankel, senior pastor at New Hope Community Church.

The Greater Hermiston CityFest Committee, which includes local pastors and church leaders, invites people to attend "Friendship Evangelism Training." The session helps people learn to share their faith story in a natural way.

Presented by Jose Zayas, those in attendance will learn that even if they're not a preacher or an outgoing person, everyone can develop their own personal style in sharing about their faith in God. The free event is Tuesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP via [luisपालाassociation.regfox.com/herm-fe](http://luisपालाassociation.regfox.com/herm-fe).

Zayas is active in global missions — speaking at festivals, conferences and outreach events across the United States, Europe and Africa. He also serves as lead pastor of 26 West Church in Portland and is the author of "Airborne: Getting Your Faith Off the Ground."

The committee continues to make plans for numerous activities and community events during the week of Aug. 22 — leading up to Greater Hermiston CityFest, which is Saturday, Aug. 28, at Butte Park in Hermiston. For more information and to sign up for regular updates, visit [www.cityfest.org](http://www.cityfest.org). For questions, call Mary Corp at 541-720-3859 or Phil Hamm at 541-561-4724.

**OES announces youth music camp**

PENDLETON — The Oregon East Symphony is excited to announce it is resuming its annual Summer Strings Music Camp.

It's open to youth string players, including violin, viola, cello and bass. To enroll, students must be able to read music at an elementary level.

The camp runs July 26-30 in the courtyard at Heritage Station Museum, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Since Summer Strings will be outdoors, the camp is being reduced to a half day from 9 a.m. to noon to avoid the afternoon heat.

Because of an Oregon Community Foundation K-12 Summer Learning Grant, the symphony is able to compensate for the reduced camp hours. Camp participants will be offered a series of four, 45-minute private lessons with a camp instructor of their instrument during the summer following the camp.

For more information about the Summer Strings Music Camp contact OES Education Director Zach Banks at [education@oregonEastSymphony.org](mailto:education@oregonEastSymphony.org) or 541-276-0320.

**Olson graduates from Gonzaga University**

SPOKANE — Skylar Olson of Milton-Freewater received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology during Gonzaga University's commencement ceremony Sunday, May 9, 2021.

Gonzaga University is a private Catholic, Jesuit and humanistic university providing education to more than 7,800 students. Situated along the Spokane River near downtown Spokane, Gonzaga is routinely recognized among the West's best comprehensive regional universities.

**Cattle Barons increase 2021 scholarships**

PENDLETON — Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend's 2021 comeback year was a success beyond expectations. The Cattle Barons Board of Directors at its June meeting matched the extraordinary success by increasing the student scholarship amounts awarded for this year by an additional \$250 each.

"Our board of directors is committed to our mission," said board President Andy VanderPlaats. "With the event exceeding our

hopes for success, the next logical step was to increase the scholarships." VanderPlaats acknowledged the success for this year was a combination of great ranch horses and working dogs for the premier auction, vendors and barbecue participants willing to step up and, most of all, enthusiastic spectators that were an unexpected support for the weekend events. VanderPlaats also acknowledged the American National Cattlewomen participation through its Region V convention as a boost to the success in the still-uncertain times of the waning pandemic.

Young adults receiving the 2021 scholarships that will see the added increase are Emily Gluch, attending Oregon State University; Taylor Ann Skramstad, attending the University of Idaho College of Law; Audrey Harwood, attending Treasure Valley Community College; Mathew Orem, attending Blue Mountain Community College; Morgan Orem, attending Oregon State University; and Macy Rosselle, attending Oklahoma State University. All are involved in studies related to the field of agriculture.

More information about Pendleton Cattle Barons' Weekend and the plans for April 29-30, 2022, can be found at [www.cattlebarons.net](http://www.cattlebarons.net).

**Hermiston resident receives fellowship**

WALLA WALLA — Hermiston resident Salma Anguiano has received a public policy and international affairs fellowship through the Junior Summer Institute at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy. The seven-week fellowship prepares students with rigorous coursework for future careers in public affairs.

Anguiano is a rising senior at Whitman College in Walla Walla, where she studies politics and Chinese. She was recently elected as the new Whitman student body president. In addition, she leads Protecting Our Roots, which seeks to get a federal bill into Congress that protects undocumented workers from deportation when seeking compensation for an injury.

—EO Media Group

**Juneteenth Celebration features fun for the family**

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — The public is invited to bring a big appetite and get ready to have fun as the Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition hosts a Juneteenth Celebration.

It will feature a barbecue, children's games and fellowship. The family-friendly event is Saturday, June 19, 4-8 p.m. at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. There is no admission fee.

While there are picnic tables at the park, those planning to attend may bring their own chairs or blankets. People also can bring their favorite lawn games.

John Carbage, president of the coalition, said some area churches have partnered with them to coordinate the event. Juneteenth, sometimes referred to as Freedom Day, Liberation Day or Emancipation Day, is celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States.

"It's one of the most important holidays after the Emancipation Proclamation," Carbage said. "Even though the slaves were free, it was two years later when all the slaves were really free."

Carbage said many Blacks at the time couldn't read, so they weren't aware of the implications when President Abraham Lincoln issued the proclamation. Denying people education, Carbage said, is a way of continuing to control them.

The holiday, Carbage said, is important because if people aren't aware of history, they are doomed to repeat it. "That's why we have to keep challenging the status quo," he said. "We have to look forward and continue to make positive changes."

The Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition meets the second Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave. For more information about the celebration event or the coalition, contact Carbage at 541-701-7073 or [जारबागे@yahoo.com](mailto:जारबागे@yahoo.com).

**Oregon Department of Transportation** Update 6/2/2021

**Project Information**

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**OR 207 Chip Seal**  
(Umatilla Co)

The Oregon Department of Transportation is chip-sealing sections of Oregon Highway 207 in Umatilla County in June. Crews will apply the chip seal resurface treatment, then repaint the highway lines and markings afterwards. The process includes spreading rock chips onto emulsified oil, then pressing the rocks in with rollers. The route will be restriped afterwards.

**SCHEDULE:** Work is scheduled to begin June 14 and will be completed by the end of June.

- OR 207 (333 Hermiston Hwy.) between I-84 Exit 182 at milepost 12 and Madison Road/Butter Creek at milepost 17.
- OR 207 (320 Lexington-Echo Hwy.) between Butter Creek at milepost 27 and Morrow County line at milepost 19.

This is a continuous 13-mile stretch of highway.

The milepost number change where two routes intersect at Butter Creek.

**NOTE:** Project schedule is subject to change.  
Visit [TripCheck.com](http://TripCheck.com) for current traffic impacts.

**PARKING RESTRICTIONS:** Park vehicles outside work zones during chip seal activities in downtown areas.

**TRAVEL IMPACTS:** Expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, loose rock on the roadway, flaggers, and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through work zones. There will be two short-term closures of the Exit 182 east bound off ramp sometime during the project. Minor delays during nighttime/early morning hours for road sweeping. Plan extra travel time, reduce speed and watch for construction crews and equipment. Crews will sweep roadway, but expect some loose rock to be present for several days after chip seal.

Bicycle riders should be prepared for traveling on rock chip covered highway sections behind a pilot car with no usable shoulders. Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be provided access through or around the work zone. Use alternate routes or delay travel if possible to avoid work zones.

**RANCHERS, FARMERS, PROPERTY OWNERS:** Please keep farm equipment off the impacted highway sections during and up to two days after the chip seal application. Also, adjust irrigation pivots and lawn sprinklers to keep water off the roadway. If you have plans for moving livestock on these highway sections in June, please advise Randy Randolph at 541-969-8518 or Justin Reed at 541-612-2605.

We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation during these paving operations. For more information on eastern Oregon highway construction projects contact: Tom Strandberg @ 541-963-1330, email: [thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us](mailto:thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us). For updated road conditions check [TripCheck.com](http://TripCheck.com) or call 511, or (800) 977-6368.

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