

SCENES FROM THE UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR



Fairgoers wander the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021.

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The late afternoon sun silhouettes a trio of riders Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, while riding a swing at the fair.



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Fairgoers hold on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, as they ride the Extreme Scream.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Elks scholarship program accepting applications

PORTLAND — All high school seniors in Oregon who are U.S. citizens are welcome to apply to the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program. The entire MVS application process is handled online with applicants being judged on academics, leadership and community engagement and financial need.

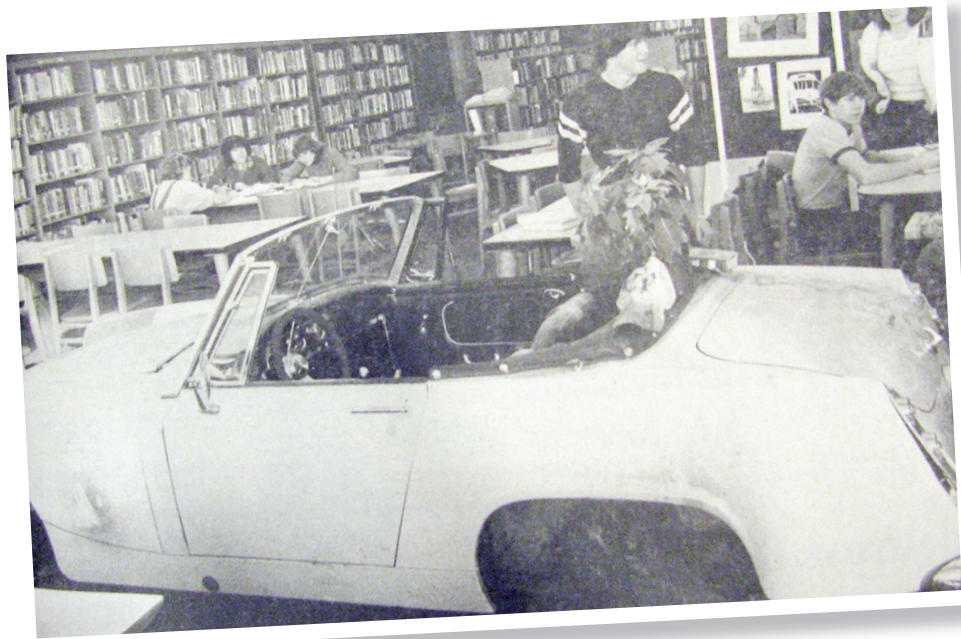
Applicants will be judged at four levels with the opportunity to earn scholarships at the local, district, state and national level. The top male and female students will advance from the local lodge level to the district level, and from there onto the state and national competitions.

At the national level, two first-place awards of \$50,000 each, two second-place awards of \$40,000 and two \$30,000 third-place awards will be granted. The remaining 14 finalists will each receive \$20,000 and 480 runners-up will receive scholarships of \$4,000, for a total of \$2,440,000 nationwide. Students wanting to apply for the scholarships do not have to have an affiliation with the Order of Elks and the deadline to apply for the 2022 application is Nov. 15 at 11:59 p.m.

Online applications and additional information are online at www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm.

Also available for those not attending a four-year college or university, the Oregon State Elks Association offers a Vocational Grant Scholarship for those attending a program specific to a trade or profession, such as nursing, mechanics, hair/nails and construction. Adult learners also are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications opened Aug. 2 and must be received by midnight on March 1, 2022. For more information and to apply, visit oregonelks.org/student-contests/scholarship/.

For more information or assistance, interested students, families or high schools can contact their local lodge or the Oregon State Elks Association Scholarship Chair Mary Danca at emjade@opendoor.com.



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Pendleton High School students shared the library with an MG Sprite during a Pep Week prank on Feb. 23, 1981.

Infamous Pendleton High class holds 40th reunion

PENDLETON — One of the more notorious classes to graduate from Pendleton High School meets this weekend for its 40th reunion.

The Class of 1981 is holding events Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13 and 14, at the Roy Raley Room at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. The event is "very casual," according to information on the Facebook page for the reunion.

Members of the Class of '81 pulled off one of the all-time great pranks at the high school, impressive enough the East Oregonian covered it.

"Pep Week pranksters struck Pendleton High School in February 1981 with a puzzling parking problem," the paper reported in an "Out of the Vault" segment.

"Students arrived on Monday morning, Feb. 23, 1981, to find a yellow MG Sprite plunked in the middle of the high school library. The car was jacked up and the tires removed and shoved under the car. The pranksters took the lug nuts so the wheels couldn't be reinstalled. A potted plant perched serenely in the rear seat, and three books were carefully placed alongside: "Fingerprinting," "Great Adventures in Crime" and "Crime in America."

The "culprits" obtained a key to the building, accord-

ing to the paper, removed a center post from the library doors and rearranged the furniture to place the car in the center of the room.

The crew behind the car caper was so smooth, there was not a scratch on the floor nor any oil leaks.

Parking attendant Dave White heard about the incident and gleefully slapped a ticket on the windshield, citing the owner for improper parking, not having a parking sticker and for blocking the aisle.

And Principal Joe Cannon said, "We'll get it out of here, but I don't know when." While the battery and engine were still in the car, it wouldn't start.

SAGE Center makes plans for harvest festival

BOARDMAN — The SAGE Center in Boardman urges people to "save the date" for the Morrow County Harvest Festival. In its eighth year, the event will be held exclusively outdoors on Saturday, Oct. 2.

The festival will feature a variety of vendors with high-quality, regionally produced agricultural goods and handmade artisan crafts. In addition, Threemile Canyon Farms will provide an opportunity for attendees to "fill-a-bag" full of locally grown produce with "Harvest Bounty for Youth in Agriculture."

Many other fun activi-

ties are planned during the event. For more information, visit www.visitsage.com or call 541-481-7243. As the event gets closer, further details will be printed in the East Oregonian.

State parks seek committee members

SALEM — The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is seeking a recreational vehicle owner and a representative of a county parks department to serve on the County Opportunity Grant Program Advisory Committee. The seven-member committee allocates funding to county projects that involve recreational vehicle camping.

The group's main function is to read, assess and score grant applications submitted to the program, and attend a one-day grant application presentation meeting, typically held in Salem each November. (The meeting may be virtual, depending on the status of the pandemic.)

For more about the responsibilities, visit www.oregon.gov/oprd and click on the menu for Commissions & Advisory Committees, click on the link to County Parks Assistance Advisory Committee and under "Grant Advisory Committee" open the link to Committee Roster and Application Information to access a "Committee Interest Form," or go directly to www.oregon.gov/oprd/GRA/pages/GRA-cogp.aspx. The form is due by Wednesday, Sept. 15.

For questions, contact Mark Cowan, grant program coordinator, at 503-951-1317 or mark.cowan@oregon.gov.

Oregon students cash in with Community Bank

JOSEPH — Despite a chaotic school year for teachers, students and their families, Community Bank's Earn While You Learn program marked its 11th year.

The program paid out more than \$11,800 to 552 student-customers in the Eastern Oregon and Southeast Washington area. This brings the total since the program began in 2011 to \$137,141.

Earn While You Learn is designed to encourage students in their academic success by rewarding Community Bank Youth Savings account customers for their good grades. During the months of June and July, all Community Bank branches accepted end-of-the-year report cards from students in first through 12th grade.

For every top grade (indicated on the grading system used for each school) in a main school subject, Community Bank deposited \$1 into their Community Bank Youth Savings Account. The program provides up to \$50 annually per student.

Community Bank was founded in 1955 by a group of Joseph business leaders as the Bank of Wallowa County. Since then, it has grown across the region, including local branches in Hermiston, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater. For more information, visit or visit www.communitybanknet.com.

Echo schools set registration process

ECHO — As summer winds down, the Echo School District is gearing up for the 2021-22 school year.

Families can complete registration verification for their students online or may attend a pair of in-person sessions if assistance is needed. The online registration opens Monday, Aug. 16, and closes Wednesday, Aug. 25. For detailed information about the registration process, visit <https://5il.co/wtva>.

To receive in-person assistance, a session is available Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1-7 p.m. In addition, help will be available during the open house, which is Aug. 25, at 5:30 p.m.

Also, Family Health Associates will conduct sports physicals Aug. 18, 5-8 p.m. in the school's Pioneer Hall. Students entering seventh, ninth and 11th grades who plan to participate in sports will be required to have one prior to participating in practices. It may include a cognitive test that can be used for comparison in case an athlete sustains a head injury.

If you require assistance and can't attend one of the in-person sessions, email Jenny Thomas at jthomas@echosd5.org. The school also has office hours Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. For questions, call 541-376-8436. For more information, visit www.echo.k12.or.us.

—EO Media Group

PUBLIC SAFETY

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11

9:48 a.m. — Milton-Freewater police responded to a reported theft on Elzora Street.
8:42 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to a reported burglary on Southeast Goodwin Avenue.

THURSDAY, AUG. 12

12:01 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Northwest Elder Street, Pilot Rock.
11:57 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported burglary at Suzi's Handy Mart, 211 N. Water St., Weston
5:36 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to three reports of a theft on North First Street.
7:24 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to a reported burglary on East Dogwood Avenue.

9:57 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to a reported burglary on East Main Street.

11:12 p.m. — Milton-Freewater police responded to reported vehicle theft on South Andrea Street.

FRIDAY, AUG. 13

12:56 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported burglary on Prunedale Road, Milton-Freewater.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Aug. 12
2:40 p.m. — Umatilla Tribal Police Department arrested Marqus Jordan George, 29, for welfare of a minor, reckless endangering, failing to appear in court and violating a restraining order.



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