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The Pendleton FFA Chapter attended the Oregon FFA State Convention March 17-20, 2022, in Redmond.

Pendleton FFA competes at state convention

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton FFA Chapter was well represented during the March 17-20 Oregon FFA State Convention in Redmond.

According to a press release, seven students were finalists in proficiency areas, ranging from agricultural sales to sheep production. District proficiency award winners who took their super-

vised agricultural experiences to state included: Rylee Demianew in agricultural education; Crae Campbell in agricultural sales; Sydney Dodge in beef production; Madaline White in diversified livestock production; Kinley McAnally in grain production; Kelli Nelson in sheep production; and Tatum Paullus in specialty animal production.

White also was a finalist for the State Star Farmer Award. In addition, Alex-

ander Krokosz competed in and placed fourth in the State Talent Contest, singing his rendition of “Folsom Prison Blues.”

Students attended various leadership workshops as well as the career fair offered during the convention, providing ample opportunities to visit with colleges, universities, trade schools and vendors.

Sydney Dodge, Tatum Paullus, Brie Youncs and

Madaline White all received their State FFA Degrees, the highest level the Oregon FFA Association offers, based on scholarship, FFA involvement and development of a quality supervised agricultural experience.

In addition to student achievements, Curt Thompson, PHS assistant principal, was recognized by the Oregon Agriculture Teacher's Association as its 2022 Administrator of the Year.

Affordable housing project aiming to open in 2024

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — An affordable housing project on Pendleton's South Hill is continuing through the development process and is slated to begin construction later this year.

Umatilla County nonprofit Horizon Project Inc. announced the concept behind South Hill Commons back in February 2021: a 70-unit apartment complex that would include a group home for disabled adults and affordable housing for people earning up to 50% of Pendleton's median income. The city played a role in getting the project off the ground, agreeing to grant Horizon an option to acquire 3.5 acres of land east of Highway 11.

For the South Hill

Commons project to proceed, Horizon needs a conditional use permit for land zoned for medium density. Horizon also seeks to consolidate the two lots the Commons are set to be on.

“We're excited by the design,” Horizon CEO Terri Silvis said in an interview.

The Pendleton Planning Commission was going to take up the requests Thursday, April 14, but due to a lack of a quorum, the commission postponed the vote until April 28.

Silvis said South Hill Commons has been moving swiftly through the development process and has her fingers crossed that it stays that way. Horizon hired Carleton Hart Architecture of Portland to design the building and LMC Construction of Tualatin to manage

the facility's construction.

With the project being backed by a nonprofit dedicated to serving adults with disabilities, Horizon has had to rely on government funding and grants from charities to fund South Hill Commons. Silvis said she expects fundraising to wrap up by the end of this summer, with construction starting in the late summer and early fall. The construction for the development is supposed to continue through 2023 and then begin leasing to residents in 2024.

While Horizon will support residents of the group home, Silvis said the nonprofit plans to work with the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon to support the affordable housing residents, specifically targeting people at-risk of falling into homelessness.

Silvis added that Horizon was in the midst of organizing focus groups to determine what kind of services potential residents needed from South Hill Commons.

Horizon already runs a similar housing project in Milton-Freewater called Pioneer Commons and has further plans for expansion. Silvis said the Kumi Foundation, a charity that donates to causes associated with assisting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, has already donated to South Hill Commons and is also contributing to a new Horizon development in Hermiston. Silvis said Horizon recently purchased land on Theater Lane to build another affordable apartment complex/group home, but it will likely come at a smaller 20-25 units.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Deadline nears for Kiwanis scholarship

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Noon Kiwanis Club is accepting scholarship applications from Hermiston High School seniors or graduates attending colleges and universities in academic programs.

Scholarships are for \$1,000. Important factors in the evaluation of applicants include scholarship, community service, leadership and financial need.

The Perry Johnson and Russell Dorran Post-Secondary Education Scholarships are available in the Hermiston High School counseling office.

The scholarship committee must receive all applications by April 22 to schedule interviews with applicants. Children of Hermiston Kiwanis Club members are not eligible for these scholarships.

For additional information, contact Jeff Kelso, scholarship committee chair, by calling/texting 971-217-1763 or emailing jeffrey_kelso@hotmail.com.

Morrow County candidates take the stage

HEPPNER — Morrow County commissioner candidates can make their appeals to voters at a forum Tuesday, April 19, at 6 p.m. at the

Gilliam & Bisbee Building, 106 E. May St., Heppner.

Two seats on the Morrow County Board of Commissioners are up for election this year.

Position 2 incumbent Melissa Lindsay switched to the open Position 3 race and faces competition from Jeff Wenholtz of Irrigon.

Three candidates are vying for the open Position 2: Mike McNamee of Irrigon,

Gus Peterson of Ione and David Sykes of Heppner.

The public can submit questions for the candidates to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce by April 18, 5 p.m. via email to heppnerchamber@gmail.com.

The chamber will provide a Zoom link to those that wish to participate virtually and will broadcast the forum via Facebook Live.

— EO Media Group

Marthella “Marty” R. Adams (Schuening)

May 20, 1946 – April 3, 2022

Marthella “Marty” R. Adams, 75, passed away peacefully in her sleep in Pendleton on April 3, 2022, at her stepmother's home. Marty was born on May 20, 1946, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Robert Herman Schuening and Patricia Naomi Sipp.



She was raised and educated in the Pendleton area, attending Hawthorne Elementary, Sherwood Elementary, Helen McCune Junior High, Pendleton High School and Blue Mountain Community College.

She has lived in Pendleton and Clatskanie, Oregon, Vanderhoof, British Columbia, Whitefish and Olney, Montana.

Her law enforcement career included working for Clatskanie Police Department, Pendleton Police Department and Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. Her entrepreneurial endeavors included co-owning Millennium Plastic and Rocky Mountain Plastics. Her passions included horseback riding, fishing, hunting, camping, gardening, writing and spending time with family and friends. Her devotion to writing resulted in six of her books being published.

She is preceded in death by her father, Robert H. Schuening; mother, Patricia N. (Sipp) Schuening; stepmother, Emma Maxine Haines, who passed away in March of this year; brother, Richard Schuening, and grandparents, Herman and Freda Schuening. She is survived by her daughter, Dorene (Dave) Winter, and son, Robert W. (Tammy) Schuening; her siblings Julie Schmidt, Eddy Schuening, and Ivan (Lynne) Schuening. Grandchildren include Kayla R. Holmes, Matthew R. (Ashley) Holmes and Royce R. (Hannah) Schuening and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary, of Pendleton, with a graveside immediately following at Skyview Memorial Park. Burns Mortuary, of Pendleton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.



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Members of the Oregon East Symphony Youth Orchestra perform Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton. OES and its Youth Chamber Collective are in concert Saturday, April 23, in the Chamber Music Festival at the Vert Clubroom, Pendleton.

OES's Chamber Music Festival returns in person

Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

PENDLETON — Oregon East Symphony's Chamber Music Festival returns in person performances with a diverse array of chamber ensembles beginning Saturday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Vert Clubroom, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton.

The annual Chamber Music Festival features a variety of small ensembles performing chamber works, accompanied by a generous spread of hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided by the Oregon East Symphony's volunteer Board of Directors.

Among this year's performers is a flute trio, led by OES flutist Cathy Muller and featuring violinist and assistant concertmaster Viet Block and principal violist Emily Muller-Cary performing Beethoven's “Serenade in D major, Opus 25.” Muller also will perform an arrangement of Christoph Willibald Gluck's “Minuet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits” from his opera “Orfeo ed Euridice,” with flutist Caty Clifton and Muller-Cary playing piano.

Iranian-born soprano Nasibeh Abdollahi will perform “Ah! fors e lui che l'anima” from Giuseppe Verdi's opera “La Traviata” accompanied by Rachel Parisseau on piano. Abdollahi has been a professional vocalist for the past 22 years. She started her musical career in chorus groups, such as Sharif University's Music Group and Tehran's Choir in Tehran.

Abdollahi was an active member of the first Iranian Acapella group Tehran Vocal Ensemble and participated in global competitions, earning titles in the Asian Choir Games, the World Choir Games and more. With the

quartet ensemble “Voria,” she earned a Gold Diploma in World Choir Games in Cincinnati in 2012.

James Dean Kindle, a Pendleton-based singer and guitarist who is normally known for performing country and rock music, will perform a piece by minimalist composer Steve Reich. “Electric Counterpoint” is a work for solo electric guitar and prerecorded tape of 12 guitars and two basses. Recording engineer Addison Schulberg assisted Kindle in assembling a new recording of Kindle playing the 12 guitars and two basses for the Chamber Music Festival.



Abdollahi

Also, the OES Youth Chamber Collective will perform a movement from Franz Schubert's “String Quartet No. 1, D. 18.”

The Youth Chamber Collective is a program that offers professional-level coaching to student chamber ensembles of various instruments. These ensembles are comprised of advanced middle and high school students who are provided chamber performance experience.

YCC members this year are Ember Spencer (violin), Natasha Peters (violin), Gabrielle Bedolla (viola), and Matthew Estrada (cello). Zach Banks, OES education director and principal cellist, serves as the coach for the Youth Chamber Collective.

Tickets are \$25 per person and available for purchase at the OES Office (541-276-0320, 345 S.W. South St, Pendleton, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday) or online at www.OregonEastSymphony.org.

For more information please contact Kindle, 541-276-0320 or email director@OregonEastSymphony.org.

Jeffrey Donald Tarter

March 23, 1975 - April 6, 2022

Jeffrey Donald Tarter lost his battle with colon cancer on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at his home in Salem, Oregon.

Jeff was born on March 23, 1975, in Hermiston, Oregon. He graduated from Umatilla High School in 1993. He attended community college before going to work for Purswell Pumps where his career in the agriculture profession began.

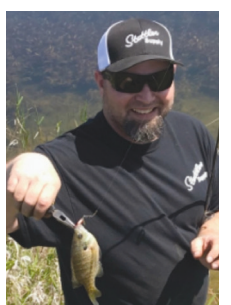
Jeff and Nichole had a short courtship before they married in November 1998. They moved to Salem, from Spokane, Washington, in 1999. He worked for Schneider Water Services in St. Paul for a few years before going to work for Stettler Supply Company, in Salem, for years as a project manager for the agriculture side of the business. He had just started working for Fackler Construction last summer as a superintendent.

Jeff was a hard worker, dependable, loyal and easy to like and love. He just celebrated his 47th birthday on March 23 with his family and friends at his home.

Jeff is survived by his wife of 23 years, Nichole Tarter; sons, William Christoph III and Jacey Tarter; father, Rodney Tarter; stepmother, Leanne Tarter; mother, Diane Ford; brother, Roderick Tarter; sisters, Melanie Tarter, Kelli Johnson, Josie Miers and Julie Sweeney; numerous nieces and nephews; and three grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at The People's Church, 4500 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, Oregon, on Saturday, May 14, at 2 p.m.

For online memorial tributes:
<https://crowncremationburial.com/tribute/details/2022/Jeffrey-Tarter/obituary.html#tribute-start>



Robert "Bob" Oliver Wood

December 7, 1937 - April 4, 2022

Robert “Bob” Oliver Wood, 84, passed away April 4, 2022, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born Dec. 7, 1937, to Walter M. Wood and Edna J. Mills in Hood River, Oregon.



He graduated from Umatilla High School. After graduation he joined the US Army Reserves. He then married his high school sweetheart, Joyce L. Hofmann. They had three children. They later divorced and he married Nancy (Bredwell) Lilly.

He retired from US Gypsum where he was a bookkeeper. After retirement he moved to Jerome, Idaho.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, sister, Wilma, children, Timothy Wood (Stu), Robert “Tony” Wood (Kathi), Teri Wise, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, step daughters, Debbie Monson (Kevin), Sandy Neffendorf (Bill) and several step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Joyce L. Wood, sisters, Norma, Lucille, Jocille, Verna, Mary and Ruth, one brother, Walter “Bud” Wood, and son in law, Raymond Wise.

An open house in honor of him will be held April 23, 2022, at his home in Jerome, Idaho.