

PUBLIC SAFETY

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

9:10 a.m. — Milton-Freewater police received a report of a graffiti in the alley on the 900 block of Perkins Street.
 1:49 p.m. — A resident on Tyler Road, Boardman, reported his neighbor's cows were in his pasture and damaged his fence. He said this is an ongoing issue.
 3:51 p.m. — Umatilla County sheriff's deputies responded to Yellow Jacket Road, Milton-Freewater, on a report of harassment.
 4:43 p.m. — Pendleton police received a report of child abuse/neglect.
 8:08 p.m. — A resident on Southeast Cannon Street, Heppner, called the Morrow County Sheriff's Office to request filing a missing person report on her daughter. The sheriff's office responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

8:03 a.m. — A caller on Diablo Court, Umatilla, reported a domestic disturbance. Police responded.
 8:28 a.m. — Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District conducted a fire hydrant test at the fire station, 500 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon.
 10:10 a.m. — Umatilla County sheriff's deputies responded to Milton-Freewater Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, 84667 Highway 11, to take a report on a vehicle theft.
 1:59 p.m. — Stanfield police responded to Stanfield City Hall, 160 S. Main St., for a burglary.
 3:10 p.m. — Umatilla County sheriff's deputies responded to North Water Street, Weston, for a theft complaint.
 5:31 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to the 1600 block of Westgate on a report of an assault.
 5:58 p.m. — A caller reported he was loading up furniture on the 300 block of East Main Street, Lexington, when someone a block over on Arcade Street called his dog and left in a vehicle. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded and found the dog.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9:45 a.m. — Umatilla County sheriff's deputies took a report of vehicle theft on South Water Street, Weston.
 10:04 a.m. — A caller on East Appleton Road, Milton-Freewater, made a report of harassment.
 11:40 a.m. — Umatilla police responded to Third Street, Umatilla, on a report of harassment.
 1:45 p.m. — A caller on Highway 11, Milton-Freewater, reported a burglary. Umatilla County Sheriff's Office took a report.
 1:22 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to the 900 block of East Newport Avenue on a report of a burglary.
 1:59 p.m. — Pilot Rock police responded to J&D's Food Mart, 111

S.W. Birch St., for a disturbance.
 2:49 p.m. — An ambulance responded to Love's Travel Stop, 78665 Tower Road, Boardman, for a 50-year-old man who slipped, fell and injured his back. The ambulance took the man to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.
 2:51 p.m. — Emergency services responded to Castle Rock Apartments, 451 Tatone St., Boardman, for a 22-year-old man who asked what to do about waking up and not remembering. An ambulance took the man to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.
 4:16 p.m. — A caller at the rest area on the westbound side of Interstate 84 near Boardman reported a juvenile Black girl and a white man who appeared to be in his 50s got out of a truck and walked away from everyone in the parking lot. The caller said the juvenile appeared to be uncomfortable with the man. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office checked the area but did not find anything suspicious.
 6:45 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to Southwest Ninth Street for a domestic disturbance after receiving a report of a male and female physically fighting at this location.
 7:56 p.m. — Umatilla police responded to Van Buren Drive on a report of harassment.
 8:49 p.m. — A caller on North Loop Road, Stanfield, reported a domestic disturbance.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

April 29

- Boardman police arrested Sergio Lopez Antonio, 28, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and hit-and-run involving property.
- Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Kash Michael Leon, 31, for second-degree burglary and vehicle theft.
- Umatilla Tribal Police arrested James Brian Halfmoon Jr., 25, for two counts of assault of a police officer, two counts of criminal mischief, one count of resisting arrest, a felony probation violation and on three warrants for failure to appear.

April 30

- Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Markus Paul Davis, 20, for hit-and-run involving property and a felony probation violation.
- Hermiston police arrested Gage Darrell Woods, 23, for menacing, felon in possession of a weapon and first-degree theft.

May 1

- Pendleton police arrested Brian Allen Palmer, 41, for violating a restraining order, first-degree burglary and first-degree criminal trespass.

IMESD announces 2022 Crystal Apple Award winners

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The InterMountain Education Service District and its component school districts announced in a news release the winners of the 2022 Crystal Apple Excellence in Education Awards.

School districts in Eastern Oregon are proceeding 44 Crystal Apples in early May to deserving education staff, according to the announcement.

Morrow County and Umatilla County school districts honor their educators Monday, May 9, with a ceremony at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The events include receptions, according to the press release, and the IMESD invites and winners' families and friends and school district staff.

Each year, the InterMountain ESD partners with its school districts to recognize outstanding administrators, teachers, educational assistants and office and building staff for their dedication and commitment to students and for their willingness to go above and beyond their regular duties. Nominations are submitted over a two-month period by administrators, cowork-

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD INFORMATION

Award programs, which include biographies of the winners will be available on the InterMountain Education Service District website after each event at www.imesd.k12.or.us/page/crystal-apple-award-ceremonies. More information about the Crystal Apple Awards is online at www.imesd.k12.or.us/page/crystal-apple-awards.

ers, parents, students and community members. Winners are selected from these nominations by school district administration.

"Celebrating the hard work that school district employees do each and every day in our region is always exciting during the Crystal Apple Awards," IMESD Superintendent Mark Mulvihill said in the press release. "But it's especially wonderful this year, since we can return to in-person award events."

Below is the list of the 2022 Crystal Apple Award winners.

2022 Crystal Apple Award Winners

INTERMOUNTAIN ESD

- Brandi Audis**, educational assistant, Early Intervention/Early Special Education Program
- Rhonda Dockweiler**, administrative assistant, Teaching & Learning Department
- Rachael Olson**, third and fourth grade teacher/special program

liaison, Virtual Learning Academy
Jennifer Richardson, graphic design specialist, Communication & Print Solutions Department

MORROW COUNTY

- IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Tracey Johnson, principal, Lone Elementary School
Stephanie McElligott, preschool/instructional aide, Lone School

- Morrow County School District**
Katie Burton, counselor, Sam Boardman Elementary School
Michelle Gale, special education assistant, A.C. Houghton Elementary School
Lori McCabe, head cook/assistant custodian, Heppner Jr./Sr. High School
Laura Winters, sixth grade teacher, Windy River Elementary

UMATILLA COUNTY

- ATHENA-WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Ashley Tompkins, agriculture science teacher, Weston-McEwen High School
Karen Webb, secretary/district kitchen supervisor, Athena Elementary/District Office

- ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Anna Bench, classroom aide, Echo School District
Shana Schmidt, science teacher,

Echo High School

- HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Tim Kahl, language arts/social studies teacher, Helix School
Katie Zmuda, school cook, Helix School

- MILTON-FREEWATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Melissa Cunningham, choir/drama teacher, McLoughlin High School
Steffany Esser, social studies teacher, McLoughlin High School
Jennifer Kessler, lead cook, Gib Olinger Elementary School
Heather Vaughn, special education teacher, Gib Olinger Elementary School

- PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Tammy Hillmick, paraprofessional, Sherwood Heights Elementary School
James McDonough, maintenance, Pendleton High School
Karen Smith, special education teacher, Sherwood Heights Elementary School
Fred Wolotira, math teacher, Sunridge Middle School

- PILOT ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Lela Thieme, science/wellness teacher, Pilot Rock Jr./Sr. High School
Jacob Try, music teacher, Pilot Rock School District

- STANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Adam Lemmon, PE teacher, Stanfield Elementary School
Michelle Reeser, kindergarten teacher, Stanfield Elementary School

- UKIAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Thomas Conner, athletic director/basketball coach, Ukiah School

- UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Danette Prindle, paraprofessional, McNary Heights Elementary School
Tim Young, fifth grade teacher, McNary Heights Elementary School

DEATH NOTICES

Dorothy Ann Benjamin

Walla Walla
 Dec. 18, 1945 — April 24, 2022

Dorothy Ann Benjamin, 76, of Walla Walla, died April 24, 2022, in Walla Walla. She was born Dec. 18, 1945, in Pendleton. A funeral service will be May 8, 1 p.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 855 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Lorraine Adele Brown

Walla Walla
 Jan. 24, 1929 — April 27, 2022

Lorraine Adele Brown, 93, of Walla Walla, died April 27, 2022, at her home. She was born Jan. 24, 1929. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

John Elwin Kelly

Milton-Freewater
 April 13, 1929 — April 25, 2022

John Elwin Kelly, 93, of Milton-Freewater, died April 25, 2022, at his home. He was born April 13, 1929. A gathering will be at a later date. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

George Donald 'Don' Rankin

Hermiston
 Sept. 24, 1938 — April 28, 2022

George Donald "Don" Rankin, 83, of Hermiston, died April 28, 2022, in Hermiston. He was born Sept. 24, 1938, in Camden, New Jersey. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Mable Ruth Petty Smith

Milton-Freewater
 Feb. 20, 1926 — May 1, 2022

Mable Ruth Petty Smith, 96, of Milton-Freewater, died May 1, 2022, at her home. She was born Feb. 20, 1926. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Ival R. Sullivan

Irrigon
 Sept. 9, 1936 — Feb. 9, 2022

Ival R. Sullivan, 85, of Irrigon, died Feb. 9, 2022, in Hermiston. He was born Sept. 9, 1936, in Upton, Missouri. A celebration of life graveside service will be May 21, 1 p.m. at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Willard D. Wood

Pendleton
 Oct. 7, 1936 — April 22, 2022

Willard D. Woods, 85, of Pendleton, died April 22, 2022, in Pendleton. He was born Oct. 7, 1936, in La Grande. Services will be announced. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Comstock, Kathy — Memorial, 11 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

McCann, Tom — Memorial service, 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

Neal, Ryan — Celebration of life, 3 p.m. at Marker 40 Golf Club, 78873 Toms Camp Road, Boardman.

Oertwich, Ronald — Memorial service, 1 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton.

Olsen, Ole — A celebra-

tion of life and burial of ashes, 1 p.m. at the Arlington Masonic Cemetery, Pendleton.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Benjamin, Dorothy — Funeral service, 1 p.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 855 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

 **Ronald Oertwich** 
 August 8, 1944 - April 23, 2022

Ronald O.A. Oertwich, 77, of Pendleton, Oregon, passed away on April 23, 2022.

Ron was born in Norfolk, Nebraska, to Oran C. Oertwich and Mabel M. (Starkel) Oertwich on Aug. 8, 1944.

In 1955, Ron's parents moved their family to Hillsboro, Oregon, where he graduated from Hillsboro Union High School in 1962. After high school, Ron joined the Navy serving his country as a Petty Officer Third Class airplane engine mechanic and in October 1962 married Mardell Bischoff. Ron received an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1965 and moved his family back to Oregon where he worked as a diesel mechanic for many years.

In 1989, Ron, his wife, Mardell, and youngest son, Richard, moved to Togiak, Alaska, where they owned and operated Togiak River Lodge. During his years in Alaska, Ron's life was blessed with many friends he met while owning the lodge and continued these friendships up until his passing.

In 2017, Ron moved back to Oregon and settled in Pendleton to be near his cherished family.

Ron is preceded in death by both parents, Oran C. Oertwich and Mabel M. Oertwich.

Ron is survived by his ex-wife, Mardell Oertwich of Pendleton, Oregon; his children, Jeffrey (Brenda) Oertwich of Umatilla, Oregon, Ronda (Bruce) Carson of Adams, Oregon, Lori Brinker of Lake Wawasee, Indiana, Richard (Naomi) Oertwich of Pendleton, Oregon, and Angelique Garris of Pendleton, Oregon; his sister, Marlene Blackburn of El Mirage, Arizona; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Peace Lutheran Church, 210 NW Ninth St., Pendleton, Oregon, at 1 p.m.

The family wishes memorial donations to be made to Peace Lutheran Church in memory of our dad



PHS Ag Mechanics teams bring home blue banners

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The two first lines of the FFA motto encompass all that the Blue Mountain District Ag Mechanics contest is about — learning to do and doing to learn.

That learning and doing led the Pendleton FFA Chapter to success at this year's Ag Mechanics Career Development Event. The chapter's advanced and beginning teams both placed first during the April 14 event hosted by the Blue Mountain Community College Ag Department.

Students demonstrated their abilities in events ranging from shielded metal arc welding to electrical wiring. The two teams were thrilled to bring home blue banners for their efforts. In addition, each team had students place in every event on the way to their district championships.

The advanced team was led by wins from Crae Campbell in both plasma cutting and surveying, as well as a finish as the master mechanic after adding his score on the written Ag Mechanics test with his other scores.

Other advanced winners



Pendleton High School FFA/Contributed Photo

The Pendleton High School FFA Chapter's advanced Ag Mechanics team placed first in the Ag Mechanics Career Development Event on April 14, 2022, at Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton.



Pendleton High School FFA/Contributed Photo

The beginning Ag Mechanics team of the Pendleton High School FFA Chapter took home first place in the Ag Mechanics Career Development Event. The Blue Mountain Community College Ag Department hosted the event April 14, 2022.

included James Savage in MIG welding; Drew McAnally, oxyfuel cutting; Kinley McAnally, oxyfuel welding; and Gage Strzelczyk, advanced electrical wiring. Also, the land surveying team of Crae Campbell, Drew McAnally and Cahill Robinson were champions. And Brielle Youncs and Cahill Robinson placed second in the oxyfuel welding and the plasma cutting events, respectively.

The beginning team had multiple event winners as well, including Adrie Fisher, oxyfuel welding; Will Huber, oxyfuel cutting; and Gus Dunfee, woodworking. Also, reserve champions were Michael Rosselle, master mechanic test; Korrie Sirovatka, oxyfuel welding; and Cameron Weidert, oxyfuel cutting.

Marty Campbell, Pendleton's FFA advisor, congratulated all of the participants. He said the students worked hard to develop their skills.

"I'm tickled they did as well as they did," Campbell said. "It's just a testament to what focus and work ethic can accomplish for young people."