

COMMUNITY BRIEFING



Fire Chief Jim Critchley/Pendleton Fire & Ambulance

Fire crews from Pendleton and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation hoist a U.S. flag July 4, 2022, over Main Street, Pendleton, for the town's Fourth of July celebration.

AWS makes community grants available

UMATILLA COUNTY — Amazon Web Services has launched a new \$120,000 fund for local community groups, schools and nonprofit organizations in Umatilla County.

Administered by the nonprofit ChangeX, the new funds will be available to help those in Umatilla County interested in launching a new, or expanding an existing local project that support an area of science, technology, engineering, art and math education, environmental sustainability, economic development or community prosperity.

The deadline to apply is July 29. To learn more and find the application go here bit.ly/3ABFIMM.

Fourth of July Parade trophy winners announced

PENDLETON — The fire departments of Pendleton and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation hoisted a 30-by-50-foot United States flag July 4 over Main Street, Pendleton, for this year's Fourth of July parade. But the large flag was only part of the procession of colorful floats, horseback riders and more through the streets of Pendleton to celebrate the nation's Independence Day.

Fred Bradbury, organizer of Pendleton's Fourth of July events, reported this year's parade trophy winners as follows:

Equestrian Groups: Vaqueros del Valle de Walla Walla, (1).

Equestrian Groups — Royalty: Pioneer Posse Royalty, (1).

Horse and Buggy/Wagons: Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days, (1).

First Responders and Armed Forces: Pendleton and CTUIR fire departments, (1); Umatilla County Sheriff's Office (2).

Motorized Judges Choice: Smith's Military Jeep & Trailer.

Civic Groups and Service Clubs: Pendleton Shrine Club (1); Hope with Options (2); Umatilla County Republican Central Committee (3).

Business and Commercial: Walmart Flag Group (1); First Community Credit Union (2); Lucky Story (3).

Youth Groups: BMX Dudes (1).

Floats: Main Street Side-saddlers (1), Pendleton Lions Club (2).

Patriot Trophy: Let'er Uber.

Athena American Legion hall receives \$75K for upgrades

PENDLETON — The hall of the Athena American Legion Post 130 is getting an upgrade.

The Umatilla County Board of Commissioners at its meeting Wednesday, July 6, approved a payment of \$75,000 to upgrade the hall.

"The hall is in general use by the community," Commissioner George Murdock noted. The work will improve safety and make the hall's bathrooms compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, he added.

The money comes from the 2021 federal American Rescue Plan Act, which allocated some funds for local community investment projects.

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Wildhorse Pow Wow winners named

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PENDLETON — The 26th annual Wildhorse Resort and Casino Pow Wow has been labeled an "outright success," despite rain, wind, thunder and lightning interrupting the events July 2 and causing a weather delay.

After a two-year absence due to the pandemic, the pow wow saw people eager to return with 372 dancers registered and 16 drum groups.

All dance and drumming contests took place before the traditional gathering of the tribes and community concluded. Cash prizes are awarded to the top four dancers in each category, drum contests and dance specials were awarded differently.

Dance competition winners were:

Junior Boy's Fancy: Jonathan Casper, Yakima, Washington, Shuswap/Haida/Yakama tribes (1); Jeremia Wahchumwa, Milton, Washington, Pyallup Tribe (2); Mosie Walsey, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); J3 Meninick, Lenore, Yakama Tribe (4).

Junior Boy's Grass: Avery New Holy-Mountain Sheep, Pocatello, Idaho, Dine/Lakota tribes (1); Elijah Denny, Warm Springs, Warm Springs Tribe (2); Jayden Walsey, Toppenish, Washington, Warm Springs/Yakama tribes (3); Kenston Chief, Island Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada, Cree-Canada Tribe (4).

Junior Boy's Traditional: Lewis Allen, Culdesac, Idaho, Nez Perce/Paiute tribes (1); Stephan Brown, Nevada, Paiute Tribe (2); Mosie Walsey, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Tiger Liley, Wapato, Washington, Yakama Tribe (4).

Junior Girl's Fancy: Jocelynn Phoenix, Rosemead, California, Navajo/Paiute/Tohono O'odham tribes (1); Abi Ford Kordatzky, Pendleton, Umatilla Tribe (2); Verna Johnson, Salem, Paiute-Shoshone/Hai Tribe (3); Elissa Meninick, Harrah, Washington, Yakama Tribe (4).

Junior Girl's Jingle: Alimae Jack-



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Yakama tribal member Peter Jo Olney of White Swan, Washington, dances in Native clothing in the early afternoon July 3, 2022 at the Wildhorse Pow Wow in Mission. Olney won first place at the event in the Men's Golden Age category.

son, White Swan, Washington, Yakama Tribe (1); Lila Crookedneck, Billings, Montana, Navajo/Cree tribes (2); Alexis Payer, Goldendale, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Scarlett Schroder, Chiloquin, Klamath Tribe (4).

Junior Girl's Traditional: Dymond Say, Pilot Rock, Yakama Tribe (1); Athena Reed, Zillah, Washington, Yakama Tribe (2); Tiara Price, Harrah, Washington, Warm Springs Tribe (3); Annie Payer, Goldendale, Washington, Yakama Tribe (4).

Teen Boy's Fancy: Kenny Brown, Fort Defiance, Arizona, Dine/Northern Arapaho tribes (1); Apollo Johnson, Warm Springs, Wasco/Paiute tribes (2); Julius Phoenix, Rosemead, California, Navajo/Paiute/Tohono O'odham tribes (3); Sonny Walsey, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (4).

Teen Boy's Grass: Justus Cree Jr., Bonner Ferry, Idaho, Cree Tribe (1); Sun Hawk Barney, Portland, Navajo/Burns Paiute tribes (2); Ken-ton Walsey, Toppenish, Washington, Warm Springs Tribe (3); Cashis Alferrez-Bevis, Pendleton, Umatilla Tribe (4).

Teen Boy's Traditional: Jayden Esquiro, Warm Springs, Warm Springs Tribe (1); Bryson Wallahee, White Swan, Washington, Yakama Tribe (2); Nakoa Kukakaway, McDermitt, Nevada, Cree Tribe (3); Lebron Boise, Warm Springs, Warm Springs Tribe (4).

Teen Girl's Fancy: Kee'ala Walsey,

Tuba City, Arizona, Dine Tribe (1); Miriam Walsey, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (2); Macy-quinn Johnson, Warm Springs, Wasco/Paiute tribes (3); Aurora Whiskeyjack, Pilot Rock, Saddle Lake First Nation (4).

Teen Girl's Jingle: Juneec Picard, Lapwai, Idaho, Nez Perce Tribe (1); Kee'ala Walsey, Tuba City, Dine Tribe (2); Analynn R. Olney, White Swan, Washington (3); Shayla Ochoa, Chiloquin, Klamath Tribes (4).

Teen Girl's Traditional: Analynn R. Olney, White Swan, Washington, Yakama Nation (1); Miriam Walsey, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (2); Gerra Shock, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Lauren Gould, Lenore, Idaho, Nez Perce Tribe (4).

Women's Golden Age: Pat Heem-sah, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (1); Thomisata Mountain Sheep, Pocatello, Idaho, Dine/Apache tribes (2); Audrey Olney, White Swan, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Wilma Wahsise, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Nation (4).

Men's Golden Age: Peter Jo Olney, White Swan, Washington, Yakama Tribe (1); John Meninick, Lenore, Idaho, Yakama Tribe (2); Rod Begay, Granger, Washington, Yakama/Dine tribes (3); Frank Eagle Speaker, Yelm, Washington, Blood Tribe (4).

Women's Fancy: Arienne Sheka, White Swan, Washington, Ho-Chunk Tribe (1); Urseloria Walsey, Tuba City, Arizona, Dine

Tribe (2); Jovena Scabby Robe, White Swan, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Tennille Wahtomy, Wapato, Washington, Yakama Nation (4). **Women's Jingle:** Bridget Eagle Speaker, Yelm, Washington, Puyallup Tribe (1); Michelle Etsitty, Chinle, Arizona, Navajo Tribe (2); Jovena Scabby Robe, White Swan, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Arianne Sheka, White Swan, Washington, Ho-Chunk Tribe (4).

Women's Short Fringe: Tilda Walsey, Toppenish, Washington, Warm Springs/Yakama tribes (1); Teata Ellenwood, Pendleton, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (2); Zelma Walsey, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Katrina Miller, Pendleton, Yakama Tribe (4).

Women's Traditional: Ida Shock, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (1); Emily Washines, Toppenish, Washington, Yakama/Cree/Skokomish tribes (2); Violet Olney, White Swan, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Katrina Miller, Pendleton, Yakama Tribe (4).

Men's Fancy: Carlos Benally, Redmond, Washington, Crow Creek Dakota Sioux Tribe (1), JJ Meninick, Lenore, Idaho, Yakama Tribe (2), Gary Olney, White Swan, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Gary Smith, Granger, Washington, Yakama Tribe (4).

Men's Grass: Gary M. Villa, Warm Springs, Warm Springs Tribe (1); Alec Bluff, Medical Lake, Washington, Kalispel Tribe (2); Jordan Yazzie, Georgeville, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Kyle Mountain Sheep, Pocatello, Idaho, Navajo/Apache tribes (4).

Men's Prairie Chicken: Alex Meninick, Harrah, Washington, Yakama Tribe (1); Jordan Yazzie, Georgeville, Washington, Yakama Tribe (2); Jeremy Barney, Portland, Burns Paiute Tribe (3); Logan Quaempts, Pendleton, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (4).

Men's Traditional: Justus Cree Sr., Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Cree/Nooksack tribes (1); Nakia Williamson, Lapwai, Idaho, Nez Perce Tribe (2); George Meninick Jr., Toppenish, Washington, Yakama Tribe (3); Andrew Tewawina, Polacca, Arizona, Hopi/Apache tribes (4).

Hand drum contest winners: Southern Style, Arizona (1); Charles Wood III, Pendleton (2); Sonny Eaglespeaker, Yelm, Washington (3).

HIV isn't just a big city issue.

More than half of Oregonians with HIV live outside of Portland, often in suburbs and small towns like this one.

Good neighbors chip in to get the job done. And we've got work to do on HIV prevention. People in rural Oregon are more likely to get a late-stage diagnosis, and a lack of HIV treatment may harm your health, or your partner's. Detected early, HIV is more easily managed and you can live a long, healthy life. Getting tested is a sign of strength, not weakness. Learn more and find free testing at endhivoregon.org



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Willard D. Woods
October 7, 1936 - April 22, 2022



Willard D. Woods of Pendleton, Oregon, was born on Oct. 7, 1936, in La Grande, Oregon, to parents Charles and Leta Comstock Woods. He died on April 22, 2022, in Pendleton, Oregon, at the age of 85 years. Willard was raised and attended schools in Baker and later Pendleton, Oregon, where graduated high school. He married Kaye Beebe in 1978 in Pendleton, Oregon. Willard worked as a postal carrier for USPS for over 30 years, retiring in 2000. He enjoyed his dogs, fishing, hunting, camping, mushroom hunting and gardening. Willard was a member of the Pendleton Eagles Lodge and the Main Street Cowboys.

He is survived by his children, Chuck and Becky Woods, Pendleton, Gwen and Tom Little, Pendleton, Denise Norris, Pendleton, and Leona Brown, Prineville, Oregon; sister-in-law, Virginia Beebe, Pendleton; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and cousins.

Willard was preceded in death by his wife, Kaye Woods; sons, Ron Woods, Larry Watkins, Gail Watkins; and his parents.

A graveside service at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

Contributions in Willard's memory may be made to PAWS.

Please share memories of Willard with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary, of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.