

Husband's retirement brings reflection, projection

IN BRIEF

In 1985, my husband and I packed our belongings and headed to Eastern Oregon.

When we drove to Umatilla for John's interview, neither of us had ever been beyond The Dalles.

"It's looking a lot like desert," I told John during the drive.

He said the trees would return but as you know, they did not.

With teaching jobs at a premium, John accepted a job at Clara Brownell Middle School in Umatilla. We planned on staying two years. Nearly 31 years later, we are starting a new chapter in our lives. Well, at least John is as he recently retired.

When he went to the interview I wanted the answers to a couple of questions, including what the weather was like. He was told Umatilla

was in a "banana belt." Whatever, I've never seen a banana tree here. And, that first winter it snowed before Thanksgiving, staying on the ground until after the new year because it was so cold.

I continued to work in Portland for a few weeks after we first moved. I rode a bus through the Columbia River Gorge, ending up at home in Umatilla in mid-September.

Eager to explore the area, I suggested we go to Pendleton. Little did we know it was right smack dab in the middle of the 75th annual Pendleton Round-Up.

We soon found out we were Levi jeans people living in a Wrangler world. Our friends from the city were amused — especially when we sent them flocked tumbleweeds for Christmas.

Over the years, the slower

pace of life in Eastern Oregon grew on us. And, we've even owned a few pairs of Wranglers.

We don't really miss the city life, especially the traffic. But we miss the green trees.

I told friends when Hermiston's brand was "You Can Grow Here," it didn't mean we were going to grow old here.

While we've enjoyed the past three decades in Eastern Oregon, we're hoping to move on to greener pastures. I'm not sure how much longer we'll call Hermiston home, but one of these days we're hoping to set out on a new adventure in the Silver Valley of northern Idaho.

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INSIDE MY SHOES

own non-alcoholic beverages. Wine can be purchased at the venue.

Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, visit www.columbiacrest.com.

Theater offers sensory-friendly viewing

A special viewing of "The Secret Life of Pets" provides a comfortable atmosphere with the lights up a little, the volume down and the flexibility for audience members to move around.

The sensory show is Saturday with the doors opening at 10 a.m. at 355 W. Theater Lane, off Highway 395 in Hermiston. The movie starts at 10:30 a.m. and costs \$5 per person.

The Arc advocates for the rights of children and

adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information about programs, services and activities, call 541-567-7615 or visit www.facebook.com/arcofumatilacounty.

Library district discontinues language program

The Umatilla County Special Library District Board recently adopted its 2016-17 budget, which resulted in cuts to services provided.

After reviewing the usage levels of Mango, the online foreign language learning database, the board decided not to renew it for the upcoming budget year.

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Glow 5K Run/Walk

All the volunteers and all those who ran and walked in the event!

The Boy Scouts for a great breakfast!

July 4th Celebration Parade

The Boardman Fire Corps, Art and Dean Kegler for announcing the parade, Lisa Mittelsdorf and Smokey Joe Wightman for setting up the announcers' stage, all the Parade entrants, and all who came out to watch us!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS!

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July 4th Activities in the Marina Park

The Police Reserve for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament, the Columbia Youth Soccer Club for the soccer tournament, Art and Matt Kegler and Brenda Profit for the Horseshoe Tournament, Sam Boardman Elementary School PTO for providing kids' games, all our vendors, the Boardman Parks and Recreation Department, and all who attended the activities in the park.

July 4th Planning Committee and Volunteers

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