

# Work history includes cards and crabs and diapers, oh my

I've done some odd jobs over the years — some odder than others. The first time I recall earning money, I wanted to buy a baseball mitt. I saw a small advertisement in a comic book and asked my parents if I could sign up to sell greeting cards. We lived in rural Kern County, California, and I straddled my Stingray bike and headed out to hit up the area farmers. Honestly, I don't know if they really wanted the cards, but it seems they couldn't resist a little tow-headed kid on a bike. These same farmers also bought Kool-Aid and iced tea from the stand I set up at the end of our driveway.

Later, while living near Medford, my entrepreneurship continued. A neighbor up the street had a fruit stand, so I went out and picked wild blackberries and sold them to her by the flat. The neighbor lady seemed to have the best end of the deal. She made a profit, while I toiled in the sun and got purple fingers. Instead of being the middle man, I later sold them myself. My sales experience came in handy when some college roommates and I hooked up with a fishmonger in Newport. We convinced him to let us sell fresh crab on the street

corner outside of Portland. We picked up a load of live crab on the coast and the roughly two-hour drive home featured the sound of clacking claws. The little suckers seemed to know their demise was soon to come. But that was nothing compared to the first time I thought they were screaming when we threw them into boiling water. I freaked out! "They screamed, they screamed," I exclaimed. "We're hurting them." My friends, who seemed to know a little more about crustaceans that I did, said the high-pitched sound was mere-

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ly steam escaping from their shells. Having only eaten crab on one prior occasion, I wasn't totally convinced we would be able to sell them. However, once we got set-up on the street corner, they sold like hotcakes. Evidently, I was much more suited for sales than babysitting. I'll never forget the time I watched a toddler and baby for the youth pastor and his wife.

This is back in the day when cloth diapers were the standard. Rather than merely disposing of a soiled diaper, you had to rinse it out so it could go in the washer. Angie, an inquisitive 3-year-old, was right there watching my every move as I changed her baby brother's diaper. She later gave a play-by-play to her parents. "Tammy got sick," Angie said. "She barfed, she barfed lots."

Yup, I was 23 years old and married and wretched my guts out changing Chad's diaper. However, that experience came in handy when I worked in a group home for emotionally disturbed adolescents and later one for adults with developmental disabilities. I became so skilled at dealing with a variety of body fluids, I could list it on my resume — now, that would be odd. *Tammy Malgesini is the community editor. Her column, Inside my Shoes, includes general musings about life. Contact her at tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4539.*

# Umatilla returns to world robot championships

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
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Umatilla County will be well represented at the world robotics championship. For the first time, two county schools compete at the same FIRST Robotics Competition — Umatilla High School and Pendleton High School. Both schools will travel to Houston, where they will be able to test out their robots on the world stage against teams from Canada, Mexico, China, Israel, Australia and more. Superintendent Heidi Sipe said Umatilla's robotics program, now in its sixth year, used to be one

of the few in the region that participated in competitions. But in the past few years, robotics programs have proliferated to other schools like Hermiston, Helix and Pendleton. "We're thrilled that it's starting to spread," she said. Umatilla did more for Pendleton than provide an example for success. Sipe said Umatilla helped the Pendleton team in building their robot and offered a Tom Denchel Ford-sponsored truck to transport both teams' gear to Houston. Julie Smith, the Pendleton School District special

programs director and a coach on the robotics team, said she and the students were thankful for Umatilla's help in getting to their first robotics championship. Only a few years old, Pendleton earned the Houston trip by doing well in regional competitions in Ellensburg, Washington, and Clackamas, winning the "rookie all-star" award along the way. After further review, competition judges decided to send Pendleton's Modern Americans team to the championship on April 9. While this is Pendleton's first trip to the championship, it's Umatilla's fourth

foray, which isn't that unexpected for a team ranked 21st in the Pacific Northwest division. Umatilla's Team Confidential will send 48 out of the 57 members of their team. With some experience under their belt, Sipe said Team Confidential is trying to learn from how it did in the competition last with year with an eye on winning a prize. Like many robotics competitions, the teams will use their robots to retrieve objects like balls and place them in receptacles, which will factor into their score. Sipe urged community members back home

to watch the teams on the FIRST Robotics Competition live stream at [www.firstchampionship.org](http://www.firstchampionship.org).

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## COURTS:

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to Munoz: seeks \$1,713.73 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Eliza Huxel of Umatilla: seeks \$513.77 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Bryan Stith (Tarter) of Hermiston: seeks \$522.88 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Janette Rivera of Hermiston: seeks \$431.42 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Cach LLC vs. Jennie L. Wolfe: seeks \$3,250.82 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Discover Bank vs. Adam C. Guen-

ther of Pendleton: seeks \$6,897.10 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Discover Bank vs. Gregory L. Meyers of Hermiston: seeks \$6,549.86 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Bank of New York Mellon vs. Galen V. Schuh, unknown heirs of Gloria L. Blessing, Janelle Marie Nordyke, Melodie Diane Nordyke, Rebecca Joy Nordyke, Mark A. Barkhurst and parties in possession: seeks \$120,638.68 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Les Schwab Tire Center of Portland vs. Deborah L. Coatney of Umatilla: seeks \$274.17 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•A-1 Industrial Supply LLC (Craig F. Evans) vs. Wilkerson Welding & Fabrication Inc. (Kelly Wilkerson) of Hermis-

ton: seeks \$9,027.83 plus interest, costs and fees.  
**JUDGMENTS**  
The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts:  
•Credits Inc. vs. Monty Williams of Umatilla: judgment for \$9,561.19 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Ray Klein Inc. vs. Michael Eckstaedt of Stanfield: judgment for \$529.31 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Midland Funding LLC vs. Anne-liese Hasty of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,363.13 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Lance D. and Stephanie Strege of Hermiston: judgment for \$6,686.12 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Ray Klein Inc. vs. David E. Gould of Umatilla: judgment for \$769.08 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Capital One Bank vs. Aurelio Marin of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,365.01 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Yolanda Carrillo (fka Yolanda Tachiquin) of Hermiston: judgment for \$928.06 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Jeffrey D. Toms of Boardman: judgment for \$2,404.16 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Credits Inc. vs. John Califf of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,515.56 plus interest, costs and fees.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Noe Arellano of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,016.21 plus interest, costs and fees.

## LOGS:

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at a domestic disturbance on Yucca Avenue, Hermiston.  
11:57 p.m. — An alarm sounded and some glass was broken at Eastern Oregon Tactical, East Main Street, Hermiston.

**ARRESTS, CITATIONS:**  
Syrus Andrew Sampson, 27, was arrested by HPD for two counts of contempt of court, and one count of probation violation.  
Hermiston Police arrested Trevor James Richman, 28, for simple assault and criminal mistreatment.  
Charles David Ruckman, 45, was

arrested by Hermiston Police for two counts of misdemeanor failure to appear.  
Hermiston Police arrested Zachary Charles Renollet, 26, for two counts of being a fugitive.  
Kaelynn Hollingsworth, 34, was arrested by Hermiston police for three counts of misdemeanor and one count of felony failure to appear, and

one count of unlawful possession of methamphetamine.  
Eileen Jean Guerrero, 42, was arrested for one count of felony and one count of misdemeanor failure to appear, and one count of contempt of court.  
Clarence Delgado King, 47, was arrested for two counts of felony failure to appear and one count of parole violation.

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