

Community Bank announces \$500 photo contest winner

As part of America Saves Week that took place last week, Community Bank sponsored a \$500 photo contest and to spread the saving message. The "HAMilton Saves!" contest involved entering a photo of HAMilton, the Community Bank pink piggy bank, and an explanation of your savings goal. Rose Hajduk of Walla Walla won the contest, earning \$500 towards her savings goal.

"I want to save money so that my niece can get a college education without having to worry about student loans," said Rose in her photo entry explanation. A photo of her niece Luna Marie Marquez holding the Community Bank piggy bank and posing with a graduation cap and a stack of text books was the winning combination selected by a Community Bank committee. Many other entries into the contest showcased wonderful savings goals and images, the selection committee had a hard decision in determining the winner.

Rose plans to use the \$500 in winnings to jumpstart a college savings ac-

count for Luna. She received her prize in Hamiltons (\$10 bills).

The Traveling Hamilton photo contest that Community Bank sponsored last summer will return again in June. That contest will feature a weekly photo contest on Facebook and weekly winners will have a chance at winning the Grand Prize of \$1,000. HAMilton, the Community Bank piggy bank, is available to pick up at your local branch to take along on any adventures planned this spring to prepare for entry into the June contest.

America Saves Week is coordinated by America Saves and the America Savings Education Council. The week is an annual opportunity for organizations to promote



Luna Marie Marquez holding the Community Bank piggy bank



Rose Hajduk of Walla Walla

good savings behavior and a chance for individuals to assess their own saving status. Learn more at AmericaSavesWeek.org.

BMCC awarded GEAR Up, ASPIRE grants totaling \$43,612

Blue Mountain Community College was recently awarded two grants that will help high school students achieve their higher education goals. BMCC received a \$25,000 GEAR Up grant and a two-year ASPIRE grant totaling \$18,612.

The GEAR Up grant will fund a three-day summer enrichment program at BMCC for 25-30 economically disadvantaged students from the Pendleton and Hermiston areas who will enter the 9th or 10th grade in the fall. The program teaches these students about leadership development, college life and paying for college, as well as gives them opportunities to participate in workshops and experience what a college course is like. The goal of the GEAR Up program is to increase the number of economically disadvantaged students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary programs, as well as promote early awareness of

college opportunities and engage students in college and career planning.

This program will involve students in the BMCC area who do not have the support or means to attend college on their own. BMCC will give them the passion to pursue higher education in some capacity through interactive workshops, sample courses and student life booths that will help them not only feel comfortable on the campus but to feel comfortable with the journey from high school to college to career. Through engaging activities, BMCC will promote a passion for learning and higher education while talking with students and families about the journey of navigating college with the main focus of getting their foot in the door.

The ASPIRE grant will fund a mentoring program at BMCC that matches trained and supportive mentors with students to develop a plan to meet their

educational goals beyond high school. Success coaches will assist students with developing a college readiness and academic path that is understandable and attainable, and the student will have opportunities to explore a variety of career paths. The BMCC ASPIRE program will focus on College Prep/GED students, but will be available to all BMCC students. The first year of the grant - which runs now through June 30 - provides \$7,812 to BMCC for the program's development, while the second year (2016-17 academic year) will grant \$10,800.

"BMCC always strives to support students in achieving their educational and career goals. These grants are opportunities for BMCC to reach a diverse group of students and help them to navigate their college journeys," said Wade Muller, BMCC's student success center director. "We're excited to get to work to implement these programs."

KUMA Coffee Hour and CEILI program planned during St. Pat's celebration

"A great lineup has been scheduled for the KUMA Coffee Hour and CEILI for this year's St. Patrick's event," say St. Patrick's Celebration organizers. Both programs will be held upstairs at the Heppner Elks Lodge, as in the past, and the KUMA Coffee Hour, scheduled from 10-11:30 a.m. will be led by Tom Melton with jokes and stories shared by Representative Greg Walden, Dom Monahan and Heppner's own Father Condon.

The Irish Singers will entertain with the usual Irish songs and the audiences will hear from this year's grand marshals, The Laughlin Family. Joe Lindsay will be on hand to provide musical entertainment and will bring another Irishman or two to join him. Organizers say they hope the Saturday evening entertainment will stop by to sing a few songs in preparation of their evening concert.

The Irish Brogue Contest (Blarney) will give the audience a chance to tell the best "blarney" stories for a chance to win some gold coins.

The CEILI will run from 2-4 p.m. with the Irish Singers, Joe Lindsay and the Irishmen and the main entertainment for this year, "Cross Strung" will be stopping by to sing a few more of their songs. A drawing will be held for the last button winner.

Everyone is invited to "come and sit and clap your hands, stomp your feet and get a good laugh in as we enjoy some great Irish music and entertainment."



DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following information:

-David Joseph Asbridge, 34, was convicted of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, a Class A misdemeanor, and sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended, with two years' bench probation, 60 hours community service with numerous probation conditions, and ordered to pay \$200 in fines and assessments.

-Kristopher J. Roberts, 35, was convicted of Assault in the Fourth Degree,

a Class A misdemeanor, and sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 150 days suspended, 24 months' bench probation, 60 hours community service with numerous probation conditions, and ordered to pay \$200 in fines and assessments.

-Abelardo Herrera Bernabe, 32, was convicted of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a Class B felony, and was sentenced to 75 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections, 10 years' probation, with numerous conditions.

-Brandon James Vaughan, 33, was convicted of Criminal Driv-

ing While Suspended or Revoked, a Class B felony, and was sentenced to one year's suspension of his driver's license, 18 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections, two years' post-prison supervision, with numerous conditions, with \$200 in fines and assessments. He was also convicted of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class B felony, and was sentenced to 41 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections, three years' post-prison supervision, with numerous conditions and ordered to pay \$200 in fines and assessments.

Sheriff's Report

MCSO 12-12

December 12: Morrow County Sheriff's office received report that Kristina Maria Esquibel, 28, was arrested by the Umatilla Police Department and lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on a no-bail parole and probation detainer.

-MCSO received report that someone was shooting on Summit Lane in Boardman. The caller said her cows had been run through the fence and into the neighbors' place the previous day.

-MCSO received report of a large white dog walking around the area of Lewis and Clark Dr./Columbia Lane, Boardman for several hours. MCSO was unable to locate the dog.

-MCSO received report from a subject on Washington Lane, Irrigon, that they

went out to feed their mini ponies and discovered that one of them had her face chewed up so badly that they had to put her down. They weren't sure if it was a dog or something else that attacked. A deputy responded and Oregon State Police and a government tracker were advised.

-MCSO received report of a side by side in the turkey shoots. A deputy responded but was unable to locate it.

-MCSO received report of a subject kicked out of Bucknum's in Heppner and was driving his S10 Blazer around possibly intoxicated.

-MCSO received report of a smell of a hot wire at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. MCSO and the Heppner Fire Department responded and located

the problem, which was a shorted-out light.

-MCSO received report that someone in a red Dodge pickup hit another pickup in the back parking lot of Bucknum's and drove off.

-Boardman Ambulance received report of a 52-year-old female complaining of back pain and difficulty breathing. She was transported.

-Heppner Ambulance received request for a Hospice patient to be transported to the hospital. Heppner Ambulance transported.

-Irrigon Ambulance received a report of a 66-year-old female with possible alcohol poisoning. She was transported.

MCSO 12-14

December 14: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a stolen car on First St. in Irrigon. MCSO responded and took a report.

-MCSO received report

that tool boxes were broken into and tools stolen on Hwy. 730/Fourth St., Irrigon.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man that his neighbor lets their dogs run loose in the neighborhood. He requested contact. MCSO responded and determined that the dogs were and have been tied up.

-MCSO received report of officer initiated activity on Hwy. 206-Condon/Heppner with a vehicle lockout. The vehicle was unlocked.

-MCSO received report of a blue F350 with a male driver driving erratically with children in the vehicle on I-84/Boardman. Information was relayed to the Oregon State Police.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner man of a

white female Dachshund missing.

-MCSO received report that Oregon State Police in Bend arrested Jason Elliot Meistrell, 38, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana. He was lodged at Deschutes County Jail with \$146 bail in full.

-MCSO received a request for emergency services for a 29-year-old female with numbness on her right side. She said it had been numb for a month or so, but was worse that night. Irrigon Ambulance and MCSO responded and transported the patient to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

-MCSO received re-

quest from a Heppner man for a welfare check on his ex-wife. He said their daughter texted her and received a call-back filled with a string of profanities.

-Boardman Ambulance received request for an ambulance for a man down next door to the Marina Apartments. The ambulance responded and transported him to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-Boardman Fire Department received report of a fire on I-84/Boardman. The fire department was paged, but canceled before they responded. It was a controlled burn.

-Heppner Ambulance received a report of a male with difficulty breathing. He was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

DOG LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The City of Heppner Code requires that all dogs over the age of six months must be licensed.

The licensing period covers January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Licenses cost \$7.00 per year for spayed or neutered animals and \$15.00 per year for those that are not. Currently, the city is notifying all dog owners who have not renewed licenses for 2016, or who have been identified as having an unlicensed animal on their property. When applying for a license, a current rabies immunization certificate is required. This policy helps to identify dogs that are lost or picked up, and in most cases the owners can be notified and their pets returned. Unlicensed dogs that are reported at large are transported to pet rescue in Hermiston. Questions can be directed to City Hall personnel, 541-676-9618.

VETERANS YOU'RE INVITED

VETERANS COFFEE & CHAT

Thursday March 10th
9:30am at Willow Creek Diner
RSVP 541-922-6420
Morrow County Veterans Services

We don't fly airplanes
We can't train elephants
We're not good cooks
We don't build computers
We can't raise wheat
We don't practice law
We can't set a broken leg
We don't put out forest fires
We can't measure & cut lumber
We don't sell fat quarters
We don't rent movies
We won't charm snakes
We don't rotate tires
We're not painters
We can't resole shoes
We don't fill cavities
We don't sell antiques
We don't know jewelry
We can't fill prescriptions
We don't savvy hardware
We can't fill propane tanks
We don't sell or bag groceries
We shouldn't run with scissors

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