

BRIEFLY

Applications for city committees due April 6

HERMISTON — Hermiston residents interested in serving on a city committee have until April 6 to apply for several vacancies.

Positions seven, eight and nine on the Hermiston Planning Commission are up for re-appointment to a new three-year term beginning May 11.

The Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center board has a standing committee vacancy for position 3 (rodeo representative) with a term that ends Dec. 31, 2018.

The budget committee has three positions open for a two-year term starting on May 11.

The Hispanic advisory committee has one three-year term open.

Two positions on the recreation projects fund advisory committee have vacancies for the unexpired portion of a term ending in December 2017.

At Monday's city council meeting Dean Hackett announced he is stepping down as chair of the faith-based advisory committee due to health problems.

Citizens interested in serving on a committee can fill out an application available at City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St. by April 6.

Awards ceremony honors Girl Scouts

PENDLETON — A Girl Scout Gold Award ceremony honoring Paisley Schulze and Hayley Lemens will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First Church of God, 712 S.W. 27th St., Pendleton.

All current or former Girl Scouts are invited to attend the ceremony.

For more information, contact Tamara Pahl at 541-276-7115.

Bake sale benefits scholarship fund

HERMISTON — The Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary is planning an Easter Bake Sale.

The event is Wednesday, April 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital's pharmacy lobby, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

Money raised will help nursing scholarships.

For more information, contact June Rosenberg at juner1942@gmail.com.

BMCC student art show opens April 1

PENDLETON — Blue Mountain Community College students will show off their creative sides during the annual BMCC Student Art Show.

The public is invited to the opening reception Wednesday, April 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery, located in Pioneer Hall at 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. There's no admission charge. The exhibit continues through Wednesday, April 22.

The annual show highlights the work of BMCC art students. It features a variety of two-dimensional and three-dimensional pieces, including drawing, painting, sculpture and ceramics. The exhibit features the works of 22 students, with a total of 74 pieces.

This year's judge is Nika Blasser, who has a master's degree in drawing and intermedia from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, and a bachelor's degree in painting, drawing and printmaking from Portland State University. Gallery visitors can also vote for the People's Choice Award.

The gallery is open Monday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and by appointment by calling 541-278-5952.

St. Paddy's festival wrap-up meeting

HEPPNER — No fooling, the Wee Bit O' Ireland committee has a post-event meeting scheduled for April Fool's Day.

Those involved in the committee and others who would like to review activities and began planning for 2016 are invited Wednesday, April 1 at 6 p.m. at Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St. Committee members unable to attend are asked to provide a written report before the meeting.

For more information, contact Sheryll Bates at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net or 541-676-5536.

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-276-8100).

BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-966-0380).

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for those under 60. Meet new friends, enjoy pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks. Second Time Around thrift store and more from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels call CAPECO at 541-276-1926. (Maxine 541-276-5303).

STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for those under 65.

TOT TIME, 1-2 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. For children ages 0-5. Cost is \$1 per child. (541-276-8100).

ADULT BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASS, 3 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Learn the most basic of basics. Free, but pre-registration required. (541-966-0830).

LENTEN SERVICE, 6 p.m. soup supper, 7 p.m. worship service, First United Methodist Church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

CRIBBAGE NIGHT, 6:30 p.m., Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. New and experienced players welcome. Bring boards and cards. (509-240-7460).

VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER, 7 p.m., call 541-969-3057 to RSVP for driving directions. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. New vegans welcome. Gluten-free friendly group.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-276-8100).

PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 10:30 a.m., Mil-

ton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247).

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and older and \$5 for adults. All ages welcome. (541-481-3257).

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$3.50 for seniors 50 and over, \$4 for adults under 50, \$4 for Meals on Wheels home delivery. Extra 50 cents if center provides table service. Transportation can be arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

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SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. The first hour includes gym activities, the second hour focuses on life skills for middle and high school students. Free, but registration requested. (Danny Bane 541-379-4250).

THE ARC OF UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6 p.m. doors open, bingo starts at 7 p.m. 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-7615).

FIDDLER'S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hermiston Terrace Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Join jam session or just listen. Refreshments served. (541-567-3141).

OPEN MIC NIGHT, 7-8:45 p.m., Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. Enjoy local talent or try your hand at the stage. Call 541-276-8100 to get on performers list.

The EO publishes a list of coming events as space allows. It's posted weekly at www.eastoregonian.com. All items are assumed free, nonprofit and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Coming events items should be submitted well in advance to calendar c/o East Oregonian, 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801, 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, OR 97838 or community@eastoregonian.com.

PENDLETON

Dealing with disaster

Red Cross volunteers focus on aftermath of wildfires and floods

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

A wildfire rages toward Pendleton and threatens hundreds of homes. What do you do?

Red Cross volunteers attending a regional Disaster Institute considered the hypothetical question during one of their sessions this weekend at the Pendleton Convention Center. The scenario grew more ominous as the wind-driven fire started torching hypothetical houses.

It was purely a tabletop exercise, unfolding in the imaginations of the participants.

During the mock disaster, firefighters fought the flames and law enforcement officers evacuated residents. That left Red Cross volunteers to organize shelter for victims and help evacuees find food, clothing and attend to their psychological needs. Planners considered a constantly changing list of what-ifs.

"We adapt on the fly as the disaster unfolds," said instructor Cara Sloman to the 80-or-so participants who hailed from Oregon and Washington.

At the Disaster Institute,



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Lisa Stroup, of Redmond, does strategic planning during a mock disaster as part of last weekend's Red Cross Disaster Institute at the Pendleton Convention Center.

experienced volunteers mingled with beginners. When news came of a real fire in Milton-Freewater on Sunday morning, a new volunteer and a veteran left the conference to respond. The fire had displaced a man who lived in a trailer. The team got him situated in a hotel, connected him with services and gave him a debit card to cover basic clothing and other emergency necessities.

Residential fires make up 90 percent of the emergencies to which Red Cross responds.

"We have two fires on average each day across the region (Oregon and southwest Washington)," Sloman said.

Because of the high number of house fires, Red Cross volunteers and staff are installing smoke alarms across the country. They are concentrating on ZIP codes that have the highest fire-related deaths and injuries. In October, the Red Cross will visit Pendleton to install smoke alarms. Sloman, the region's disaster programs officer, is hoping Pendleton-area residents will volunteer for the project. Teams of volunteers asks residents if they have a working smoke alarm and, if not, offer to install one immediately. Sloman said the installations are already making a difference.

Being a Red Cross vol-

unteer isn't easy sometimes. They deal with tragedy and trauma and don't get a lot of sleep. Conference attendees joked about sleeping on gym floors and making sure they pack their sense of humor along with their toiletry kit, flashlight and pillow. The passion, however, shone through.

Sloman first felt it early on, helping flood victims in northern California.

"I fell in love with the mission and the amazing power of humanity," Sloman said.

Contact Kathy Aney at kaney@eastoregonian.com or call 541-966-0810.

HEPPNER

Get ready to walk and roll for charity

MS Walk raises money to fight multiple sclerosis

East Oregonian

Get ready to walk, roll or volunteer.

An enthusiastic group of volunteers in Heppner is gearing up for the 17th year in sponsoring the Eastern Oregon MS Walk. With a hopeful goal of creating a world free from multiple sclerosis, the event serves as a fundraiser and to raise awareness about the disease.

MS impacts the central nervous system and can manifest in various symptoms based on nerve damage. It often results in disabilities.

The Eastern Oregon MS Walk is Saturday, April 25 beginning with registration and check-in at 9 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 460 N. Gale St., Heppner. The walk, which starts at 10 a.m., features a well-marked 5K course that is wheelchair accessible and a 10K walk. New this year is a 5K run. Maps of both routes will be available. Door prizes will be given away during a brunch after the walk.

Those unable to participate on April 25 can still help the cause by registering as a virtual walker. This includes an option of walking on your lunch break, to and from work or with other people on another day.

People are encouraged to pre-register at www.walkMSoregon.com or by calling 503-445-8342. Walk-ons are welcome and can register the day of the event.

There is no registration fee — donations of any amount are ac-



Photo contributed by Eastern Oregon MS Walk
Vicki Rayburn and Beth Dickinson share a laugh while participating in the 2013 Eastern Oregon MS Walk in Heppner. This year's event is Saturday, April 25.

cepted. Participants raising \$100 or more can earn prizes, including a T-shirt (while supplies last) at the \$100 level.

According to the National MS Society, the disease affects more than 2.3 million people worldwide. Since its inception, the MS Society has invested \$870 million in research and has recruited more than 800 new re-

searchers to the field.

For more information about the fundraising walk, contact Merilee McDowell at 541-571-5853, Barb Orwick at 541-256-0455 or Jamie McCormack at chanceella2003@yahoo.com. For more about multiple sclerosis, visit www.nationalmssociety.org or www.facebook.com/nationalmssociety.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Levi Papineua
GRISWOLD HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Levi Papineua is very active in many sports such as basketball, football, and baseball at Helix High School. He plays center in football and defensive lineman and was selected to be first team offensive and first team defensive for the league this year. Levi is currently finishing his last year of high school at Helix but hopes to attend Blue Mountain Community College next year. Levi doesn't know what he wants to do as a profession after college but wants to help people in whatever he does.

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