

Rogers Toyota gets in gear for local kids

When Umatilla Morrow Head Start went car shopping at Rogers Toyota in Hermiston, they drove away with more than a vehicle.

The conversation with sales staff by UMCHS Deputy Director Aaron Treadwell led to a dialogue with Glenn Silaski, general manager of Rogers Toyota of Hermiston. Silaski said the dealership wanted to get more involved with the community, particularly children and families — Treadwell had plenty of ideas.

A few days later, Silaski, Treadwell and UMCHS Executive Director Maureen McGrath were in a classroom at the Victory Square Head Start Center, playing with a group of the center's 4-year old students. Silaski learned how the Head Start program operates, including information about a broad spectrum of programs targeted at young children and their families.

The visit led to Rogers Toyota contributing \$2,500 to Head Start. Silaski then nominated UMCHS for the Toyota Dealer Match Program.



Photo contributed by Sue Daggett
MacDonal Rivas, teacher assistant; Aaron Treadwell, deputy director; Glenn Silaski, general manager Rogers Toyota; Maureen McGrath, executive director; and April Williams, education manager; visit a Umatilla Morrow Head Start classroom.

The program will match an approved local dealership's contribution to a charity of their choice. Several weeks later, a second \$2,500 check arrived, bringing Toyota's

contribution to UMCHS to \$5,000.

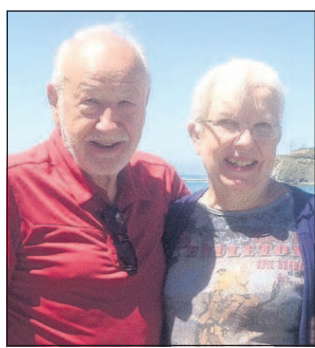
The Toyota contribution will be used for Head Start programs that provide early childhood education, nutri-

tion, child care referral and home visiting services.

For more information about Head Start, contact Treadwell at 541-564-6878 or atreadwe@umchs.org.

COMMITMENT Stewart-Taylor

A ceremony honoring the commitment of Bill Taylor and Jan Stewart and the love, support and companionship they have found for each other is planned for Friday, June 17, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Pendleton.



Bill Taylor and Jan Stewart

A reception with a light dinner and cake will be held in Chrysler Hall following the ceremony. The couple requests no gifts. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU

Letter carriers help stamp out hunger

The city letter carriers of Branch 909, Pendleton, Hermiston, and Milton-Freewater, Oregon, would like to thank everyone that donated food for our 24th annual "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive Saturday, May 14.

Although we always hope to gather more food than the year previously, sometimes it just doesn't happen. Unfortunately we were down this year, collecting over 5,600 pounds in Pendleton, as opposed to just under 7,000 pounds last year. Between our three towns we were slightly over 10,000 pounds, down from around 12,000 last year.

A miserable rainy and windy day may have contributed to the lack of donations, and apparently the Boy and Girl Scouts of America picked the same weekend to have a food drive themselves. Although the scouts deciding to have a food drive coinciding with ours may not have helped our numbers, it did help the poor and hungry in our community, and that is the important thing.

The city carriers also want to thank the United States Postal Service for working with us, and encouraging us, and partnering with us to put this food drive on. We have the full support of the U.S. Postmaster General. We also want to thank the many rural carriers who also support us and pick up donations as well. They are mostly in their own vehicles and do not have the room that the city carriers have in their mail trucks, yet they always help us out.

We had more volunteers locally this year than we have ever had before. Those that contributed were from St. Marys Outreach, Lost and Found (Youth Outreach), the Pendleton High School National Honor Society and the PHS Leadership Class.

I tried to get the names of those that showed up. Those that did sign that I can thank personally were: Robert Schonert, Sam Braddock, Kira Boland, Eighua Martin, Mahayla Martin, Obie Ford ice, Sam Schmitz, Dania Larios, Taryn Sokoloski, Alexis Morrison, Cami Montgomery, Annalise, Oertwich, Isabelle Chapman, Dylan Clemens, Clancy Deutz, Nicole Chen and Cece Hoffman.

I also want to thank the secretary-treasurer of Branch 909 Tara Shelden, who volunteers her entire family every year (Dusty, Hagen, Kalon and McKenzie). I'd also like to thank city carrier Mary Gear who helped out on her day off, as well as all the city carriers who picked up food while they were working.

Kevin McKinstry, president
 Branch 909 National Association of Letter Carriers

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
MAY 31, 2016

SANCHEZ MADRIGAL — Aurora Madrigal Guzman and Luis A. Sanchez Coria of Boardman; a boy, Maximiliano Sanchez Madrigal.

SHEFFIELD — Jessica R. Sheffield and Dustyn K. Sheffield of Adams; a boy, Onyx Oren Sheffield.

JUNE 2, 2016
BANNICK — Elizabeth A. Wilson and Kyle M.S. Bannick of Pendleton; a girl, Mavis Lorraine-blu Bannick.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MAY 31, 2016
WYCKOFF — Maria T. Wyckoff of Stanfield; a girl, Leona Teresa Wyckoff.

JUNE 3, 2016
MARTINEZ — Amanda D. Scott and Francisco Martinez Jr. of Umatilla; a girl, Isabela Juanita Martinez.

JUNE 6, 2016
RAMIREZ — Alissa M. Ramirez and Michael R. Ramirez of Umatilla; a girl, Sophia Arcadia Maria Ramirez.

Community, Altrusa turn page on little library

A community of women in Irrigon and Boardman, along with Altrusa International of Hermiston, recently dedicated a Little Red Library to the city of Irrigon.

The Altrusans purchased the structure and the north Morrow County women's group will help keep it stocked with books. The city of Irrigon poured a cement slab to mount the library and plans to install a bench in the future, said Karen Cooley of Altrusa.

Cooley, along with Judy Brown, spearheaded the project in hopes that reading will become a lifelong habit for people. They hope the library is used by both children and adults.

Students in Tricia Pullen and Brenda Kettleton's classes at A.C. Houghton Elementary School and students of Eileen Searles from Irrigon Elementary School won a penny drive contest, which was held to buy books for the library. The students in those classes attended the May 25 dedication of the Little Red Library, which is located on Third Street at Columbia Lane,



Contributed photo
Members of Altrusa International of Hermiston, women from an Irrigon and Boardman community women's group and students from the elementary schools in Irrigon participated in a dedication of the Little Red Library May 25 near the Irrigon Post Office.

across from the Irrigon Post Office.

Some of the children brought books to donate, Cooley said. One of the

students told her they thought the library would be bigger and that they would need another one because the students plan on reading a lot.

The library is designed for people to borrow a book and then return it, leave a book or just take a special book for themselves.



Photo contributed by Noemi Wiseman
Adrian Cagigas discusses the risks and how to prevent falls during an educational seminar May 19 at McKay Creek Estates.

McKay Creek residents take steps to reduce falls

As part of a Celebrations Program promoting healthy lifestyles at McKay Creek Estates, a recent educational seminar was titled Worried About Falling?

More than two dozen people attended the May 19 presentation by Adrian Cagigas, which was held at the Pendleton assisted living facility. Participants learned what causes people to fall and what can be done to reduce the risk of falling, said Noemi Wiseman, McKay Creek executive director.

More than half of people over the age of 80 will fall each year, Wiseman said. And 87 percent of all fractures in that age group are due to falls — making it important to provide people with information on how to decrease the risk.

Many activities and educational programs are open to the community at the facility. For information about upcoming events, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.com.

Pet of the Week

Pork Chop

Hey let me introduce myself, my name is Pork Chop! People say I'm a funny and lovable guy. I'm one of a kind because I'm a mix of Catahoula Leopard and American Bull Terrier. I'm just 1 year old. I've been housetrained, love to ride in a car and play outside. I also respond well to treat training. I would do best in a one dog family and older children. Life here at the shelter is lonely and I need a new best friend to take care of me, and in return I will keep you happy for life. Come meet me at PAWS anytime between Tuesday - Saturday from 12-4. I am altered, up to date on shots and ready to GO! 541-276-0181.

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