

**THANK YOU**

**Boise traveler appreciates hospitality**

I think the nicest people in the world live in Pendleton, Oregon! My friend and I were driving home after a weekend at the coast a couple of weeks ago. It was 9 p.m. on a Sunday when we arrived in Pendleton.

I wanted to fill up, get food and check my tires as we heard a "noise" earlier on the highway. We noticed a bump in the back tire. After a Google search, it didn't sound good but the car seemed to be driving well, so we decided to forgo dinner and just continue home.

Unfortunately, the exit ramp we took was closed so we had to look for an alternative route. Heading back through town, I noticed an officer in a parking lot. We stopped and asked him for help. Using his light, we saw more than a bump in the tire. There was metal coming out of it. This was obviously not looking good.

Officer **Cass Clark** tried to call an after-hours tire service. While waiting for them to call back, Officer Clark's shift ended and he needed to get his patrol car back for the next shift. He gave them my phone number and told us he'd be back.

Unfortunately, the company could not help us. I called a local towing company and they put me in touch with **Scott** from the **Tire Factory**. Scott had already settled in for the night but that didn't stop him from coming.

Before he got there, Officer Clark came back in his street clothes and helped us with the spare tire. Scott came with his son and between the three of them they managed to get the spare on and give us directions to the Tire Factory.

Officer Clark stayed with us until the very end and followed us out of the dark parking lot to make sure we headed out okay. This young man went above and beyond the line of duty and we will be forever grateful to him.

At the Tire Factory, things were not looking good. As I drive an all-wheel car, I needed two used tires to get us home. That was not to be, unfortunately. Plan B was to buy four new tires.

After taking off all four tires, Scott saw the front tire also was torn. It turned out to be a gift that the two rear tires could not be replaced and that the ramp was closed. We never made it to the highway where my tire could have blown going 80 mph. But most of all, we met the nicest people in the world.

After 11 p.m. on a Sunday night in Pendleton, we drove away with four new tires and a smile in our hearts. Thank you Cass, Scott and Cole!

Janet Aydinova  
Boise

**Community supports Susan Hawley**

The **Stanfield Community Center** and Mrs. **Susan Hawley** would like to thank everyone for the kindness and generosity that was shown at the benefit dinner that was held for her Friday, Oct. 7. A thank you also to the **Stanfield Fire Department**, who sponsored the benefit.

Mrs. Hawley's husband was lost in the house fire on Aug. 1, along with all of her belongings. It was a wonderful showing of support from our communities and she is very appreciative.

The dessert auction was lots of fun and everyone had fun eating and sharing the yummy items they bid on. Folks went home with some valuable auction items, too. Thank you again to everyone!

Cheryl Tucker  
Stanfield Community Center

**Check your eyes for better health**

Eye disease and decreased vision can impact productivity and adversely affect quality of life. It can lead to blindness and disability. We are all aware of the beneficial preventive health measures that have become incorporated into our day to day lives such as vaccinations, Pap smears, mammograms, and screening for high blood pressure and diabetes. Comprehensive eye exams can provide the same positive results with regard to our vision — particularly in preventing the ill effects of glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy.

The problem with the three diseases listed is that early on they may not produce any symptoms. Glaucoma has often been called the "sneak thief of sight" in that a sufferer is not aware of it until significant vision has been permanently lost. In fact, half of the approximately three million Americans with this disease are unaware that they have it until they see an eye doctor. Diabetes is perhaps the most common cause of blindness in working-aged individuals. More than thirty million people in our country have this disease, and approximately one third of them are unaware that they have it. It is not unusual for the diagnosis to be made in an eye doctor's office. And despite the fact that macular degeneration runs in families, it too is often not discovered until visual acuity has been reduced significantly.

There are good and effective treatments for these three diseases, but the diseases must be detected before therapy can be started. It is important for all individuals to have a general eye screening (which includes a comprehensive dilated eye examination) at around the age of 40. Follow up exam frequency can be determined based on findings.

There are many good ophthalmologists and optometrists in our area. Please plan on seeing the practitioner of your choice.

The key to preventing visual loss is early detection.  
Michael E. Deitz, M.D.  
Hermiston

**BIRTHS**

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**

**OCT. 11, 2016**  
**REITER** — Kiauna L. Fritz and Joshua D. Reiter of Pendleton: a boy, Jason Thomas Reiter.

**TAYLOR** — Deana Taylor and Jack Taylor of Stanfield: a girl, Sally May Taylor.

**OCT. 14, 2016**  
**SCHULZE** — Noelle K. Schulze and Christopher M. Schulze of Pendleton: a boy, Theodore Richards Schulze.

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**OCT. 12, 2016**  
**THEROS** — Jessica S. Theros and Joshua D. Theros of Hermiston: a girl, Lennox Saree Theros.

**OCT. 14, 2016**  
**CLEMENTS** — Jennifer Ransom and Anthony Clements of Hermiston: a boy, Lorenzo Modesto Clements.

**OCT. 15, 2016**  
**DOMINGUEZ BENITEZ** — Claudia Dominguez Benitez and Lucio E. Dominguez Umana of Hermiston: a boy, Matteo Emmanuel Dominguez Benitez.

**OCT. 16, 2016**  
**SOTO** — Yessenia Verdusco and Javier Soto of Condon: a boy, Ezekiel Fabian Soto.

**OCT. 17, 2016**  
**BROOKS** — Britney L. Brooks and Jeremiah J. Brooks of Hermiston: a girl, Emilia Marie Brooks.

**Zane Davis to receive Eagle Scout**



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**Zane Davis of Hermiston built a kiosk board at McKenzie Park for his Eagle Scout project. He will be presented with the rank during a court of honor Oct. 29 at the Hermiston First Christian Church.**

An Eagle Scout court of honor will be held to recognize **Zane Davis** of Hermiston. The highest honor presented in the **Boy Scouts of America**, participants must earn 21 merit badges and show leadership by planning, developing and completing a community service project.

For his project, Davis built a kiosk board at McKenzie Park for the **city of Hermiston**. The Scout expressed huge thanks to **Hendon Construction** for donating all the materials for the project.

Davis is a member of Troop 654, chartered by the **Hermiston First Christian Church**. A student at Hermiston High School, Davis is active in **Future Farmers of America, 4-H** and **New Hope Community Church**.

He would like to attend Wyoming Tech with hopes of becoming a high performance diesel mechanic and a commercial truck mechanic.

His parents, **Chad and Trish Davis**, invite family and friends to the court of honor Saturday, Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston.

For more information, contact ctzdavis@eotnet.net. For more about the Eagle Scout, visit www.scouting.org.

**BMCC receives Campus Compact grant**

**Blue Mountain Community College** was among a trio of higher education institutions to receive grants funded by **Campus Compact of Oregon** through **NobleCause**.

In addition to BMCC, Campus Compact of Oregon awarded money to **Mt. Hood Community College** in Gresham and **Oregon State University** in Corvallis. The \$4,000-\$5,000 awards will be used to promote connection between college and kindergarten through 12th grade students in each community.

The idea is to bring college and high students together who share a racial or cultural identity to solve community problems through joint service-learning projects. BMCC will deepen the experience of Transfer Day by pairing high school students with a current Blue Mountain student with whom they share an identity. The duos will explore the college together and discuss the transition from high school to higher education.

Campus Compact of Oregon was selected for its REACH project (Racial Equity Across College and High school). NobleCause is made possible by an anonymous donor within the **GiveWell Community Foundation** and organized by NobleHour.com, a volunteer management tool that promotes a culture of civic engagement and charts measurable acts of goodness.

For more information, contact **Claire Johnson** at 503-406-3570, claire@oregoncampuscompact.org or visit www.oregoncampuscompact.org/REACH.



**Jax passes paws-itive puppy class**

**Jax**, a German shepherd puppy owned by **Cassie Greene**, recently donned a graduation cap after completing a **Pecto Positive Dog Training Puppy Level 1** class. **Greene**, who is a 2010 Hermiston High School graduate, juggles her time as mom to **Jax** and her cat, **Crumb**, with school and her job at **Jackson Street Youth Services** in Corvallis.

**Three local Girl Scouts receive organization's highest award**

A trio of local Girl Scouts recently received the organization's highest recognition — the **Girl Scout Gold Award**.

The three recipients are **Allison Mulcare** of Pendleton and sisters **Andrea and Sofia Gispert Tello** of Hermiston.

"In the Olympics, to "go for the gold" means to work hard to be the best in your chosen sport. The same can be said in Girl Scouts," said **Michelle Kane**, volunteer service unit co-manager for the **Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington**.

The honor, Kane said, is achieved by fewer than one of every 100 girls in the program. The accomplishment requires putting together the leadership and communication skills they have acquired through Girl Scout activities to plan, organize and lead a service project that addresses an unmet need in the community or beyond.

Mulcare earned her Gold Award by assembling 55 tote bags for children impacted by domestic violence. Each bag was filled with toiletries, books, stuffed animals, a blanket and other items a child who is going through a traumatic family situation might use. The totes will be distributed to children who end up at **Domestic Violence Services** shelters in Umatilla County.

Mulcare, who graduated in June from Pendleton High School, is attending Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, where she is majoring in elementary education.

For their project, the Tello sisters offered senior adults classes called **Seniors Get Techie**, which featured basic computer and social media skills information. The designed the classes when they recognized the need for members of the older generation to learn more about technology.

The **Seniors Get Techie** classes are available as a



Photo contributed by Michelle Kane  
**Sisters Andrea and Sofia Gispert Tello of Hermiston are pictured with Sandra Venderver, their Girl Scouts Gold Award project mentor. The girls achieved the organization's highest recognition after coordinating a technology project for senior adults.**

PowerPoint presentation on a CD that can be checked out at the **Hermiston Public Library**.

Andrea and Sofia both graduated in June from Hermiston High School. Sofia is studying Japanese at

Whitman College in Walla Walla and plans to enter law school in the future. Andrea is at New York University Shanghai where she intends to major in neuroscience.

For more information about the Girl Scouts, contact



Photo contributed by Michelle Kane  
**Allison Mulcare of Pendleton is pictured with Sharon Neuvirth of Domestic Violence Services, her Girl Scouts Gold Award project mentor. She achieved the organization's highest recognition after working on a project to help children who impacted by domestic violence.**

**Sarah Miller** at 503-977-6861, 800-626-6543 or smiller@girlscoutsofsw.org.

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