

HERMISTON

Free event connects people to services

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Clothing and hygiene supplies, employment and housing information, haircuts, veterans services, dental, vision and healthcare screenings and other support services are available free of charge during the Project Community Connect & Veterans Stand Down.

Open to all veterans, the homeless and other at-risk individuals in the community, the event helps connect people with resources and provides on-the-spot services. Although it's coordinated by the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon, case manager Susie Stuvland said the event is made possible through all the partner agencies that come together to connect people to services.

"In today's world, it's good to link arms and work together," Stuvland said. Project Community Connect is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Oregon National Guard Armory, 900 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Fiesta Foods is catering



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Participants gather information at booths during a past Project Community Connect. Combined with a Veterans Stand Down, the free event, which provides on-the-spot services and connects people to resources, is Saturday at the National Guard Armory in Hermiston.

a delicious hot meal, Stuvland said, which is provided to all participants and volunteers. In addition, free transportation is available.

Area residents can take Kayak Public Transit to the Columbia Drive stop in Hermiston. People can check schedules for the Hermiston Hopper and Walla Walla Whistler at www.ctuir.org/tribal-services/planning/kayak-public-transit. For questions, the dispatch line

can obtain transportation information by calling Anita Pranger at 855-644-4560.

Stuvland said it's important to get people connected to available services. Positive things can begin to happen in people's lives when they have access to resources, she said.

"We feel very strongly that we provide a hand up and not a hand out," Stuvland said.

Volunteers are still needed for the event. Opportunities include working at the registration table, guiding participants to specific services and the exit station to hand out toiletries, clothing and other items.

For more information about Project Community Connect & Veterans Stand Down, call Glenda McDaniel or Susie Stuvland at 541-276-1926.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY

12:04 a.m. - A woman called Hermiston police from the Good Shepherd Medical Center emergency room, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, to report a stolen identity.

8:50 a.m. - A Pendleton mother reported her teen step-daughter sent someone messages indicating suicidal thoughts.

8:56 a.m. - Hermiston police responded to the parking lot at the Wal-Mart Supercenter, 1350 N. First St., after a caller reported a young child alone in a vehicle. Police did not find the vehicle or child.

10:19 a.m. - A woman on Southeast Second Street, Pendleton, asked for an officer to come to the house because her boyfriend refused to move out and threatened her and her family.

1:06 p.m. - A Pendleton caller on Southwest Perkins Avenue reported the theft of prescription drugs from her house.

2:54 p.m. - Transients left a large mess at their camp near the Umatilla Fish Hatchery, 73959 Riverview Lane, Irrigon, according to a caller, who added a sheriff's deputy should cite them for it. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

3:27 p.m. - Scammers received \$600 from a Hermiston woman, who asked to speak to an officer about the fraud.

7:19 p.m. - Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report of a juvenile who could be suffering physical abuse at home.

9:42 p.m. - Pendleton police took a fraud report from the victim.

10:59 p.m. - A caller asked Hermiston police for help after he left his laundry in Main St. Laundry, 545 E. Main St., and could not get it out.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Monday

Hermiston police arrested Adrian Allen Coleman, 48, of 135 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston, for first-degree theft and on a warrant.

Tuesday

Pendleton police arrested Joseph Avery Totten, 25, of 402 S. Fifth St., Athena, for violating parole, possession of methamphetamine and carrying concealed weapons.

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BRIEFLY

Event celebrates Tarnasky's retirement

HEPPNER — The Morrow County Health District is hosting an open house to celebrate the retirement of Sheridan Tarnasky.

People are invited to stop by Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center, 190 N. Main St., Heppner. A certified physician assistant, Tarnasky has served the health district as a medical provider since 1998. A lifelong Heppner resident, she began her medical career as a registered nurse.

For more information about the health district, visit www.morrowcountyhealthdistrict.org.

Bunco fundraiser benefits women

HERMISTON — A bunco fundraiser is planned by Soroptimist International of the Greater Hermiston Area.

I Love Bunco is Tuesday, Jan. 31 with the doors opening at 6 p.m. at Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. The cost is \$10 (cash, check or Square payment) at the door. The event includes snacks, prizes and silent auction baskets.

The local Soroptimist club is part of an international group that promotes education and leadership to transform the lives of women and girls.

Money raised from the event will go towards Live Your Dream, which provides education and training awards for women.

For more information, call Jan Mills at 541-571-3559.

Town & Country tickets available

HEPPNER — Tickets are now on sale for the Heppner Chamber of Commerce's Town & Country Community Awards Banquet.

The event is Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, 74473 Highway 74, Heppner. Tickets are \$25 each, if purchased prior to Feb. 6 — then they increase to \$30.

The evening will include recognition of local individuals and their support for the community. The meal features a prime rib dinner prepared by chef Alvin Liu of Gateway Café. In addition, one lucky person will have an opportunity to win a piece of jewelry from Peterson's Jewelers.

Presentation highlights Quest program

MILTON-FREEWATER — A special presentation by Terrol Winsor about the Walla Walla Community College Quest program is planned during the annual membership meeting of the Friends of the Milton-Freewater Library.

Quest is a special educational membership institute that offers a stress-free learning environment to those 50 and older. Also, those interested in becoming a library friend are encouraged to attend Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater.

The friends group hosts fundraisers and events to benefit the library. Everyone is welcome to learn more and join the group. For more information, call 541-938-8247.

Oregon Farm Bureau offers scholarships

The Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education is accepting applications for two scholarship programs for the upcoming 2017-2018 academic year.

Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Memorial Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors planning to attend an institution of higher learning; current full-time college students with a high school diploma; and Oregon home school graduates with some college coursework completed.

Applicants must be majoring in a field of study related to agriculture or forestry, or be the child or grandchild of a current voting member of Farm Bureau in Oregon.

Ten to 12 OFB Memorial Scholarships will be awarded.

The Oregon Farm Bureau Associate Member Scholarship, funded by COUNTRY Financial, offers \$1,000 to one new or continuing full-time student at an institution of higher learning.

Students can be pursuing any major, but must come from a family that has an associate (non-farm) membership with Farm Bureau in Oregon and has insurance from COUNTRY Financial.

The deadline for both scholarships is March 15, 2017. Scholarship applications are available at www.oregonfb.org/scholarships. For more information, contact Andrea Kuenzi, scholarship coordinator, at andrea@oregonfb.org