



A creek is surrounded by snow-covered rocks and brush in the Blue Mountains.

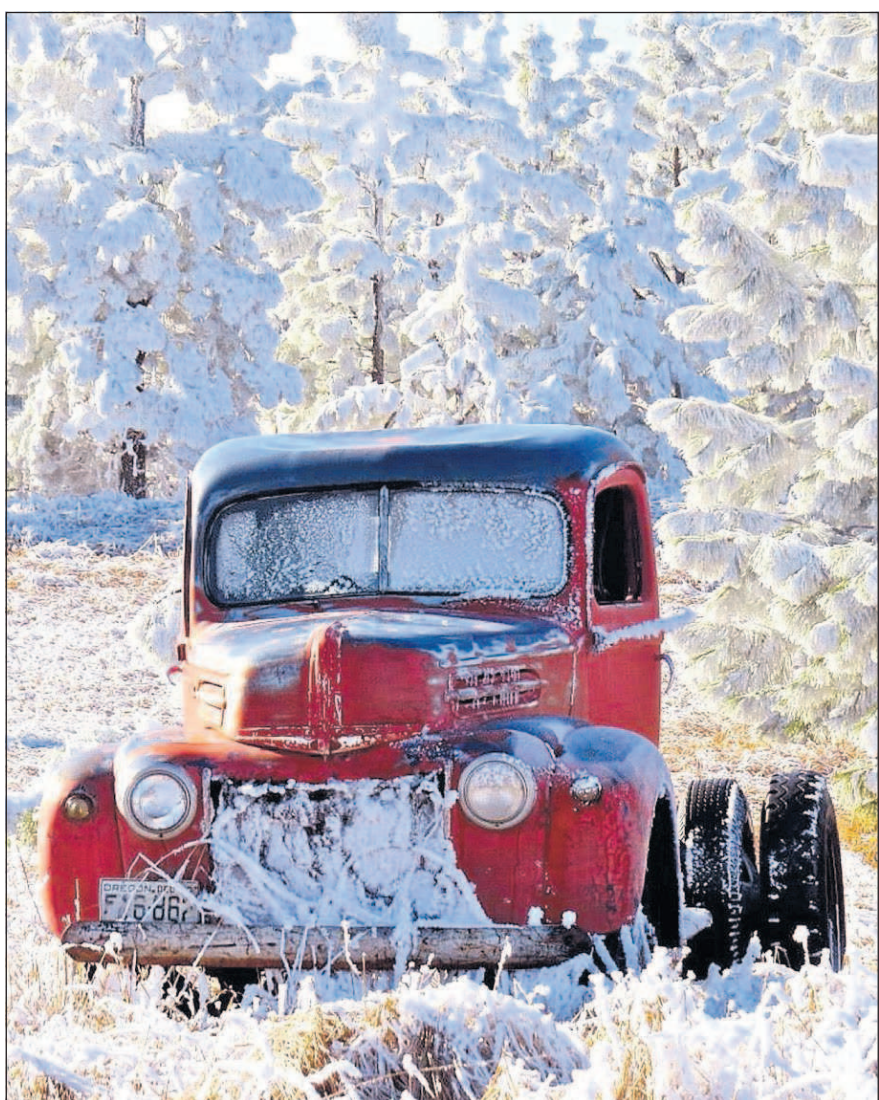
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Snowy scenes in the Blue Mountains

A collection of photos by Barbara Morehead



Evergreen trees are blanketed in snow near Battle Mountain.



A frost-covered vehicle sits idle in the snow near Tollgate.

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Couriers deliver for library district

Despite inclement weather seen throughout the region, many interlibrary loan items have still made it to their destinations.

The **Umatilla County Special Library District** contracts with the **Inter-Mountain Education Service District** to provide courier services to area libraries. Although the weather has been challenging at times, the library district reports the ESD couriers have done a great job in getting materials delivered in a timely fashion.

Area library patrons are asked to be patient if their materials are delayed. The drivers are doing what they

can to make timely deliveries while maintaining safety. People will be notified via text, phone or email when their materials arrive to be picked up.

Formed in 1986, the Umatilla County Special Library District is an independent taxing district funded by taxpayer dollars. Its mission is to support the development of public libraries in Umatilla County to provide services, programs and continuing educational opportunities to individuals of all ages.

For more information, contact **Dan Feil**, administrative assistant, at 541-276-6449, dan@ucslid.org or visit www.ucslid.org.

Education foundation disburses grant awards

Grants totaling \$16,500 were recently awarded to educators in the **Hermiston School District** by the **Hermiston Education Foundation**. It accepts applications twice a year. The fall grants include:

ARMAND LARIVE MEDDLE SCHOOL: Robert Doherty, \$1,900 to pay fees for 12 students, three chaperones and one teacher to attend the 2017 Student Television Network Convention.

DISTRICT OFFICE: Elizabeth Earp, \$950 for six communication devices

HERMISTON HIGH SCHOOL: Troy Blackburn and Heather Brown, \$1,300 for six starter packets for level 1 and level 2 Spanish Teaching Proficiency Through Reading and Storytelling; **Rachel Cairns and Kristine Metcalf**, \$2,500 for a functional outdoor

space project; **Nicole Cimmiotti**, \$1,200 for framing supplies; **Frances Fallon**, \$950 for learning aids; **Kasia Hoover**, \$1,000 for 100 admission tickets for performing arts cultural experiences; **Kelly Robison**, \$620 for a metal cutting saw and accessories; **Robert Theriault and John Fisher**, \$3,000 to upgrade robotics equipment.

SANDSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL: Dan Allen, Chelsea Geer, Lisa McElroy and Ray Davis, \$3,080 for drama supplies for the spring musical.

The **Hermiston Education Foundation** is a nonprofit public benefit corporation. Its purpose is to assist in enriching the student experience in the Hermiston district. For more information, visit www.hermistoneducation-foundation.org.

Jan. blood drive meets goal

Despite inclement weather, there were 67 appointments for the monthly **American Red Cross** blood drive in Hermiston.

The goal of 36 units was met during the Jan. 16 event at **Good Shepherd Medical Center**. There were a number of donors that made a point to donate to honor **Martin Luther King Jr.**, said **Patti Perkins**. In addition, there were two new donors, **Derrel Tinker and Angela Haigh**.

The canteen was furnished by **Altrusa International of Hermiston**. Service groups interested in canteen duties for June, July and/or December for blood drives at Good Shepherd are encouraged to call Perkins at 541-571-5372.

Blood products are

always in high demand, especially during the harsh weather. A donation of blood can help save the lives of up to three people, Perkins said.

"It is a small amount of time to give to save lives," she said. "Ask a friend or neighbor to join you and give the gift of life to a stranger."

A pair of blood drives are planned for Monday, Feb. 20 from noon to 6 p.m. at **Good Shepherd Medical Center**, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston; and **St. Anthony Hospital**, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton.

While walk-ins are welcome, people are encouraged to make an appointment via 800-448-3543 or www.redcross-blood.org/give.



The Healthy Families program of Umatilla Morrow Head Start Inc. received a Wildhorse Foundation grant, which was used to purchase a vehicle to provide home visits.

Photo contributed by Kerry Tassie

Wildhorse provides new ride for Healthy Families

Nearly 100 **Healthy Families** home visits a week will include safe rides — thanks to a grant from the **Wildhorse Foundation**.

The **Umatilla Morrow Head Start Inc.** program received \$10,000 to purchase a new vehicle, which will be used to better serve high risk families and children in the area.

Maureen McGrath, executive director, said the home visits are part of the program's comprehensive effort to better equip families for their most important role in life — parenthood.

"We all know that children

don't come with a handbook, and these home visits prepare parents in a way that sets children on a positive course for growth and development," said director **Erin Richards**, who leads many of the parent education and support initiatives for Head Start.

The positive ripple effect of Wildhorse's contribution to Head Start didn't end there. When **Rogers Toyota of Hermiston** was contacted by Head Start to make a purchase, they offered a vehicle significantly below listing price to ensure the highest return on the investment, McGrath said. This is

a wonderful example, she said, of two successful and generous local entities giving back to help the communities they serve.

"Our community is so generous when it comes to supporting children and families and UMCHS is truly honored to have such altruistic partners," McGrath said.

For more information on how to access services, partner with or make a donation to Head Start programs, contact **Samantha Shaw** at sshaw@umchs.org, 541-564-6878 or visit www.umchs.org.

Food 4 Fines provides five boxes of food

More than five boxes of food were collected in an effort by the **Stanfield Public Library**.

During the month of December, the library held **Food 4 Fines**. Patrons were offered an opportunity to reduce their late fees by 50 cents (up to \$5) for each non-perishable food item donated.

The **Umatilla County Special Library District** reports food donated was given to the **Stanfield Food Bank** for distribution.

SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

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

Pet of the Week



Max is an energetic and playful Texas Heeler that needs room to run. One of his favorite past times is diving for rocks under water. He loves playing fetch and going for car rides. Max needs a home without children or bigger dogs. Max is about 40 pounds, and he likes to smile at visitors. He needs time to feel comfortable around new people. Max would be best suited in a home without other dogs. Another interesting fact about Max is he was born on Memorial Day 2015. Max is neutered, up to date on shots and chipped. Come give Max the forever home he deserves. Max is located at PAWS Animal Shelter 517 SE 3rd St. in Pendleton and is available for adoption Tues-Sat 12-4pm.

Visit Max at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm • 517 SE 3rd St, Pendleton 541-276-0181

Check out the PAWSABILITY Thrift Store



52 Pets Adopted in 2017!

BIRTHS

JAN. 23, 2017

AZURE — Syreeta Azure and Gabriel Azure: a girl, Julia Marie Azure.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JAN. 19, 2017

THOMAS — Deedra Gagnepain and Brad Thomas of Hermiston: a girl, Skyla Avery Thomas.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

JAN. 19, 2017

ROWE — Cassandra M. Fine and Richard L. Rowe Jr. of Pilot Rock: a girl, Rhylee Lynn Rowe.

VIXIE — Shayne Rudolph and Darius Vixie: a boy, Ryder Wayne Vixie.

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