

Good Shepherd employees receive national award

Two Good Shepherd Health Care System employees were recognized with a national award at the Healthcare Service Excellence Conference in Long Beach, California.

Patient services manager **Jonathan Edwards** was recognized as an empowering manager and emergency services registered nurse **Susan Stephens** was recognized as an exceptional nurse.



Stephens



Edwards

He congratulated Edwards and Stephens on their recognition, and the hard work that led to it.

Stephens was chosen based on comments from her coworkers about how she "pours her heart" into the hospital's sexual assault task force, becoming an important part of the team and coming up with better procedures for helping victims. "The time and energy she gives of herself to helping victims is inspiring," the submission read.

Edwards was chosen because of a submission by one of his employees, who said he "pushes harder and makes higher goals" than other managers, in a way that inspires employees to reach goals they didn't think were possible.

During the conference, Good Shepherd also received third place for their employee engagement video, titled Coming Home (Hermiston), that was unveiled recently.

M-F foundation gives to community

The **Milton-Freewater Area Foundation** recently announced community grants and scholarships for the year 2016 for a total of \$83,936. Of that, \$17,050 was distributed in scholarships to area students furthering their education.

The rest of the funds were granted to the following: **Milton-Freewater Historical Society** (yearly maintenance and support of the Frazier Farmstead Museum), **Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance** (The Gathering Place), **Snow Cats** (ski club), **Milton-Freewater Valley Library** (upgrade for book checkout using RFID), **Blue Mountain Babe Ruth of Oregon** (last phase of renovation of the McRae Ireland baseball field), **Milton-Freewater Chamber of Commerce** (banner for Rocks Festival), **Walla Walla Symphony** (concert for elementary students), **Walla Walla YMCA** (5-week summer camp for youth in Milton-Freewater), **Walla Walla Hospice**,

FFA (upgrades to the land lab), and **Danner Farms Mentoring Project**.

The MFAF was founded in 1962 for the purpose of creating a trust for charitable and educational uses in our community. The Foundation board is made up of five local members of our community and the trust is managed by **Baker Boyer Bank**. The Foundation has been successful because of the generous estate gifts and memorial contributions from members of our community and the surrounding area, leaving a legacy for the future of Milton-Freewater. Over the years, the Foundation has made a serious impact on this community in the amount of well over a million dollars.

For further information about the Foundation, or how to apply for grants or scholarships or to make contributions, contact **Luis Alvarez**, MFAF director, Baker Boyer Bank (Milton-Freewater Branch), 320 N. Columbia, Milton Freewater, OR 97862.

Sen. Hansell welcomes EOU class to capitol

A few years ago **Sen. Bill Hansell** was invited to speak to a political science class taught by Eastern Oregon University professor **Jeff Dense**. Hansell accepted and it was a great experience both for him and the students.

This led to the idea of bringing one of Dense's classes to Salem during the legislative session in order for the students to see first-hand how the process works. Sen. Hansell refers to the course as Legislature 101.

The concept became a reality and Senator Hansell and his office has hosted a class from Eastern Oregon University going on four years. Feb. 16-17 marked the fourth year of this program.

Sen. Hansell hosted 10 students for a day and a half. Among the events they participated in were: history of the Senate floor, attending Ways and Means sub-committee hearings, attending Senate policy committees, and watching the Senate floor session with a private floor protocol class lead by Secretary of the Senate

Lori Broker. They tracked one of Sen. Hansell's bills, SB 373, through the process by learning about how the bill started, the draft concept and what the bill does and does not do, as well as answering questions about the bill students might have. In addition to these meetings the students also had private office meetings with Senate President **Peter Courtney**, Senate Republican Leader **Ted Ferrioli**, Senate Democratic Leader **Ginny Burdick**, Sen. **Arnie Roblan**, Sen. **Betsy Johnson** and Rep. **Greg Barreto**, as well as Sen. Hansell's legislative director, **Branden Pursinger**, to learn the role staff play in the building.

Throughout the day and a half, Sen. Hansell was available to answer student questions about process, history, joining the legislature and how they can serve as an intern. Sen. Hansell taught and coordinated the class alongside Dense and said he is looking forward to the next opportunity to help educate the future leaders in Oregon's legislative process.

Hermiston chess players head to state tournament

The Region 23 Chess for Success tournament was held Feb. 11 in Hermiston. Team and individual winners were named from both Hermiston and its main opponent, Heppner.

Five Hermiston High School students will travel to the state tournament March 10-11 in Portland after the top three players tied with four points each (out of a possible five) and two others tied with three points.

Team winners at the tournament included **Heppner Elementary** (K-5) and **Heppner Junior High** (grades 6-8). Individual winners were **Owen Guerra**, grade 3, Heppner (K-4); **Javier Garcia**, Highland Hills, Hermiston (grade 5); **Jacob Finch**, Heppner (grade 6); **Felix Matthew**, Heppner, and **Edward Rodriguez**, Armand Larive, Hermiston (grade 7, tie); **Jeremy Bowden**, Hermiston (grade 9) and **Bobby Bellinger** (grade 10), Hermiston High School (grades 9-12, tie for first place); and **Oscar Galdamez** (grade 12) and **Thomas Wall** (grade 11), HHS (grades 9-12, tie for high enough points).



Photo submitted by Delia Wallis

Hermiston High School students (front, from left) Bobby Bellinger, Oscar Galdamez, Jerence Lyons, Jeremy Bowden and (back) Thomas Wall will compete in the state chess tournament in Portland after scoring top marks at the regional tournament in Hermiston Feb. 11.

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Catholic Daughters host luncheon, style show

The members of **Our Lady of Angels Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #1692** hosted a Valentine's Day Luncheon and Style Show at the Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church Parish Hall on Saturday, Feb. 11. Forty-eight models delighted the crowd of more than one hundred with styles from six different local businesses: **Bealls**, **Maurice's**, **Smitty's Ace Hardware**, **Andee's Boutique**, **Lucky Endz** and **LuLu Roe**. **Mandi Bedolla**. More than \$1,400 was raised for the Marilyn Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Photo by Pat Edmundson

After enjoying a delicious luncheon featuring a wide variety of salads, the audience was treated to a stirring rendition of the National Anthem by **Martha Lopez** to begin the style show. Longtime parishioner **Wayne Vannett** shared that this was the best singing of the National Anthem he had ever heard.

Co-chairs for the event were **Kristi Smalley** (narrator and court regent) and **Sandi Rizk** (court treasurer).

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

FEB. 16, 2017

COX — Tana N. Halligan and Michael A. Cox of Pendleton: a boy, Silas Joseph-Allan Cox.

NICHOLS — Heather M. Nichols and Alan R. Nichols of Hermiston: a girl, Elizabeth Ann Nichols.

ZUBE-HONL — Tara N. Honl and Jacob J. Honl of Pendleton: a girl, Estelle Renee Zube-Honl.

FEB. 17, 2017

BASS — Carolle D. Bass and Danny E. Bass of Pendleton: a boy, Jaxon Eugene Dalahay Bass.

KERWIN — Kateari M. Kerwin of Pendleton: a girl, Novalee Grace Kerwin.

LOPEZ RAMIREZ — Elizabeth Ramirez Zamudio and Marcos A. Lopez of Pendleton: a girl, Fatima Lopez Ramirez.

FEB. 19, 2017

GILCHRIST — Tayler White and Christopher Gilchrist of Pendleton: a girl, Lillian Marie Gilchrist.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

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CHOREY — Chelsey D. Colpitts and Daniel J. Longhorns of Hermiston: a boy, Jaxon Eugene Chorey.

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BRUNING — Jennifer L. Bruning and Steven A. Bruning of Pendleton: a boy, Tanner Robert Filmore Bruning.

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Members of the **Girls Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington Troop 51413** on Feb. 4 donated supplies to the **Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS)** as part of a volunteer effort, including (from left) **Kiana Manta**, **Tessa Collier** and **Julianna Verdin**.

Girls Scouts lend a hand to those with PAWS

When the girls in **Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington Troop 51413** sat down to choose a community project to go along with their fall product sale, there was one option that stood above the others, hands down.

"They all love animals so much," said troop leader **Diane Hamby**, "and they have been wanting to volunteer at PAWS for a while."

So, the Girl Scout Juniors and Cadettes in grades four through middle school elected to use \$100 of their hard-earned troop funds to buy supplies for **Pioneer Humane Society's Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS)**. The Pendleton-based troop took it a step further and filled out applications and volunteered two hours at the shelter on Feb. 4.



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Olivia Schrader of **Pendleton** cuddles a cat at the **Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS)** as part of a volunteer effort by the **Girls Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington Troop 51413** on Feb. 4.

"They had a lot of fun playing with puppies and kittens," Hamby said.

Pet of the Week

Alfie

Alfie wants you to know he's adorable and promises to be a good boy if you give him a good home. Alfie is a handsome 4 year old Lhasa Apso. He loves car-rides and to cuddle. Alfie will need to be groomed on a regular basis. Thanks to Pupcakes, Alfie looks like a whole new man! If you have lots of love to give this guy, come meet Alfie at PAWS located at 517 SE 3rd St in Pendleton Tue-Sat 12-4pm.

Visit Alfie at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws
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