

Hermiston woman receives 25-gallon pin from Red Cross

The April American Red Cross blood drive at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston was cause for celebration as **Ronita M. Jones** received her 25-gallon pin.

Patti Perkins said hitting the milestone is quite an accomplishment.

"This is 200 donations, which takes at least 33 years of donating," she said.

In all, the drive collected 38 units, which exceeded the goal of 33. However, Perkins said blood products are always in high demand — especially as the summer months approach. A donation, she said, can help save the lives of up to three

people.

The canteen during the April 17 blood drive was provided by the **Emblem Club**. Volunteers to provide canteen duties for the December drive are still needed. For more information, call Perkins at 541-571-5372.

The next blood drive at Good Shepherd is Monday, May 15 from 12:30-6 p.m. For information about upcoming blood drives throughout the region, visit www.redcrossblood.org/give. While walk-ins are welcome, people are encouraged to make an appointment by calling 800-448-3543.

Local dispatcher attends telecommunications course

Caroline Adrian-Karlin, a dispatcher with the **Morrow County Sheriff's Office**, was among the graduates of the 104th Basic Telecommunications Class through the **Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training**.

The ceremony was held Friday at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. **Kelly Dutra**, director of Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency, was the guest speaker.

The two-week course included emergency call handling techniques, stress management, civil liability, ethics, criminal law, overview of fire-rescue and law enforcement operations, and a number of other topics.

Students completing the course return to their employing agency to continue their training for a number of months with a field training officer.

The 9-1-1 training program began in 1993 when the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted legislation that requires individuals who receive emergency calls for assistance from the public meet professional standards for training and certification. There are approximately 950 men and women across the state who work in the profession in city, county, tribal, regional and state public safety communications centers.

For more information, contact director **Eriks Gabliks** at 503-378-2332 or eriks.gabliks@state.or.us.

McKay Creek residents hop into Easter festivities

The annual Easter egg hunt at **McKay Creek Estates** brought smiles to the faces of all who participated.

Executive director **Noemi Wiseman** said more than double the amount of people showed up for the event this year, which was held at the Pendleton assisted living facility. The staff, residents and families enjoyed watching the kids as they hunted for eggs. The shiny plastic eggs, Wiseman said, included corresponding prizes, which brought even

bigger smiles to the faces of the children.

In addition, a visit by the **Easter Bunny** added to the excitement for kids and residents alike. Wiseman expressed thanks to the community members who brought their kids to the facility to share in the Easter festivities with McKay Creek's residents.

For more information about activities at the center, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.com.



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Fire department soars with Eagles Auxiliary donation

On behalf of Pendleton Eagles Auxiliary No. 28, **Jackie Adams**, treasurer/chairwoman, presented a laryngoscope with accessories to the Pendleton Fire Department. Those present include **Campbell Agee**, chief **Mike Ciraulo**, **Adam Wilkinson**, **Jordan Tyer**, **Dave Baty**, **Daryl Sams**, **Dan Hergert**, **Robert Wolf** and **Jared Uselman**.

Two BMCC students named to state academic team

An aspiring chemical engineer and an advocate for women and children were among students recently honored at the **Oregon State Capital** in Salem.

Blue Mountain Community College students **Daniyal Nadeem** and **Laura Jokinen** were recognized by **Gov. Kate Brown** April 17 as part of the **2017 All-Oregon Academic Team**.

Each of the state's community colleges may nominate up to two outstanding students for the team, which is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Oregon Community College Association, and the 17 Oregon community college presidents.

BMCC president **Cam Preus** joined the students in Salem for a luncheon honoring all members of the team from around the state. **Sen. Bill Hansell** also was in attendance.

Nadeem is originally from Pakistan, and is co-president of BMCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He's also an active member of the Beta Delta Zeta chapter, and last year led the chapter's Honors in Action research project. As a result, Nadeem coordinated with the Children's Museum of Eastern



Photo contributed by Casey White-Zollman

Daniyal Nadeem and **Laura Jokinen**, pictured with **Sen. Bill Hansell**, were recently honored by **Gov. Kate Brown** as part of the **2017 All-Oregon Academic Team**.

Oregon for his physics class to provide hands-on demonstrations of physics concepts. He intends to transfer to Oregon State

University to study chemical engineering.

Jokinen is currently working on a bachelor's degree in social welfare at

Eastern Oregon University. She completed her Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree at BMCC in December 2016. Her goal is to be an advocate for women and children so that they know about and have access to resources to improve their lives. Jokinen, who has two daughters, volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), working with families in crisis. She's also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and participates in BMCC's TRiO program.

The All-Oregon Community College Academic Team, a part of the national All-State Community College Academic Team program, recognizes high achieving two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.

The All-State Community College Academic Team program began in 1994 in Mississippi and Missouri. To date, there are 38 states that host programs each year to highlight two-year colleges and recognize exceptional student.

For more information, contact BMCC's **Casey White-Zollman**, vice president of public relations, at 541-278-5839 or cwhitezollman@bluecc.edu.



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Rotary pitches in for ShelterBox

Ben Buchert, president of the Pendleton Rotary Club, hands a check for \$1,000 to **Eric Reise** to support ShelterBox USA, and international disaster relief charity that helps victims of natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

APRIL 18, 2017
JOURNOT — Shelby N. Journot and Zackery J. Journot of Pilot Rock: a girl, Kinsley Jean Journot.

RAPH — Donna A. Raph and Alan L. Raph of Pendleton: a girl, Alanna LeeAnn Raph.

APRIL 19, 2017
WARD — Robin Ward and J.D. Ward of Pendleton: a girl, Alice May Ward.

APRIL 22, 2017
SHIPPENTOWER-THOMPSON — Kola B. Thompson and Tommy

W. Thompson Jr. of Pilot Rock: a boy, Samuel Jasper Shippentower-Thompson

APRIL 25, 2017
WILSON — Teanna N. Prince and Tyler T.-A. Wilson of Pendleton: a girl, Aiyanna Renee-Appleton Wilson.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

APRIL 21, 2017
GONZALEZ CARRILLO — Andrea Carrillo and Vidal Gonzalez of Hermiston: a girl Adelene Gonzalez Carrillo.

MCDANIEL — Amber

M. McDaniel and Scott W. McDaniel of Irrigon: a boy, Hunter Pharis McDaniel.

APRIL 24, 2017
ROSALES MENDOZA — Arcelia L. Mendoza Ruiz and Jesus M. Rosales Jr. of Hermiston: a boy, Isaiah Jesus Rosales Mendoza.

Providence St. Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla

APRIL 21, 2017
BOYLAN — Kayla Boylan and Mitch Boylan of Hermiston: a boy, Carter Leon Boylan.

Tai Chi class assists with balance

HERMISTON — Older adults are invited to have fun while reducing the risk and fear of falling with Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance.

A new 24-class series starts Monday, May 1 at 9 a.m. It will meet Mondays and Wednesdays in the Good Shepherd Wellness Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. There is no charge to participate.

Offered by the CAPECO Area on Aging, the physical

activity class improves balance, increases flexibility and improves core muscle strength. The gentle movements can be performed while standing or seated. No experience is required. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes with flexible soles.

To register, call the Good Shepherd Education Department at 541-667-3509. For more information, contact Helena Wolfe at 541-561-5443 or hwolfe@capeco-works.org.

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Pet of the Week

SIS

Meet Sis, she is a sweet and loving 2 year old girl that can't wait to find her new best friend in life. This quiet and well mannered lady is looking for a place to call her own and a companion to spend lots of time with. Sis would enjoy going places with you, her endearing personality will capture your heart and make you ask yourself how you ever lived without her. Sis likes other dogs and greets everyone with a wag! Sis is spayed, up to date on shots, comes with micro-chip and a free bag of her favorite food. Come meet Sis at PAWS Tues-Sat from 12-4pm. Located at 517 SE 3rd St in Pendleton. 541-276-0181.

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