

Feves gallery partners with Playtime Education

The **Betty Feves Memorial Gallery** recently teamed up with **Playtime Education** to engage preschoolers with art in a gallery setting.

As part of Playtime Education’s regular programming, Family Nights are held to involve parents with their preschoolers in fun and informative activities. The gallery, which is located on Blue Mountain Community College’s Pendleton campus, recently hosted the group.

The preschool students and their families viewed the **Watercolor Society of Oregon Traveling Show**, which is currently on exhibit at the gallery. Participants then created their own watercolor creations in a hands-on activity designed to encourage artistic collaboration between parents and children.

In conjunction with the Playtime Education Family Night, a display of artwork the preschoolers created at school is on view in the main hallway in Pioneer Hall. The display includes watercolor paintings and illustrated alphabet cards that are accompanied by teacher statements about the lesson plans and the connections made between art and literacy, science, language and fine motor skill development.

Lori Sams, Feves gallery director, said they were thrilled to host the family night, as well as displaying the student artwork. She said it highlights how art can be used in a preschool setting to teach young learners about language and science.

“It’s also great for BMCC Early Childhood Education students to see these project examples,” Sams said.

Based in Pendleton, Playtime Education is owned and operated by **Amber and Rory Rittenbach**. A preschool setting with childcare, the environment offers a day of play while learning important life skills.

The Watercolor Society of Oregon Traveling Show exhibit continues through Thursday, Feb. 15 at the



Participants engage in an art activity during a Playtime Education Family Night at the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery in Pendleton.



Children from Playtime Education pause for a photo while viewing the Watercolor Society of Oregon Traveling Show at the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery.



Director Lori Sams leads children on an art walk during a Playtime Education Family Night at the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery in Pendleton.

Feves gallery. Located in Pioneer Hall, the gallery is open Monday through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and by appointment by calling 541-278-5952.

Red Cross volunteer applauds first-time donor

The January **American Red Cross** blood drive at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston celebrated first-time donor **Kayla Humphrey**.

“It is people like Kayla that keep our blood supply strong,” said volunteer **Patti Perkins**. “Our donors are special group of people.”

Calling the Jan. 16 event “a highly successful drive,” Perkins said it included 51 donors who provided 48 units. In addition, Perkins said the canteen for the January drive was provided by **Altrusa International of Hermiston**. She expressed appreciation for service clubs and others community

groups that step up to help. Blood products are always in high demand and there is a constant need for a steady supply of donors. Perkins said it’s estimated that 38 percent of the population is eligible to give blood, but only 8 percent of those actually donate. A donation, she said, can help save the

lives of up to three people. This month’s blood drive is Monday, Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., also at Good Shepherd, 610 N.W. 11th St. While walk-ins are welcome, Perkins said it helps with volunteer staffing if appointments are made in advance. To schedule a donation time, call 1-800-448-3543.

Children’s Rodeo wrangles in donation

The **Let ‘er Buck Room** recently served as pickup man for the **Children’s Rodeo** — providing a donation from tips received during the 2017 **Pendleton Round-Up**.

Director **Mike Ledbetter** and his wife, **Jill**, presented a check for \$2,668 to representatives of **InterMountain Education Service District** who help in coordinating rodeo

activities for special needs students. The money, which was presented Feb. 2, came from tips Ledbetter and bar volunteers received each day during Round-Up — except Thursday, which go to a different nonprofit organization.

“Our volunteers are happy to donate all their tips to a great cause,” Ledbetter said.

Representatives of

the Children’s Rodeo are appreciative of Ledbetter and his volunteers for their continued support. Founded in 1984, the event takes place during Thursday of Round-Up week and features participants from school districts in Umatilla, Morrow and Union counties. For more information, visit www.imesd.k12.or.us/childrens-rodeo.



Morrow County dispatcher completes training

Dispatcher **William Brannon** of the **Morrow County Sheriff’s Office** recently participated in the Basic Telecommunications Class.

Brannon and classmates from BT107 participated in a graduation ceremony Feb. 2 at **Oregon Public Safety Academy** in Salem. Presented by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, 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.

The 9-1-1 training program began in 1993 when Oregon enacted legislation requiring 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 this profession in city, county, tribal, regional and state public safety communications centers.

The Oregon DPSST provides training to more than 25,000 students each year across the state and at the academy in Salem. **Eriks Gabliks** serves as the director and **Sheriff Jason Myers** of the Marion County Sheriff’s Office is the board chairman. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/dpsst.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEB. 10
EASTERN OREGON CELTIC SOCIETY PIPERS MEETING, 1 p.m., The Old Meeting House, 901 M Ave., La Grande. For pipers of all skill levels. Instruction is free, but a \$2 donation for use of the building is appreciated. (541-568-4643)

HERMISTON CULTURAL AWARENESS CLUB, 2 p.m., Starbucks, 1235 N. First St., Hermiston. Practicing the wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the community, including all cultures and races. Everyone welcome. (John Carbage 541-701-7073)

PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC,

6-11:59 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Dinner from 6-8 p.m., music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)

SUNDAY, FEB. 11
PENDLETON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828)

WHITE EAGLE GRANGE, 5:30 p.m., White Eagle Grange Hall, 43828 White Eagle Road, Pendleton. 5 p.m. potluck, bring salad or dessert. Regular meeting to follow. (Gail Wilson 541-276-3778)

MONDAY, FEB. 12
BOARDMAN QUILT GROUP, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Quilt construction, quilting updates, education, history and friendship. Free. (Kathy Hyder 541-571-7009)

GARDENING FRIENDS, 2 p.m., venue varies, Boardman. (Margie Park 541-481-2570)

IRRIGON MOOSE LODGE TACOS AND BINGO, 6-9 p.m., Irrigon Moose Lodge, 220 N.E. Third St., Irrigon. Tacos from 6-9 p.m., bingo from 6:30-9 p.m. Open to members and guests. (541-922-1802)

THANK YOU

Thank you, Umatilla County

What a humbling experience the past two decades have been for my family and myself. As my participation on the **Umatilla County Fair Board** came to an end, the ability to say thank you to the whole of Umatilla County is lost in the magnitude of emotions. Development of unmatched success recognized throughout the state and region, the **Umatilla County Fair** and **Farm-City Pro Rodeo** are living and evolving monuments to the generosity of community and heart.

Sponsors in every corner of the county have stepped up and delivered not only finances, but time and material with pride. **Donors** have come through annually and never hesitate to find a way to fulfill last minute requests.

Volunteers from throughout Umatilla County contribute and produce the Umatilla County Fair from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, from setting up pens to picking up trash, from mowing lawns to setting up the stage to organizing RVs, from hauling straw/chips to cleaning tables, from arranging entertainment to coordinating with the Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

UCF is one of the largest five-day fairs in the Pacific Northwest. It is not a professionally produced event, it is managed by the Umatilla County Fair Board with administrative support of the **Umatilla County Commissioners** (liaison, **Larry Givens**) and staff. This is a unique and extremely successful relationship that allows the Umatilla County Fair Board to offer a product to our community above the expectations of communities of much larger populations and financially stronger. It is the volunteers. What a humbling experience.

Thank you to the Umatilla County community, Umatilla County Fair Board and the Umatilla County Commissioners for letting my family and myself participate.

Dan Dorran
Hermiston

2017 Giving Tree thanks community

What is it about the holiday season that brings out the best in people?

For the most part, people simply chalk it up to the spirit of the season. Whatever it is, nowhere is it manifested any more than the **Giving Tree Program**.

In operation for 18 years, the Giving Tree is solely operated by a handful of volunteers and yet roughly 500 children benefit.

How can this happen? It happens because many giving citizens in the east end of Umatilla County along with **Hamleys, Elkhorn Media Group, Oregon Department of Human Services, Umatilla County Youth Services, Umatilla County CARE, McKay Elementary, Washington Elementary, Sherwood Elementary** schools and the **Pendleton Early Learning Center** make it a successful project in Pendleton.

Certainly it is a reminder of the values that make our area such a wonderful place in which to live and work. As we consider our blessings during the New Year, let’s remember that being able to enjoy the kind of friends and neighbors we have in this area should be somewhere near the top of our lists.

Thank you so much from the 2017 Giving Tree committee,

Melvaee Carter, Lisa Roberts, Anne Sokoloski, Corrina Robinson, Patti Thorne, Heidi Ziegler, Julie Thompson and Jenni Galloway

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton	Dean Rosenbalm.
JAN. 31, 2018 CLOSE — Carrisa A. Close of Pendleton: a boy, Nikko Kayden Close. MCCLELLAND — Danielle M. McClelland of Pendleton: a boy, Alden Oakley McClelland.	Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston JAN. 30, 2018 PABLO-PABLO — Edvia Pablo Lorenzo and Cristobal Pablo Pablo of Hermiston: a boy, Danny Christian Pablo-Pablo.
FEB. 1, 2018 ELLIS — Erika Voss and Raymond Ellis of Pendleton: a girl, Elliette Faye Ellis.	FEB. 3, 2018 MEEKS — Ninnia M. Meeks of Hermiston: a boy, Zayden Wayne Meeks MOLINA-VILLAR-REAL — Mayrani J. Villarreal and Luis A. Molina of Umatilla: a boy, Andres Sebastian Molina-Villarreal.
FEB. 4, 2018 GARCILAZO — Mersadees M.L. Avila and Manuel Garcilazo of Hermiston: a girl, Ariana Miah Garcilazo.	FEB. 4, 2018 PEDRO MARTINEZ — Amanda Scott and Francisco Martinez Jr. of Umatilla: a boy, William Gerardo Pedro Martinez.
FEB. 6, 2018 ROSENBALM — Madison S. Rosenbalm and Jeremy J. Rosenbalm of Heppner: a boy, Tiller	

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.

Puma is a 9 month old tabby with special mitten paws. He needs a loving patient home because he is shy at first but loves to get attention and treats! Puma comes neutered and up to date on shots, so come meet this sweet boy at PAWS!

76 Pets Adopted in 2018!

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

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