



Barbara Morehead

Photo contributed by Barbara Morehead

Home on the range

Pilot Rock resident Barbara Morehead captured a photo of an elk herd meandering through an old homestead about 20 miles south of Pilot Rock near Battle Mountain.

Blood drive includes first-time donor

The February American Red Cross blood drive in Hermiston included first-time donor Madison Kitchin.

"It is people like Madison that keep our blood supply strong," said volunteer Patti Perkins.

The Feb. 19 event, which was held at Good Shepherd Medical Center, included 40 donors, which resulted in

35 units being collected, Perkins said. Also, the canteen was provided by the Boardman Community Women's Group.

Blood products are always in high demand, but with the high number of those effected by flu the blood supply is low, Perkins said. Each blood donation can save the lives of up to three people.

This month's blood drive is Monday, March 19 from noon to 6 p.m., also at GSMC, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. While walk-ins are welcome, appointments assist with scheduling. To make an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543.

For more information, visit www.redcross.org.

Fundraising gala features passport to Paris

A gala fundraising event presented by Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start helped raise money for the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program.

More than 200 attendees enjoyed a plated dinner, gift boutique-style silent auction, CASA spotlight and fresh flower stand. An Evening in Paris transported people to the "City of Love" during the Feb. 24 event at the Hermsiton Community Center — complete with a scaled-down version of the Eiffel Tower.

The CASA program finds and trains advocates for the more than 160 foster children in Umatilla and Morrow counties. The goal for the event was not only to raise money, but also to raise awareness for the CASA program and the role it plays in the community. CASA volunteers are a vital component in the foster care system, said Maureen McGrath, UMCHS executive director.

"This outpouring of support from the community is an important step in helping our most vulnerable children," McGrath said. "These volunteers act as the voice for foster children and walk alongside them during their journey through foster care."

Being placed in foster care is one of the most traumatic experiences that a child can go through, McGrath said, and the court system can be a scary and confusing concept for children. CASA volunteers are there to make sure the children they volunteer for have another caring person on their side, speaking for them.

Members of the community had great things to say about the gala and CASA, McGrath said. Many were inspired to become volunteers, and many encouraged other member of the commu-



Photo contributed by Briana Montano

A version of the Eiffel Tower stood as the backdrop to the dueling pianists who performed during An Evening in Paris, a Feb. 24 fundraiser for the CASA program.



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A Paris-themed fundraising gala held Feb. 24 in Hermiston helped raise money for the Court Appointed Special Advocates through Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start.

nity to support the program.

The success of this event was due to the amount of support by sponsors and community alike. UMCHS hopes for an even bigger turnout for an Evening in Rome event, which is scheduled for Friday, April 27.

For more information about becoming a CASA volunteer, contact CASA Manager Jesus Rome at 541-667-6170. To help sponsor, support or attend other events, contact Briana Montano at 541-564-6878 or visit www.umchs.com.

Boardman farmer cultivates grant for Riverside FFA

Riverside Jr/Sr High School recently benefited from the America's Farmers Grow Communities program.

Joe Taylor of Double T Farming in Boardman registered for the Grow Communities program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The Morrow County farmer's effort resulted in a \$2,500 grant going to Riverside's FFA program. As part of its mission, Riverside FFA will use the money to attend the Oregon State FFA Convention as well as upcoming FFA competitions.

"We would like to thank Joe Taylor for this donation to our program. We are in the second year of our FFA program at Riverside and these funds will be a tremendous help in continuing to build the program," said David Norton, Riverside principal.

Each year, the Grow Communities program provides farmers the opportunity to support local nonprofit organizations that are important to them. The farmers can enroll in the program for a chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit of their choice.

The program has disbursed more than \$29 million to farming communities since its inception,



Taylor

including more than \$3 million in 2018. The recipient organizations reflect the makeup and character of rural America, including emergency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs, food banks and many others.

"Farmers play a pivotal role in rural communities, and through their commitment to the Grow Communities program, we are able to provide the monetary support these nonprofit organizations need to make an impact," said Al Mitchell, Monsanto Fund president. "We're proud to play a part in helping these rural communities grow and thrive."

For more information about America's Farmers Grow Communities, visit www.growcommunities.com.

Umatilla student soars with 'promise'

The "Promise of Oregon" recently added two more Umatilla School District students to its statewide public education support campaign.

Clara Brownell Middle School student Santiago Gutierrez expressed a commitment to keep his grades up so he can become a surgeon and help save people's lives.

Launched by the Oregon School Boards Association, the campaign showcases school districts that are using cutting-edge programs to help prepare students for careers and college. The "Promise" views today's students as Oregon's greatest natural resource and encourages Oregonians to invest in public schools so the next generation can reach its potential.



Santiago Gutierrez

"We need to continue to dream bigger," said Jim Green, OSBA's executive director. "Public schools are the best investment we can make in our young people."

For more information, including photos and comments from participants, visit www.promise-oregon.org.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

FEB. 21, 2018

RAZO — Lena Santos Razo and Victor Razo of Milton-Freewater: a girl, Isabella Maria Razo.

FEB. 24, 2018

RODRIGUEZ — Isela Rodriguez and Fernando Rodriguez of Boardman: a girl, Ruby Rodriguez.

FEB. 28, 2018

EDWARDS — Erica M. Edwards and Kelsey L. Edwards of Pendleton: a boy, Levi Rafael Edwards.

MARCH 4, 2018

SALLEE — Shanna K. Sallee and Michael J. Sallee of Hermiston: a girl,

Makenna Kay Sallee.

MARCH 5, 2018

HANCOCK — Marie C. Hancock and Rubin J. Hancock of Pendleton: a boy, John Vincent Jackson Hancock.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

FEB. 17, 2018

HANSEN — Amber C. Hansen and Daryl A. Hansen of Hermiston: a girl, Aria Jean Hansen.

FEB. 28, 2018

OUGH — Marissa Brundage and Jeff Ough of Hermiston: a boy, Dawson Ray Ough.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

EASTERN OREGON CELTIC SOCIETY PIPERS GATHERING, 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, MARCH 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)

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY, 4-5 p.m., Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 120 E Beech, Hermiston. Sunday Evening Bible Study begins at 4pm. Check us out on Facebook. (Pastor David 541-567-3232)

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, MARCH 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)

GREENFIELD GRANGE, 6:30 p.m., Greenfield Grange 579, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman. (541-481-7397)

SISTERS IN SONG REHEARSAL, 6:30-8 p.m., Pendleton High School choir room, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Community women's choir performs a variety of music in an atmosphere of supportive and good-humored cooperation. Spring concert May 20. No auditions required. (Lezlee Flagg or Cheryl Carlson 541-263-2755 or 541-429-0160)

Pet of the Week

Arlene is a 7 years young orange tabby with lots of love to share. She is shy at first but loves to give her people attention once she's comfortable which doesn't take long at all! Come meet this sweet baby at PAWS, she is spayed, up to date on vaccines, and loaded with personality!



Arlene

128 Pets Adopted in 2018!

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