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People associated with the Department of Human Services-Child Welfare and other community partners helped with DHS Cabin Fever for Kids. The Feb. 9 event provided indoor fun for area foster kids at the Hermiston Christian School.

Cabin Fever for Kids opens doors to fun

The inaugural DHS Cabin Fever for Kids event drifted in just in time, offering a respite from being cooped up in the winter weather.

Coordinated by the Department of Human Services-Child Welfare, the event was held Feb. 9 at the Hermiston Christian School. Marvin Hamilton, a DHS certifier, said despite the looming snowstorm, a total of 140 foster parents, children and volunteers enjoyed the activities.

The free event was a group effort, Hamilton said. In addition to DHS staff, community partners, youth groups and foster parents helped in making Cabin Fever for Kids a success. Money for the event, Hamilton said, was provided by community partners, area businesses, donations and fundrais-



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Volunteers from the OSU Extension Office were among those who helped with the DHS Cabin Fever for Kids at the Hermiston Christian School. The Feb. 9 event provided indoor fun for area foster kids.

ers, including a raffle for Brando, a spring horse, held this past summer.

The day's activities included three educational booths manned by the OSU Extension Office, includ-

ing James "Snake Guy" McKnight and his 4-foot, 6-inch python. Staff from the Hermiston Goodwill store tossed in some extra fun with a bean bag toss activity. Also, the 2019

Umatilla County Fair court — Nive Hamilton, 15, Kyleigh Sepulveda, 16, both of Hermiston, and Madison Pryor, 15, of Pendleton — wrangled in some fun.

Other activities provided by DHS included a bouncy house and face painting. Also, youth groups from Living Faith Church and The Country Church helped out. A 60-foot inflatable obstacle course sponsored by Tom Denchel Ford Country of Hermiston also was popular.

The Department of Human Services plans on organizing additional activities in the future for area foster children, as well as awareness and recruitment events. For information on how to get involved with upcoming events, contact Hamilton at 541-564-4484 or marvin.hamilton@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Making tracks



Photo contributed by Mike Morehead

A flock of wild turkeys make their way across snow-covered railroad tracks near Kamela.

People 'KARE' about homeless students

Despite the snowy weather, more than 160 people participated in the Feb. 9 Love Keeps Us Warm event at Hamley Slickfork Saloon.

Coordinated by Altrusa International of Pendleton, the fundraiser supports the service club's KARE (Kids At Risk Empowered) program. The project assists in meeting basic needs of homeless students in the Pendleton School District. The event brought in \$7,500 for the KARE project, said Altrusan Debbie McBee.

"Everyone enjoyed the new desserts and new fun activities such as Heads or Tails, which raised an additional \$895 for the project," she said.

In addition, people kicked up their heels to the sounds of the Blue Wave Band. The group was on the road for nearly eight hours to get to Pendleton, McBee said.

Everything raised will go



Photo contributed by Debbie McBee

Participants kick up their heels on the dance floor during the Feb. 9 Love Keeps Us Warm benefit for Altrusa International of Pendleton's KARE project at Hamley Slickfork Saloon.

to purchasing critical supplies for homeless students in the Pendleton School District, McBee said. The project's next shopping cycle will be in March, which will meet the needs of the 102 homeless students. Last year, the project spent \$24,000.

Donations for the KARE project are accepted throughout the year. Send checks

to Altrusa of Pendleton/KARE, P.O. Box 1735, Pendleton, OR 97801.

In addition, McBee said the third annual Love Keeps Us Warm event is already scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at Hamley's. For more information about KARE, contact Karen Rose at 541-969-3587, k_rose1232@hotmail.com or McBee at 541-276-3796.

Neal, Lindsay recognized for work at port

Gary Neal and Larry Lindsay of the Port of Morrow were among those who received recognition during the Special Districts Association of Oregon awards banquet.

Neal was honored for his leadership as manager of the port, and Lindsay, a longtime commissioner, as a board member. The banquet was held Feb. 9 at Sunriver.

Neal, who took the helm in 1989 of what has since become the state's second-largest port, retired in December 2018, just shy of 30 years in the position. Lindsay said Neal was very deserving of the award,

calling him "the best port manager in the United States."

Lindsay joined the Port of Morrow's commission in 1967, nine years after it started. He expressed appreciation to the people of Morrow County for supporting the dream and vision of the port.

Special Districts Association of Oregon represents over 900 special districts in the state of Oregon assisting them in providing cost-effective and efficient public services to the people of Oregon. To view videos of award recipients, visit www.sdao.com/S4/Programs/Awards.aspx.

Sheriff's office employees finish telecom course

Jessica Howard, a telecommunicator, and Cherie Hutchison, a dispatcher, are completing coursework with Basic Telecommunications #BT113.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office employees graduated Feb. 15 from the two-week course offered through the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. Capt. Kathy Lieuallen of the Umatilla

County Sheriff's Office was the guest speaker during the ceremony, held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem.

The academy is recognized nationally for innovative training programs. Eriks Gabliks is the director and Sheriff Jason Myers of the Marion County Sheriff's Office serves as the board chairman. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/dpsst.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

FEB. 7, 2019

BUTLER — Dawna Lynn Clark and David P. Butler of Hermiston: a boy, Daemon Paul Butler.

FEB. 8, 2019

BURKE-KOENIG — Amanda G. Burke and Darren D. Koenig of Pilot Rock: a girl, Valarie Lynn Burke-Koenig.

FEB. 9, 2019

ORNA — Tyler Rodriguez and Richard Orna of Pendleton: a boy, Grey Lewis Orna.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

FEB. 5, 2019

RICE — Sarah Michelle Ruloph and Randy Allen Rice of Pendleton: a boy, Graham Steven Rice.

FEB. 6, 2019

PONCE — Sierrah L

R Berger and Isaac Ponce Sanchez of Hermiston: a girl, Krista Rose Ponce.

FEB. 7, 2019

RAMOS CALMO — Fidelina Calmo Mendoza and Santos Ramos Matias of Hermiston: a boy, Moises Iker Ramos Calmo.

BOESCH — Karlee Boesch and Justin Boesch of Hermiston: a girl, Willow Lynn Boesch.

FEB. 8, 2019

MEIERS — Carmelita Morrison and Ryan Meiers of Boardman: a boy, Gavin Matthew Meiers.

BAKER — Tia Flores and Derek Baker of Hermiston: a girl, Evelyn Luella Rose Baker.

FEB. 9, 2019

BARRETO — Sevrera Jaime-Kennedy and Jaime Perez-Barreto of Hermiston: a boy, Jaime Justino Perez Barreto Jr.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 16
OREGON SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION UMATILLA/MORROW CHAPTER, 11 a.m., Blue Mountain Community College Umatilla Hall room 100, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. (Hans Rudolf 541-276-3491)

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, February 17
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)

LIVING BLUE IN HERMISTON DEMOCRATIC PARTY, 5:30 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley back rooms, 1545 N. Highway 395, Hermiston. All Democrats welcome. Arrive early if ordering snacks. (Bernie Sanderson or Yvonne Griffin 541-626-9189 or 541-567-1072)

Monday, February 18
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)

Pet of the Week

Orion is an 8 month old neutered male who is looking for a forever home. He loves to play, loves to be scratched and he is litter box trained.

100 Pets Adopted in 2019!



Visit Orion at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm
517 SE 3rd ST, Pendleton
541-276-0181
Check out the PAWSABILITY Thrift Store



ORION

