

Training lights up with fire school at Salem Academy

Firefighters from across the state recently blazed a trail to the **Oregon Public Safety Academy** in Salem for the annual Winter Fire School.

More than 300 career and volunteer firefighters from more than 100 agencies participated in the annual event. Nearly a dozen classes were offered by the **National Fire Academy**, **Department of Public Safety Standards and Training**, and the city of **Dallas Fire & EMS Department**. Topics ranged from tactics and decision-making for company operations to creating environments for professional growth and hands-on sessions, such as vehicle extrication and a hose and ladders instructor course.

The weekend event is the largest two-day fire training experience in the Pacific Northwest that is offered



Photo contributed by Eriks Gabliks

Training was provided to more than 300 firefighters from across the state Feb. 16-17 during Winter Fire School at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem.

free of charge, said **Eriks Gabliks**, DPSST director. The hands-on classes utilized training props that the department recently received through a **FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant**, he added.

Salem-area businesses and the community, Gab-

liks said, provided "red carpet" hospitality for those attending the training.

Nationally recognized for its innovative training programs, the Oregon Public Safety Academy encompasses more than 235 acres. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/dpsst.



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Firefighters work on a vehicle extrication exercise during Winter Fire School, held Feb. 16-17 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem.

Morrow Co. group awards cultural grants

The **Morrow County Cultural Coalition**, supported by the **Oregon Cultural Trust Foundation**, recently announced grant recipients for 2018 projects in **Morrow County** schools and communities:

Inland Northwest Musicians for an associate director; **Lexington Grange #726** for basement refurbishment; **Heppner Elementary School** for an art program; **FARM Foundation** for

mural restorations; **Heppner High School Art & Cultural Club** for pottery classes; and **The Morrow County Historical Society** to help with the cost of printing the **Morrow County Chronicles**.

Applications for 2019 cultural-based activities in Morrow County are now being accepted. Projects supported in the past also have included quilting, art displays, historical library books, cultural entertainment struc-

tures, kids' activities for parks, and drama and musical workshops.

Grants can be awarded for up to 50 percent of total project cost. For complete guidelines and an application, contact **Gayle Gutierrez** at 541-676-5630 or ggutierrez@co.morrow.or.us. Also, anyone interested in the committee or making a donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust is encouraged to contact Gutierrez.

The Arc applauds middle school Kindness Club

As a board member of **The Arc Umatilla County**, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the five members of the **Armand Larive Middle School Kindness Club** who came out on Feb. 16 to support The Arc's Valentine's Dance.

These caring young people signed and distributed valentines to all of the individuals in attendance so that everyone would receive multiple cards. They also got involved by dancing alongside of attendees and encouraged participation

in various dances, such as the Hokey Pokey and the Chicken Dance.

These students showed what kindness looks like by stepping out of their comfort zones to make the day a whole lot brighter for people with developmental/intellectual disabilities. I am also grateful to their staff adviser, **Mariangela Summers**, for facilitating this valuable volunteer opportunity for these students. It is very easy to talk about kindness yet it takes a real effort on the part of the individual to actually make a positive

influence on others by showing kindness.

These students from **ALMS** definitely "walked their talk" and should inspire all of us to reach out to others in a real way. Let's all ask ourselves what we did today to show genuine kindness to another person. As one student commented to his adviser while at the event, "I just feel so happy inside!"

Thank you Kindness Club for being a conduit of happiness for others!

Kristi Smalley, The Arc Umatilla County Hermiston

Catholic Daughters show off sweet styles

Inclement weather didn't dampen the spirits of those attending the **Valentine Luncheon and Style Show** Feb. 16 at **Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church** in Hermiston.

A fundraiser for **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Our Lady of Angels Court #1692**, the annual event drew more than 150 people. Those in attendance enjoyed a meal prepared by members of the Catholic Daughters, under the guidance of co-chairs **Leticia Little** and **Teddy Reynoso**.

The lunch was followed by 48 models — ranging in age from 11 months to 84 years — who donned the latest fashions from **Bealls**, **Maurice's**, **Smitty's Ace Hardware**, **Andee's Boutique**, **Lucky Endz Gifts**, **LuLaRoe** with **Sarajane Gutierrez** and the **Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary Gift Shop**.

Regent Kristi Smalley provided narration and co-chair **Sandi Rizk** sent the models down the runway. In addition, **Marti Plum** served double duty by singing the national anthem and modeling.

A pair of members from **Knights of Columbus Council #3999** added some extra fun to the event, **Smalley** said. In past years, babies and toddlers typically steal the show. How-



Photo contributed by Janet Sexton

Ira Thompson and 11-month-old **Fulton Thompson** show off some cool duds while **Regent Kristi Smalley** provides narration during the **Valentine Luncheon and Style Show** in Hermiston. Presented by **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Our Lady of Angels Court #1692**, the annual event serves as a fundraiser.

ever, **Mark Gomolski** and **Kyran Miller** hammed it up on the runway while modeling **Carhartt** clothing gear for bigger men, **Smalley** said.

The event netted \$1,500, which will sup-

port the **Marilyn Harris Memorial Scholarship Program**. Money is awarded to a pair of local graduating seniors each spring during a Baccalaureate Mass at the Hermiston church.



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"Golden" by **James Lavadour** was recently acquired by **High Desert Museum** in Bend through a grant from **The Ford Family Foundation's Art Acquisition Fund**.

Bend museum acquires Lavadour's 'Golden'

The **Oregon Arts Commission** recently announced that eight grants were made through **The Ford Family Foundation's Art Acquisition Fund**. One of the grants resulted in the acquisition of a painting by **James Lavadour** of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

The program supports the state's museums and other collecting visual arts institutions, the artists whose work they are able to acquire, and the public who will be guaranteed access to the works in perpetuity. **High Desert Museum** in Bend was awarded \$15,000, which was used to obtain Lavadour's "Golden," a

2018 oil on panel.

Lavadour is considered one of Oregon's premier artists. His work has been exhibited internationally.

Growing up on the reservation, Lavadour's work reflects his deep connection to the landscape of Eastern Oregon and incorporates indigenous views of the land and sense of place. The High Desert Museum's collection currently includes two of his early works. By acquiring one of Lavadour's more mature works, they expand their capacity to trace his development as an artist and make his artwork accessible to broad audiences in their rural region, said **Carrie Kikel** on behalf of the

arts commission. Lavadour is represented by **PDX Contemporary Art**. High Desert Museum is located at 59800 Highway 97, Bend.

This is the 10th year that the arts commission has administered the money for The Ford Family Foundation's program. Since 2010, funds have been granted to 20 organizations throughout the state and advanced the careers of more than 50 artists. For information about the rest of the grant awards, visit www.oregonartscommission.org. For questions, contact **Kikel** at 503-986-0081 or carrie.kikel@oregon.gov. For more about The Ford Family Foundation, go to www.tfff.org.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

FEB. 12, 2019

HAGUEWOOD —

Amellia Haguewood and Dustin Haguewood of Heppner: a girl, Cora Marie Haguewood.

FEB. 13, 2019

ARBOGAST — Josie Arbogast and Ben Arbogast of Pendleton: a boy, Huck Rollin Arbogast.

FLEMING — Tatiana R. Alvarez and Cody J. Fleming of Pendleton: a girl, Robi Rose Fleming.

FEB. 16, 2019

BLACKLIDGE — Branwyn E. Blacklidge of Pendleton: a boy, Malakai James Blacklidge.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
FEB. 11, 2019

MCINTYRE — Kath-

erine McIntyre and Braylin McIntyre of Hermiston: a boy, Jaxon P McIntyre.

FEB. 17, 2019

HENDON — Madison Kitchin and C.J. Hendon of Hermiston: a girl, Ivory Elaine Hendon.

FEB. 19, 2019

FODEN — Tiffani Jones and Michael Foden of Hermiston: a girl, Zuriyah Rose Foden.

Pet of the Week

Our pet of the week is **Cookie**. A very fun loving, loves to snuggle and follow you around male cat. Still a little shy at first but will warm up quickly. He likes to play and eat treats.

100 Pets Adopted in 2019!



Visit **Cookie** at the **Pioneer Humane Society/Paws**
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541-276-0181
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COOKIE

