

LIBRARIES PROVIDE — COUNTYWIDE

Umatilla County library staff team up for training

On Friday, Nov. 1, all of the public libraries in Umatilla County will be closed so that their staff members can attend a daylong, all-staff inservice provided by the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD).

The UCSLD provides two inservice trainings for library staff each year — one in the spring and one in the fall. Many libraries can't afford the cost of going to a conference or to a training for all of their staff members. With travel, lodging and meals in addition to the fees for the training, the cost can be prohibitive, especially for more than one staff member.

The UCSLD inservices provide new learning for all staff members. Additionally, they get to know their colleagues from the other libraries in the district, contributing to county-wide collaboration, exchange of ideas and co-envisioning ways to work together for the benefit of our library customers.

Training at the inservices covers all aspects of public library service: leadership, programming for adults and youth, working with unique populations, marketing, collection development, policies, budgets, customer service, planning for the future, partnering with community organizations and more. We are fortunate to have the coordinator of the Sage Library System, of which we are all members, come periodically to provide training on reporting, new processes and cataloging with our shared system.

Continuing education is extremely important for the staff members who help library visitors find and access the information they need. From the amount of data increasing quickly to the fact that so many people are connected to the internet, librarians are critical to help wade through and discern authoritative information

Online
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from what should be ignored and deleted. They also help customers navigate through the ever-changing ocean of technology devices. In order to do this, they have to keep learning about what is new themselves.

The Nov. 1 inservice is a full day of learning. Our keynote presentation is on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, a vital focus of public library service. Other presentations include: the 2020 Census and how libraries can help in the process, the new law for state-wide standards that define a public library, and interactive sessions with highlights from staff members' training and conference attendance from the last year.

Additionally, the UCSLD will provide an inservice on Saturday, Nov. 16, for city library boards, city council members and city officials, friends of libraries groups and library directors. This inservice covers how the library district works with local libraries and the roles and responsibilities of providing excellent library service to our county residents and visitors.

Many libraries focus on ensuring continuing education for their customers and Umatilla County library staff members work hard to continue their learning as well.

Erin McCusker is the district director of the Umatilla County Special Library District. Read her column, Libraries Provide — Countywide!, the last weekend of the month. Contact McCusker at 541-276-6449 or director@ucslid.org.



Contributed photo

Wendy Mullins, left, Deena Pitcher, Kathie Nooy, Marilyn Johnson and Blair Cress pose with food collected as part of an effort by U.S. Bank, which was donated to Pendleton's Community Outreach Food Pantry.

Outreach pantry cashes in with food donations

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Community Outreach Food Pantry (formerly St. Mary's Outreach) recently received a generous donation from U.S. Bank.

During the summer

months, the bank gave away reusable grocery bags in exchange for a nonperishable food item. They collected nearly 400 pounds of food.

Among those involved with the effort included Wendy Mullins, Deena

Pitcher, Kathie Nooy, Marilyn Johnson and Blair Cress. The donation was recently presented to Johnson on behalf of the Community Outreach Food Pantry.

For more information, call 541-276-2878.



Photo contributed by Chase Muromoto

Artists work on creations during the inaugural Eastern Oregon Mural Festival, held Oct. 11-13 in Ontario.

Mural festival draws out community engagement

East Oregonian

ONTARIO — The inaugural Eastern Oregon Mural Festival was deemed a success.

Chase Muromoto, marketing director for Treasure Valley Cannabis Company, said the goal of the event was to engage the community through the process of creating art and interacting with the artists themselves. Through the process, Muromoto said it resulted in the creation of lasting works that would be publicly accessible to all of

the Treasure Valley region.

The Oct. 11-13 event, held in Ontario, included a pair of murals on local businesses. In addition, the festival included activities at a local park.

"We set up multiple large

wooden panels to include more artists, vendors, live glass blowing, and more," Muromoto said. "This was a huge part of our project as we were able to include more artists."

The result included additional community engagement and inspiration. The event, Muromoto said, opened people's eyes that public art is very necessary and appreciated.

"We are now able to move forward with more murals in this town and help the community increase its value," he said.

ONLINE

For more information about the project, contact info@treasurevalleycannabis.com or visit www.treasurevalleycannabis.com/?blog=y.

THANKS

Warming station appreciates helping hand

The Hermiston Warming Station (HWS) would like to thank Wildhorse, Good Shepherd, Walmart Distribution Center, Umatilla Electric Cooperative and Tillamook for the generous grants received.

The Hermiston Warming Station is 100% volunteer run and privately funded through donations and grants. Donations can be made to P.O. Box 433, Hermiston, OR 97838.

The upcoming training

schedule for October and November at HWS (1075 S. Highway 395) are:

- Saturday, Oct. 26 from 3-4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 27 from 5-6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 29 from 6:30-8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9-10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 3 from 3-4:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 4 from 6-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 7 from

6:30-8 p.m.

- Sunday, Nov. 10 from 2-3:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 6-7:30 p.m.

- Friday, Nov. 15 from 9-10:30 a.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m.

- Thursday, Nov. 21 from 6-7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 541-289-2150.

Adelaide Zumwalt,
Hermiston Warming
Station

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
OCT. 16, 2019

KEESLING — Nina Richardson and Erik Keesling of Pendleton: a girl, Aurora Rae-Lynn Faith Keesling.

OCT. 17, 2019

MORROW — Morgan J. Warner and Aaron J. Morrow of Pendleton: a boy, Nico Akai Morrow.

OCT. 18, 2019

SECAKUKU — Darian L. Secakuku and Ryan D. Secakuku of Pendleton: a boy, Qacias George Secakuku.

Good Shepherd Medical Center,

Hermiston
OCT. 16, 2019

GUTIERREZ — Yecenia Flores of Hermiston: a boy, Malachi Cyril Gutierrez.

MURPHY — Jessica Murphy and Kyle Murphy of Hermiston: a boy, Ezekiel Murphy.

ORDAZ-ORTIZ — Daniela Ortiz Bazan and Salvador Ordaz Rendon of Hermiston: a girl, Jazmin Isabella Oraz-Ortiz.

OCT. 18, 2019

FITZGERALD — Desiree Capote and Tyler Fitzgerald of Umatilla: a girl, Rylee Fitzgerald.

Pendleton Foundation Trust disburses funds

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Foundation Trust board of directors announced Oct. 17 that grants, memorial trust funds and scholarships given in 2019 will total \$160,639.

Chairperson David Blanc reported that the seven-member board met to consider applications at its semi-annual meeting for the final allocation of grants this year. The organization uses the earnings from money donated to the trust by individuals, organizations and estates for its semi-annual grant allocations. Fall grants in the amount of \$46,073.18 were awarded to:

- Sunridge Middle School, \$10,890 for addi-

tional weights/ benches and support equipment to fit the needs of students in training and conditioning classes.

- Pendleton Early Learning Center, \$9,404.90 to purchase 30 iPads and 30 kid-friendly cases for the computer lab.

- The Rivoli Theater Coalition, \$2,500 toward the Phase One construction costs of steel and concrete.

- Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation, \$8,669.53 to renovate the kitchen, bathroom and laundry room at La Casa Vida, the men's transitional sober home in Pendleton.

- Pioneer Relief Nursery, \$11,861.79 to create a more extensive outdoor area with playground equipment for small children.

- Oregon East Sym-

phony, \$2,746.96 to purchase fractional sized instruments for an instrument lending library to accommodate the Symphony Strings program.

The board expressed appreciation for all contributions received by the trust from individuals and civic organizations, whether given as a memorial in honor of a birthday or retirement, special occasion or a general donation.

Gifts to the Pendleton Foundation Trust are tax-exempt and may be mailed to the Pendleton Foundation Trust, P.O. Box 218, Pendleton, OR 97801. For questions, contact secretary Jerri Bealer at 541-276-3331, bealer@corey-byler.com or visit www.pendletonfoundation-trust.com.



Pet of the Week

Porkchop is a 3 yr old pitbull. Has been spayed, chipped and up to date on all shots. Porkchop is great on a leash, does not mind other dogs, do not know about cats or small children since she came in from the pound. Porkchop is non vocal, will make someone or a family a great dog.

478 Pets Adopted in 2019!

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



PORKCHOP



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