

**BRIEFLY**

**Shrove Tuesday meals lead up to Lent**

UMATILLA COUNTY-MORROW COUNTY — As Shrove Tuesday nears, several area churches have announced special meals. The day is marked with feasting and celebration as it precedes Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

Shrove Tuesday meals planned Tuesday, Feb. 25:

**PENDLETON:**

•First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave. (5-7 p.m.). In addition to a pancake supper, there will be Mardis Gras mask-making and a basket raffle. The meal includes sausage, fruit and a beverage and costs \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 children ages 6-12 and free for kids 5 and under. Proceeds will go toward upgrades in the preschool and summer day camp. (541-276-7681).

•Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St. (5-7 p.m.). The cost for a pancake meal is by freewill donations, with all money collected going to a scholarship fund. (541-276-7592).

**HERMISTON:**

•St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave. (5 p.m.) A \$5 donation is requested for the pancake supper. (541-567-6672).

**HEPPNER:**

•All Saints Episcopal Parish Hall, 140 Church St. (5-7 p.m.). An all-you-can-eat meal of pancakes, ham, fruit, coffee, tea, juice and milk is sponsored by the Hopeful Saints Ministry (All Saints Episcopal and Hope Lutheran churches). The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 students or \$15 for family, with all proceeds going to benefit mission and outreach needs in local communities. (541-676-9970).

**Pregnancy center looks to expand services**

HERMISTON — TruCare Pregnancy Resource Center welcomed Kristi Atkins as its new executive director in September.

Originally from the Oregon Coast, Atkins and her husband, Chad, most recently lived in Texas. Her prior experience includes nearly five years serving as a house parent and substitute teaching at-risk youths, serving as a community outreach coordinator and volunteering at pregnancy resource centers.

"My experience as a house parent, especially to at-risk teen girls, sparked my passion for pregnancy ministry, and for the sanctity of life," Atkins said.

The nonprofit organization was originally founded as Preg-

nancy Care Services in 1993 in Pendleton, opening a Hermiston office in May 2011. In early 2018, TruCare became an independent entity from the center in Pendleton.



Atkins

Services include pregnancy testing, community referrals, parenting classes, support groups, infant supplies and information about birth control and sexually transmitted diseases. While the organization's focus is on life-affirming choices, it does offer post-abortion counseling. The confidential services are provided at no charge and are available in English and Spanish.

Since arriving in Hermiston, Atkins has been busy with outreach and fundraising efforts. During the holiday season, several area churches — Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Cowboy Church, Hermiston Assembly of God Church, New Hope Community Church, Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Stanfield Baptist Church and Trinity Lutheran Church — hosted giving trees to provide items on the organization's wish list.

Atkins was pleased with the response. The effort resulted in 823 items, including 272 onesies, 102 baby washcloths, 85 packages of baby wipes, 81 packages of diapers, 39 baby bottles and many other miscellaneous supplies. Clients will receive items during visits to the agency.

"We're going to bless them with something every time they come," Atkins said.

An even bigger benefit from the effort, Atkins said, was identifying additional community partners interested in TruCare's mission. This will be helpful, she said, as they prepare to expand as a medical clinic in the coming months. The organization is looking to move to a larger space to offer additional on-site services.

In addition to its annual informational banquet and baby bottle fundraiser — baby bottles are filled with cash donations between Mother's Day and Father's Day — Atkins said TruCare is looking at additional avenues to raise funds for the organization. Ideas, such as a bowlathon and a sporting clay shoot, have been discussed.

"We just want to have more fun and reach different groups of people," Atkins said.

For more about TruCare, contact 541-567-2393, kristi@tru-

careprc.com or visit www.tru-careprc.com. Also, Atkins is available to speak at churches, service clubs and other gatherings.

**Group looks to bring Palau Festival to Hermiston**

HERMISTON — A group of churches and local faith leaders are exploring the possibility of bringing a Palau Festival outreach effort to the greater Hermiston area in 2021.

Luis and Andrew Palau aim to partner with people to continue to spread the word of Christ and promote evangelism training. The idea is to unite believers of all faiths and impact cities across the globe.

"I am so excited about this opportunity and look forward to connecting up with others, churches and individuals, who might want to join in," said Mary Corp, committee co-chair.

The group, Corp said, sees the effort as a way for churches to reach out and encourage local community members by sharing the good news of Jesus in a positive way. For more information, contact Corp at 541-720-3859 or visit www.palaufestivals.org/hermiston.

**Christian writers group accepts contest entries**

PORTLAND — Oregon Christian Writers is accepting entries for the 2020 Cascade Writing Contest.

Each entry will be reviewed by three preliminary judges, with feedback provided to every contestant. The final three in each category will be submitted to top professionals in the field of Christian writing and publication for judging. Winners will be announced at the OCW Cascade Writing Contest Awards Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach in Portland.

Both published and unpublished writers can enter. Writers don't need to be a member of OCW to enter. Also, contestants aren't required to attend the summer conference to win.

There are numerous book categories, including children's chapter book and picture book, as well as single poems or devotionals, articles, columns, short stories and blog post divisions. Submissions are due by Sunday, March 15.

For more information, visit www.oregonchristianwriters.org. For questions, email cascade@oregonchristianwriters.org.

—EO Media Group



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A figure depicting U.S. President Donald Trump as Emperor Nero is shown during a press preview for the Mainz carnival, in Mainz, Germany, on Tuesday.

**Carnival revelers poke fun at world leaders in Germany**

Associated Press

MAINZ, Germany — A victorious British Prime Minister Boris Johnson with a grim looking Queen Elizabeth II standing behind him, a bare-chested Russian President Vladimir Putin holding a remote control to steer Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan atop a tank, and a triumphant U.S. President Donald Trump playing the harp like Roman Emperor Nero.

All of these controversial leaders have come together for a provocative tryst at the traditional Mainz carnival celebrations in western Germany.

The Mainzer Carnival Association presented the colorful, oversized figures for a first glimpse

Tuesday before they will entertain the crowds on top of floats next week on Shrove Monday during the traditional street parade in the western city.

Mainz, Cologne and Duesseldorf, the three big cities along the Rhine River, are all famous for their politically provocative floats. During Carnival, dubbed the "fifth season of the year" before the start of Christian season of Lent, the common people are traditionally allowed to make fun of those in power.

The famous street parades, which will travel for miles through the cities, will include not only the floats, but also dozens of brass bands, dancing groups and "Carnivalists" throwing tons of candy to revelers in the streets.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY, FEB. 21**

**OREGON SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION UMATILLA MORROW CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING AND WOODLANDS GALA DINNER**, 1 p.m., Red Lion Inn, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. Annual meeting begins at 1 p.m., with discussions of chapter activities, a regular business meeting, and plans for the current year's meetings and field trips. Guest speakers will discuss topics beneficial to local forest landowners. Woodlands Gala begins at 6 p.m., featuring dinner, socializing and raffle prizes. Tickets to the gala are \$30 per person; annual meeting is free. (Hans Rudolf or Karl Jensen 541-276-3491 or 541-969-9663)

**PENDLETON DELPHIAN CLUB**, 1:30 p.m., Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton.

**PENDLETON MASTERS SWIM CLUB**, 5-6 p.m., Roundup Athletic Club pool, 1415 Southgate, Pendleton. \$5 per session coaching fee; non-RAC members pay \$8 pool fee per session. (Tania Wildbill 541-310-9102)

**PENDLETON EAGLES LADIES AUXILIARY KITCHEN**, 6-8 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.,

Pendleton. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)

**COLUMBIA GRANGE**, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Grange Hall, 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. (Doris Reid 541-567-8663)

**SATURDAY, FEB. 22**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**, 8 a.m., Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton. (541-276-7559)

**UMATILLA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE**, 12:30 p.m., Columbia Grange Hall, 32339 Diagonal Road, Hermiston. Lunch will be followed by a meeting. (Tom or Doris 541-567-9742 or 541-567-8663)

**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. 23**

**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)

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(541) 276-9360 or visit us at  
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