

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Women vets invited to town hall

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — The Walla Walla VA invites all women veterans to participate in an upcoming women veterans COVID-19 telephone town hall being held by the VA Portland Health Care System on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include information about the COVID-19 vaccine, side effects, and facts that women veterans should know. Walla Walla VA personnel will be listening in on the call in order to address any issues or questions by women veterans in the Walla Walla VA catchment area.

Those wishing to attend must sign up in advance of the event on Feb. 24 in order to receive the invite phone call. Details can be found at Walla Walla VA's external website, www.wallawalla.va.gov (just below the rotating banners).

Home builders offer scholarships

HERMISTON — The Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association (NEOHBA) is offering two \$1,500 scholarships to help educate and train individuals in a profession related to the building industry. The scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of his/her potential to succeed.

Applicants must currently be a senior enrolled in high school, enrolled as a college student or in a qualified apprenticeship program. The students must be a resident of Umatilla, Morrow, Union, Baker or Wallowa counties and have an interest in or intend to pursue a career in the construction profession, including but not limited to welding, heating and ventilation, heavy equipment operator, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, concrete, construction management, and architecture/engineering (civil, landscaping, structural, etc.).

Scholarship application forms are available at www.neohba.com, www.columbiabasinstudenthomes.org, local high school counseling offices, and NEOHBA, P.O. Box 436, Hermiston, OR 97838. Deadline for application is April 16.

To learn more about building trade career opportunities, visit the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council website, www.oregonbuildingtrades.com, or visit the different colleges that offer construction management degrees.

For more information, email admin@neohba.com.

Crossroads seeking holiday card artists for contest

BAKER CITY — Crossroads Carnegie Art Center in Baker City has opened its annual Winter Holiday Card contest to amateur and professional artists ages 18 and up.

Judges will be looking for an artistic interpretation of the winter season in a festive way to serve as the official 2021 Crossroads holiday card. All mediums are welcome, and the center asks that signatures are modest, with no lettering on the front. Submit each entry with the correct form and in an individual protective sleeve to prevent confusion or damage to the work when making final decisions.

All artwork must be original and submitted unframed, minimum 3"x5" and maximum 12"x18". Larger two-dimensional and all 3-D works must be submitted as a high-quality digital image along with the original work. More than one entry may be submitted, but each must have its own entry form.

The winner will receive a \$100 prize and two boxes of the completed cards, as well

as the copyright of the image in a high-quality digital format. The original image will be kept by Crossroads and framed to be donated to the Oktoberfest fundraiser for the Hand-to-Heart scholarship.

Submissions are due July 14, by 5 p.m. to the center, 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City. Artists will be notified by Aug. 11 via email, and must pick up their entries by no later than Aug. 18.

The entry form is available online at <https://cdn.givecloud.co/s/files/1/0000/0284/files/official-holiday-card-contest-2021.pdf>.

For more information, email crystal@crossroads-arts.com or call 541-523-5369.

EOU names fall Dean's List

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University named 564 students to the Dean's List for the 2020 fall term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded EOU coursework.

The following local students made the grade:

Adams: Maverick Beach; **Athena:** Lawson Denny III, Megan Phillips, Malinda Swafford; **Boardman:** Veronica Alvarez Frias, Yisel Amaya, LilyAnn Rockwell; **Echo:** Natalee Sherbahn; **Heppner:** Kellen Grant, Hunter Nichols; **Hermiston:** Monica Aguilar, Vanessa Ambriz Mendoza, Ryne Andreason, Lara Arriola, Andrew James, Isaac Lambert, Jaime Madrigal, Edgar Navarrete Ruiz, Cecilia Palacios, Shandon Sanders-Johnson, Sheana Shafer, Elsy Spears, Bailey Srofe, Emily Wadkins, Luke Walchli, Ericka Wells, Laura Wells; **Ione:** Payton Miller; **Irrigon:** Kimberly Renteria Montes; **Meacham:** Stefanie Buckley; **Milton-Freewater:** Eli Garlitz, Brianna Hernandez, Giselle Lopez De Loera, Noah Pratton, Amanda Stewart; **Pendleton:** Catherine Barkley, Samson Beckman, Alexi Brehaut, Robert Brown, Kaylee Cope, Megan George, Marlee Goodnight, Aimee Gunter, Brittney Jackson, Katelen Johnson, Kylisue Johnson, Enes Kaplanovic, Drew Lunny, Joseph O'Rourke, Vanessa Quezada, Kacey Robbins, Adriana Ruiz, Joseph Savage, Illumination Spencer, Cassidy Welch, Kelsey Wolf, Jonathan Wolotira; **Pilot Rock:** Kaitelyn Evans, Logan Weinke; **Stanfield:** Jade Martinez; **Umatilla:** Yoshira Escamilla Barajas, Rachelle Nycz; **Weston:** Brittany McGill, Tanner Sweek.

M-F officer graduating from basic police class

SALEM — Milton-Freewater police Officer Craig Robinson is part of 404th Basic Police Class at the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

The Basic Police Class is 16 weeks in length and includes dozens of training areas, including survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse, drug recognition, and dozens of other subjects.

Basic Police Class 404 will graduate during a private ceremony at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem on Thursday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training regrets that this ceremony will be closed to the public.

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