

## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

### St. John's prepares for in-person Easter service

HERMISTON — After a yearlong hiatus on in-person worship because of COVID-19, Rev. Chuck Barnes said St. John's Episcopal Church is reopening.

The church will welcome people for the celebration of Eucharist and liturgy for Easter. The service is Sunday, April 4, at 9 a.m. at 665 E. Gladys Ave., Herm-

iston. Everyone is welcome. Current Umatilla County COVID-19 guidelines, including masks, social distancing and enhanced cleaning, will be in place.

For those who are homebound or are not yet comfortable with worshipping in person, the church will continue to livestream its services on Zoom or Facebook. For questions, call Barnes at 541-567-6674, text 541-571-5563 or email chuckb@eotnet.net.

—EO Media Group

## BIRTHS

### St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

MARCH 17, 2021

**BUTTERFIELD** — Gretchen Louise Butterfield and Damon Lamont Butterfield of Pendleton: a girl, Jazia Tiffany Butterfield.

MARCH 18, 2021

**COREY** — Adele Patricia Corey and George Robert Corey of Adams: a boy, Boone Foley Corey

**HOLCOMB** — Hannah Holcomb and Morgan Holcomb of Pendleton: a boy, Archer Declan Holcomb.

MARCH 19, 2021

**BARNHART** — Kelsey Barnhart and Sheehan Barnhart of Kennebec: a girl, Chaney Shae Barnhart.

**GONZALEZ** — Stephanie Leon and Victor Gonzalez of Boardman: a girl, Penelope Dream Gonzalez.

### Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MARCH 17, 2021

**DE LA PAZ** — Lindsey Catherine Pope and Luis Miguel De La Paz of Hermiston: a boy, Lucas Lee De La Paz.

MARCH 19, 2021

**JEPSEN** — Caitlin Rose Jepsen and Eric James Jepsen of Hermiston: a girl, Emilia Rose Jepsen.

MARCH 20, 2021

**SANCHEZ** — Selene Sanchez of Umatilla: a girl, Sofia Anahi Sanchez.

**COE** — Katie Noelle Dumolt-Coe and Matthew Ellis Coe of Hermiston: a boy, Nathan Oliver Coe.

MARCH 22, 2021

**MARTINEZ RAMOS** — Alondra Ramos Delacruz and Fermin Martinez Dirico of Hermiston: a girl, Elizabeth Martinez Ramos.

## MEETINGS

*Editor's note: Due to concerns about the coronavirus, many activities have been postponed or canceled. Contact the venue before attending any public gathering to ensure the event is still scheduled, and at the place listed.*

### MONDAY, MARCH 29

**MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Tonia Adams 541-676-2942)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30

**MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Irrigon City Hall via Zoom meeting, 205 Third St. N.E., Irrigon. Join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/97872531735?pwd=eVR3Mm5ibStLQ0ozUHovcV9lSnA3QT09>, password: 318269, meeting ID: 978 7253 1735, or call 253-215-8782, same meeting number. (Stephanie Loving 541-922-4624)

## Local libraries celebrate National Library Week



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LIBRARIES PROVIDE — COUNTYWIDE!

April 4-10 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities.

The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Welcome to your library," which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery, and exploration.

Every year, a library supporter is named the

National Library Week honorary chair. This year, Academy Award-winning actress, director, producer and activist Natalie Portman has been selected. A lifelong fan of books, she will help highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers have played in serving their communities, especially during the challenging times of this last year.

During National Library Week, the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) encourages all community members to visit their library's website to explore and access virtual services and programs. Libraries offer a wide array of online resources that are available from the comfort of home. Check out all of the resources at [www.gale-pages.com/umatillasld](http://www.gale-pages.com/umatillasld). You will find resources to research a science topic, how to write a resume, learn more about Excel, pick the next book you want

to read, or get a reference question answered through Oregon's chat reference program, Answerland.

During these challenging times, libraries of all types have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons. Libraries across the country are making a difference in people's lives by providing electronic learning resources like online homework help and Wi-Fi access for students and workers who may lack internet access at home.

This National Library Week, the public can show their appreciation and support for libraries by visiting their library's website, following them on social media and using the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American

Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April. For more information, visit your local library's website — find the link at the UCSLD website at [www.ucsl.org/our-libraries](http://www.ucsl.org/our-libraries).

Formed by voters in 1986, "The purpose of the Umatilla County Special Library District shall be to provide library and information services to persons within the district." The UCSLD is governed by a five-member, voter-elected Board of Directors and is an independent, special taxing district funded by taxpayer dollars. The UCSLD works in partnership with our libraries to advance and make available excellent library services, programs, and continuing education opportunities for all.

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## Beloved children's author Beverly Cleary dies at 104

By HILLEL ITALIE  
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NEW YORK — Beverly Cleary, the celebrated children's author whose memories of her Oregon childhood were shared with millions through the likes of Ramona and Beezus Quimby and Henry Huggins, has died. She was 104.

Cleary's publisher HarperCollins announced Friday that the author died Thursday in Carmel Valley, California, where she had lived since the 1960s. No cause of death was given.

Trained as a librarian, Cleary didn't start writing books until her early 30s when she wrote "Henry Huggins," published in 1950. Children worldwide came to love the adventures of Huggins and neighbors Ellen Tebbits, Otis Spof-



Vern Fisher/The Monterey County Herald, File

**Beverly Cleary signs books at the Monterey Bay Book Festival in Monterey, Calif., on April 19, 1998.**

to be only children so I tossed in a little sister and she didn't go away. She kept appearing in every book," she said in a March 2016 telephone interview from her California home.

Cleary herself was an only child and said the character wasn't a mirror.

"I was a well-behaved little girl, not that I wanted to be," she said. "At the age of Ramona, in those days, children played outside. We played hopscotch and jump rope and I loved them and always had scraped knees."

In all, there were eight books on Ramona between "Beezus and Ramona" in 1955 and "Ramona's World" in 1999. Others included "Ramona the Pest" and "Ramona and Her Father." In 1981, "Ramona and Her Mother" won the National Book Award.

ford, Beatrice "Beezus" Quimby and her younger sister, Ramona. They inhabit a down-home, wholesome setting on Klickitat Street — a real street in Portland, Oregon, the city where Cleary spent much of her youth.

Among the "Henry" titles were "Henry and Ribsy," "Henry and the Paper Route" and "Henry and Beezus."

Ramona, perhaps her best-known character, made her debut in "Henry Huggins" with only a brief mention.

"All the children appeared

## OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY CHI ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL

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