

Kricket Nicholson/Contributed Photo

Josiah Whitesell poses for a photo with his parents, Jackie and Michael, and sisters, Hailey and Rina, during the Pendleton youth's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on June 5, 2021, at Westminster Woods, Meacham.

Pendleton teen earns Eagle Scout rank

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PENDLETON — Josiah James Whitesell, 17, recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

The Pendleton youth was recognized during a "Court of Honor" attended by family, friends and guests June 5 at Westminster Woods, Meacham. Whitesell is the son of Michael and Jackie Whitesell of Pendleton, and the grandson of Larry and Kricket Nicholson, also of Pendleton.

Honored guests included Pendleton Mayor John Turner, Bob Stangier and Dave Motanic. Phil Richerson, former Troop 700 scoutmaster, served as master of ceremonies; and pastor Paul Parker gave the invocation and benediction. Special speakers were Jessica Oster, Blue Mountain Council BSA district executive, Billy Carroll served as the Voice of the Eagle, and current Troop 700 Scoutmaster Karl Farber presented the Eagle Badge to Whitesell.

For his Eagle Scout project, Whitesell worked with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with leaders and members of Troop 700. They built and placed a game bird guzzler to catch and store rain for upland game

Eagle Scout is the highest rank that can be achieved in Scouting. In the words of the Eagle Scout Promise, Eagles do their best each day to make their training an example, their rank and influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship in their troop, in their community, and in their contacts with other people.

For more about the Blue Mountain Council of Boy Scouts, contact 509-735-7306, bmcinfo@scouting.org or visit www.bmcbsa.org.

HHS class of 2011

plans reunion

HERMISTON — The Hermiston High School class of 2011 is planning a reunion July 9-10.

The event kicks off with a Friday night outdoor gathering from 6-8:30 p.m. at Bennett Botanical Gardens, 32632 E. Punkin Center Road, Hermiston. The adult party will feature dinner, dessert and drinks. The cost is \$10 per person. For more details, registration information or to communicate with classmates visit www.facebook.com/ groups/561913761918637.

Also, the class encourages people to participate in a family fun day with an event organized by Hermiston Parks & Recreation. The Saturday, July 10, Bouncin' Bins Inflatable 5K

& Color Run from Riverfront to Butte Parks begins at 9 a.m. The cost ranges from \$5-\$25. For additional details, or to register for the

inflatable color run, search www.hermiston.or.us/parksrec or contact parksandrec@ hermiston.or.us or 541-667-5018.

Agape House shares about blessings

HERMISTON — In its spring newsletter, Eastern Oregon Mission, the parent organization of Agape House and Martha's House, shared about benefits the organization received in recent months.

A \$4,000 donation from American Legion Post 37 covered the cost of emergency freezer repairs. Also,

Ella Vore and members of Victory Baptist Church provided family items and toys and sponsored a room at Martha's House.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

The Hermiston nonprofit organization also received word from the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation that its grant request to install a fence at Martha's House was approved. The addition will provide children at the house a safe place to play.

Also, people are reminded about the ongoing parking lot sales. They are the third Saturday of each month from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 500 W. Harper Road, Hermiston.

Agape House and Martha's House provides programs and services on behalf of the elderly, children, the working poor, single-parent families, the homeless and the newly unemployed. For more infor-

mation about Eastern Oregon Mission, contact Mark Gomolski at 541-567-8774, agapehouse@eotnet.net or visit www.agapehousehermiston.org.

Heppner chamber meeting to provide updates

HEPPNER — An all-entities report is planned during the upcoming Heppner Chamber Of Commerce meeting.

The no-host luncheon is Thursday, July 1, at noon at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building, 106 E. May St., Heppner.

The meal is being catered by Bucknum's. To RSVP, contact 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@gmail.

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Hermiston grad named to Tarleton **President's List**

STEPHENVILLE, Texas Lainey Anderson, a 2016 graduate of Hermiston High School, was named to the President's List at Tarleton University for its spring 2021 term. Students named to the President's List must earn a 4.0 GPA for the term.

Anderson is the daughter of Ron and Lindsey Anderson of Hermiston.

Catholic Daughters award three scholarships

HERMISTON — The Catholic Daughters of the



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Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 1692 Vice Regent Delia Fields, center, recently presented scholarship awards to Hermiston High School graduates Amanda Nygard, left, and Vincent Klein in honor of former CDA member Marilyn Harris.

Americas Court No. 1692 in Hermiston recently

awarded three \$750 scholar-

ships honoring the memory of deceased member Mari-

lyn Harris. The court is

affiliated with Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston.

Two scholarships were given to 2021 high school graduating seniors Amanda Nygard and Vincent Klein, both of Hermiston. The third scholarship was awarded to a continuing education student, Yessenia Garcia Sanchez, who has completed some college courses and is continuing.

The scholarships are intended to help students with their financial needs as they each embark on their college adventure. The recipients were selected for their academic abilities and for their efforts put forth to participate in parish activ-

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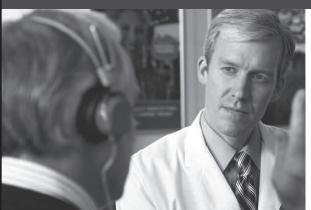
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