

Libraries contribute to healthy communities



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LIBRARIES PROVIDE — COUNTYWIDE!

With the turning of the season to autumn, your public libraries are busy with many activities. From handing out new back-to-school library cards, to preparing and offering fun and interactive story times, to discovering and learning new ways to offer service in an ongoing pandemic world, your library staff members don't sit still.

Story times and other programs and events have started up again and are running regularly. Check with your library for specific dates and times. Some events are offered virtually, some in-person and some through online avenues. Whatever your comfort level with being out and about, there is something for you at one of our excellent libraries in the Umatilla County Special Library District.

And for the member and partner libraries in the UCSLD, autumn brings several events for library staff involving reporting and training.

During the late summer, the State

Library of Oregon asks all of the public libraries to submit an annual Oregon Public Library Statistical Report for the prior fiscal year running from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. These reports are due Oct. 31. The statistics are compiled and are available at www.oregon.gov/library/libraries/Pages/Statistics.aspx.

Beginning in September, the UCSLD Board of Directors holds meetings for library directors to present their reports reviewing their last fiscal year's progress toward the goals of their Annual Library Service Plan. These are the ALSP Reviews and they are a highlight for the district board.

Each library shares how the received tax revenue, distributed by the district, was utilized to bring excellent library services to their communities. The board learns of the amazing work each library does to ensure that all in their community have access to reliable and trustworthy information, literacy building, and fun and educational activities. For a sampling of these reports, visit www.ucslid.org/libraries-annual-service-reports.

And the first Friday in November, all public libraries are closed and library staff members attend an in-ser-

vice training on current best practices in libraries. The planning team for this autumn in-service chose the following theme: Making a Difference in the Community's Health.

Noah Lenstra, author of "Healthy Living at the Library," will provide the keynote address. Jill Boyd, primary care transformation coordinator with Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. will provide a presentation of best practices from her experience of working with homeless populations.

In between these presentations, we have local staff sharing ideas for healthy programs and their recent professional development experiences. It will be a full day of learning and networking with the 12 libraries in Umatilla County — all to continually improve our library services for all.

For information on prior in-service trainings, see www.ucslid.org/in-service-training. For more information on any of these topics and more, stop by your local library or find a contact link at www.ucslid.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Umatilla-Morrow CASA receives \$5K grant

PENDLETON — The court appointed special advocates program within Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start announced in a press release Thursday, Oct. 28, it received a \$5,000 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation.

The CASA program helps children in foster care. Jesus Rome, the director of Umatilla-Morrow CASA, in the press release thanked the Wildhorse Foundation.

"The funding for this grant will be focused on outreach and recruiting community volunteers to become court appointed special advocates," he said.

According to the press release, there are 242 children in foster care in Umatilla and Morrow counties, but a lack of volunteers means the program only serves 80 of the foster youth.

The mission of Umatilla-Morrow CASA is for trained volunteers to advocate for safe, permanent, loving homes for all children in foster care in Eastern Oregon. CASAs are

trained volunteers whose duties are to gather information from families, social service agencies, public safety departments and other resources to prepare a written report to a judge concerning the best interest of the child concerning their future.

Funding from grants and donations goes toward training community volunteers to become advocates for foster care children, the press release stated. Umatilla-Morrow CASA is focusing on recruiting volunteers in the east end of Umatilla County for Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation and surrounding area where the need is great.

Umatilla-Morrow CASA is looking for local volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a CASA, contact Tina Fox, East End CASA coordinator in Pendleton at 541-278-6292, or Diane Shockman, West End CASA coordinator in Hermiston, at 541-667-6091 OR CASA@umchs.org.

UMCHS is a nonprofit organization. If you would like to donate to

Umatilla-Morrow CASA program, go to UMCHS.org and click on the donate link. Donations are tax deductible.

Good Shepherd to hold virtual meeting on Nov. 3

HERMISTON — Good Shepherd Health Care System will share a review of its accomplishments in the past year during its fourth annual community meeting. Sue Daggett, board of trustees chair, and Brian Sims, president and CEO, will provide an update on new doctors, added services and the "Good Shepherd Experience," a commitment to put patients first.

Held virtually, the presentation is Wednesday, Nov. 3, 5-6 p.m. It can be viewed via a link at www.gshealth.org or on its Facebook page.

The hospital welcomes questions, which can be submitted at www.gshealth.org/contact. For more information, call Caitlin Cozad, marketing and communications director, at 541-667-3460.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Wednesday, Oct. 27

9:03 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on North Washington Street, Weston.

10:56 a.m. — Hermiston police responded to a report of a burglary on the 1400 block of East Hurlburt Avenue.

2:54 p.m. — Oregon State Police responded to a report of a crash near milepost 99 on Highway 11. The crash occurred when a sports utility vehicle swerved off the road and into a guard-rail, according to OSP. The driver, a 39-year-old man, suffered minor injuries and officials took him to CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

3:17 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a vehicle theft on

Highway 207, Hermiston.
10:30 p.m. — Stanfield police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on the North Slope Mobile Home Park, 650 N. Lucy St., Stanfield.

Thursday, Oct. 28

8:18 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Marks Road, Hermiston.

9:37 a.m. — Pendleton police responded to a report of an assault on Southwest Athens Avenue.

3:12 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to two reports of a theft on the 700 block of West Hermiston Avenue.

Arrests, citations

Oct. 29
Pendleton police arrested Tony James McCorkindale, 35, for second-degree burglary.

BIRTHS

CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

Oct. 18, 2021

HULCE — Kendall Brittani Hulce and Ryan Joe Hulce of Pendleton: a boy, Palmer Knox Hulce.

Oct. 20, 2021

KOSEY — Abbigayle J. Kosey and Dwight Lewis Kosey of Pilot Rock: a boy, Garrett Lewis Kosey.

Oct. 22, 2021

EVERETT — Taylor Louise Everett and Matthew Edwin Everett of Pendleton: a girl, Elaina Anne Marie Everett.

Oct. 25, 2021

STEIDL — Brooke Lynn Steidl and Travis Matthew Steidl of Pendleton: a girl, Cora Rose Steidl.

Oct. 26, 2021

MEDINA — Harmonie Rose Campbell and Cezar Manuel Medina of Pendleton: a boy, Santiago Shawn Medina.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

Oct. 22, 2021

MORENO — Zoey Branson and Julio Moreno of Hermiston: a girl, Zaylee Amora Moreno.

COURTS

Sentences

The following criminal sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County Circuit Court:

Dustin Joseph Engel, 36, of Pendleton, pleaded guilty to charges in separate cases from 2020 and 2021 of identify theft, first-degree forgery and unauthorized use of a vehicle; sentenced to three years, nine months in the Oregon Department of Corrections, one year post-prison supervision and restitution, which the court

will determine later.


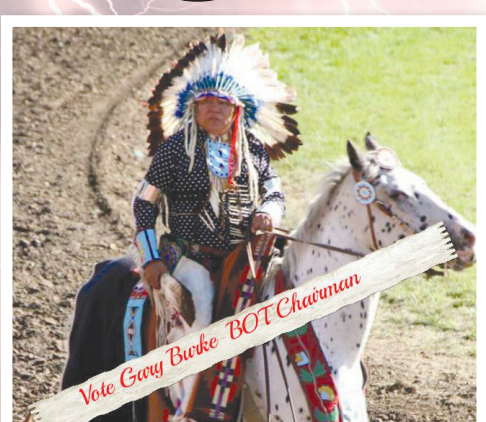
Kenneth Christopher Martinez, 41, of Walla Walla, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants; sentenced to 30 days in Umatilla County Jail and one year suspension of his drivers license.

There were no sentences in the past week in Morrow County Circuit Court

Lawsuits

There were no lawsuits of note in circuit court in Umatilla or Morrow counties.

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I WILL DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF WE THE PEOPLE OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION, THE PAST GENERATIONS, THE PRESENT GENERATION, AND THE FUTURE GENERATION.

DEFEND ALL TRIBAL CONSTITUTION BYLAWS AND ARTICLES OF LAW

DEFEND ALL TRIBAL TREATY ARTICLES

EVERYTHING WE SAY AND DO HERE TODAY IS NOT FOR US, BUT FOR OUR CHILDREN, THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEIR CHILDREN.

VOTE GARY BURKE
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