

# CASA dinner, auction raise \$12,000 for kids

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The second annual CASA St. Patrick's Day dinner and auction raised more than \$12,000 for the organization that advocates for children.

Grant-Harney County CASA Executive Director Hannah Hinman said the event was an "incredible success."

"The amount of community support we received for this event was humbling," she said. "It is an honor to have the opportunity to put that support to work recruiting and training advocates for abused and neglected children in our communities. I continue to be impressed by the various ways people in this small county show up for causes important to them."

The event featured dinner and silent and live auctions to benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates. Forty-two local businesses and individuals donated



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Jack Southworth, right, auctions items at a CASA benefit.

twice as many items as last year. Seventeen desserts were contributed by 13 individuals and businesses.

For the event, 125 tickets were sold, and 70 bidding paddles were distributed.

Jeff Meyerholz donated his time as a DJ for the evening, and Jack Southworth was the emcee and auctioneer.

Three current CASA

volunteers were recognized for the time they give to advocating for vulnerable children. Information was shared about CASA's work, and several people in the crowd expressed interest in becoming a volunteer.

For more information about CASA or how to volunteer, contact Hinman at 541-575-5574 or casa@granted.k12.or.us.

# Genealogy seminar planned May 5 at John Day Fire Hall

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Grant County Genealogical Society is hosting a spring genealogy seminar May 5 at the John Day Fire Hall with a no-host lunch at the Outpost restaurant. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the first class will begin at 9 a.m. Topics for this seminar are genealogical pitfalls and how to avoid them; immigration details;

how to discover more information in death records; and how to bring your ancestor's story to life.

Pam Vestal from West Linn will present the four classes of the seminar. Vestal is a professional genealogist and speaker and the owner of Generations Genealogy LLC, and she has published articles in the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly.

Participants will learn how to trace ancestors from place to place; details death records can offer; how to use context to tell a story beyond names, dates and places; and how to avoid pitfalls that cause errors.

Early registration costs \$35. Registration at the door costs \$40. For more information or to register, call 541-932-4718 or 541-575-1431.

# Monument School receives \$2,000 grant for children's theater group

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Monument School District received a \$2,000 grant from the Trail Blazers Foundation and Wells Fargo to host a weeklong artist-in-residence program from the Missoula Children's Theatre.

Superintendent Mickey Lane said the school has hosted the theater group in the past, and they have been well received.

"They have been excellent, spending the week teaching all our students theatre arts and production that culminates in a performance for the community," he said. "This year we had a full house, and the production was first class. The students, staff and families really look forward to the special week."

Lane said school board member Brittany Desadier brought up the idea, and he successfully applied for the grant. He said they were also awarded \$250 to send two representatives to the MODA Center for a Trail Blazers game against the Detroit Pis-



Contributed photo

Monument School Board member Brittany Desadier, center, receives a \$2,000 Take It To The Court grant from The Trail Blazers Foundation and Wells Fargo.

tons, including a private pre-game shoot-around, a tour of the facility and an on-court award ceremony.

The school held a drawing among staff and board members for the game package, and Desadier won. She and her husband, Jordan, represented the school in Portland.

"It was a true honor getting to represent our little school, which is the heart of our community," Desadier said.

"It was great to mingle and meet the board who chose the grants and get an idea on why they chose how they did and some tips for next time. Tracy Curtis, the president of Wells Fargo, was extremely kind and several times encouraged us to apply again next year."

Monument's Take It To The Court grant was among \$110,000 provided to schools in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

# Local students earn master's degrees

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Kathryn Harter of John Day and Gregory Pinkal of Mt. Vernon recently received master's degrees.

Harter received her Master of Science in Nursing degree

from Western Governors University. The university held its 64th commencement ceremony at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando on Feb. 10 to celebrate the graduation of about 15,000 graduates from across the country.

Pinkal received a Master of Science Performance Improvement degree from Grantham University, a 100 percent online college. Grantham University serves a global student population of more than 14,000 annually.

# Veterans Services Office moves

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The Grant County Veteran Services Office has moved to its new location at 530 E. Main St., Ste. 5,

The phone number is still 541-620-8057. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.



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## Jackpot Clay Pigeon Shoot Fundraiser

Saturday, April 14, 2018

There will be a Jackpot Clay Pigeon Shoot Fundraiser for the Grant County Sheriff Search and Rescue on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 11am - 4pm at the pit at Kimberly Rock Products. Cost is \$3 per shoot. Baked good auction will be held and a raffle of various items. Concessions and lunch will be available by donation only.

**Only \$3 per shoot!**

Call (541) 934-2143 for more information.

Map showing the location of the Jackpot Clay Pigeon Shoot Fundraiser at Kimberly Rock Products. The map highlights the area around Kimberly, Oregon, and includes markers for 2 RV Parks, Rock Pit, and Lodging.

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