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Tina Rice blow dries Barbara Buckwalter's hair during a free haircut event at The Main Stylin' Nook. The Stanfield beauty salon gives back to the community in many ways, including during its annual Locks of Love benefit. This year's event is Saturday, Sept. 26.

Stanfield beauty salon loves to share hair

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A nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged youths has benefited from donations during the past 10 years through the Main Stylin' Nook.

More than 13,000 inches of hair — 10 inches at a time — has been donated to Locks of Love during the past decade through the salon, said owner/operator April Kowalski-Milbrodt. And, the Stanfield salon isn't done giving. Hair donations will be collected during its annual Locks of Love benefit Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 540 S. Main St., Stanfield.

Locks of Love serves people under the age 21 who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. In addition to hair, it accepts tax-deductible monetary donations.

Kowalski-Milbrodt started the benefit event as a way to honor a couple of employees who had cancer. When she heard about the mission of Locks of Love, Kowalski-Milbrodt knew it was a perfect fit because she wanted to give back in a way that was related to hair.

Kowalski-Milbrodt said the donations through her salon are a "drop in the bucket" compared to all the donations Locks of Love receives. However, Locks of Love is appreciative of the Stanfield salon's efforts and

sends a thank you letter each time donated hair is sent to them.

During the Locks of Love Benefit, six stylists will be on hand to take the hair donations — appointment slots are still available. Anyone donating, Kowalski-Milbrodt said, will receive a free cut and style. Those who would like to donate must have at least 10 inches of hair cut.

On average, it takes about two years to grow 10 inches of hair, according to Kowalski-Milbrodt. The salon owner has had some clients donate three or four times over the years.

"Also, we have a lot of children that give for the first time," Kowalski-Milbrodt said. "That's pretty neat."

The event also includes vendor booths. Space is still available for people interested in selling their wares and there's no charge to set up a table. In addition, there will be food vendors, bouncy houses, a dunk tank, raffles and music with DJ Genesis.

This is the last year Main Stylin' Nook will host the annual Locks of Love event, Kowalski-Milbrodt said. The salon, she said, will continue to give back to the community, but in different ways.

For more information, to donate a raffle item, to inquire about vendor space or to schedule a hair donation, call 541-449-3715. For more about Locks of Love, visit www.locksoflove.org.

IN UNIFORM

Olson graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Ryan C. Olson graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Olson completed an intensive, eight-week program that included

training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied sci-

ence degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Olson is the son of Aro and Karen Olson of Hermiston.

He is a 2014 graduate of Hermiston High School.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Drama class prepares for Christmas performance

A drama class that offers youths an opportunity to create theater through fun acting techniques is offered through Hermiston Parks & Recreation.

Open to ages 9-18, the class also includes rehearsals for a performance of "The Little Town of Christmas." The cost is \$50 for residents and \$63 for non-residents.

The class begins Monday, Oct. 5, and continues on Mondays and Wednesdays through Dec. 11.

The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 2. For more information, visit www.hermistonrecreation.com. To register, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the recreation office, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston.

Tree farm race features murder, mayhem

When Agape House needs additional funding, Executive Director Dave Hughes rolls up his sleeves and gets to work.

Fundraisers have included parking lot sales, food donation drives or even partnering with other groups to put on a festival.

Several years ago, Hughes investigated the idea of hosting murder mystery events. In the past, scripts have been purchased through websites or written by Hermiston resident Morris LeFever.

Recently, Hughes picked up a pen and began writing his own script. "Death at the Finish Line" is Saturday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. at Agape House, 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. The cost is \$45 per person and includes a barbecue dinner catered by Dickey's Barbecue Pit. Tickets must be purchased by Friday.

In anticipation of writing his first murder mystery, Hughes and his wife, Jodene, embarked on a murder mystery cruise with Jack Pachuta. In addition to enjoying a trip to Alaska, they participated in a week-long seminar on how to write and stage murder mystery parties.

"I had him (Pachuta) look at what I'm doing," Hughes said. "He thought they had good possibilities."

"Death at the Finish Line" was written as a prelude to A Very Poplar Run. In its fifth year, the Saturday, Oct. 24 race — which also serves as an Agape House fundraiser — takes place at the 25,000-acre Boardman Tree Farm operated by GreenWood Resources.

The setting of the murder mystery is The Poplar Fun Run awards dinner. What was to be a celebration turns into an investigation as Will Win ends up dead just short of the finish line — was

it a heart attack or murder?

"There's a lot of interaction with the characters," Hughes said. "And there's lots of fun interaction with the crowd."

More than a handful of who were present at the race are considered suspects. Was it Bob Second, who always came in second to Will Win; or Willa Trot, a pharmacy assistant who is married to Bob Second. Could it have been Vicky Goodheart, a race volunteer and wife to Dr. Goodheart, or was it the good doctor himself, who was a medical researcher studying bees. But, let's not overlook Oscar Organizer, who runs the race, Fred Feedum, a run sponsor, or Matt R. Good, executive director of 2nd Chance Diner.

During the event, each table forms as an investigative team to solve the case. Clues will be sold during the meal. Teams may purchase as many clues as they want while eating, but may not question suspects at that time.

After the meal, suspects will rotate to tables for questioning. Investigators can buy additional clues during the dessert. Prizes will be awarded, including tickets to the next Agape House production.

Also, Hughes said there may still be available parts for those who would like to participate as a character.

For more information about the murder mystery dinner, call Jodene Hughes at 541-289-3344 or Dave Hughes at 541-567-8774. For more about A Very Poplar Run, visit www.eosportstraining.com/boardmantreefarm.html.

Backpack Program needs more support

The Agape House Backpack Program, which provides needy children with basic food items for the weekend, is in jeopardy of being reduced or eliminated.

For more than five years, the program has helped children in Hermiston, Stanfield, Umatilla and Irrigon. It began at the request of a local elementary school principal.

By providing nutrition during the weekend, students return to school Monday and are more attentive and ready to learn, said Dave Hughes, director of Agape House.

Members of Faith Presbyterian Church and Altrusa International of Hermiston help pack the food bags and take them to the schools for distribution. A number of local groups, businesses and individuals support the program.

However, more assistance is needed. The program costs about \$700 per week, which provides food-filled backpacks for about 100-125 students.

For more information or to provide financial support, call Hughes at 541-567-8774.

Boardman chamber seeks volunteers

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce ambassadors are one of the most visible groups in the community.

From doing a groundbreaking or ribbon-cutting for a new business, to welcoming dignitaries, they represent the city of Boardman and the chamber.

In addition, the chamber is starting a new membership committee. The group will assist in overseeing the chamber's vision and mission.

For more information about the ambassadors or membership committee, call 541-481-3014 or stop by their SAGE Center office at 101 Olson Road, Boardman.

Free class focuses on genealogy

People interested in learning more about searching their family tree and genealogy are invited to a free workshop.

How to Index Historical Records is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. in the Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. The session is open to ages 12 and up.

Those who attend can bring their own laptop, but it's not required. The class will feature a presenter, an Internet demonstration and a time for questions and answers.

For more information, contact Jeanette Byers at 541-667-7668 or jeanettebyers@gmail.com.

Library hosts book sale

To help support the Hermiston Public Library and get some great deals on books, be sure to attend the Friends of the Hermiston Public Library annual book sale.

A special member's only sale is Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in the library's Lanham Room, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. People can join for as little as \$10 at the door to get an early start on shopping for bargains.

The regular sale is Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., then on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., books are \$1 for a bagful.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Friends of the Library are reminded that they can pick up a membership form any time they stop by the library.

The library friends are dedicated to promoting libraries in general and providing time and financial support to the library. For more information, call 541-567-2882.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23
MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Pioneer Annex conference room, 150 Rock St., Heppner.

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD, 4-5 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24
OREGON WHEAT COMMISSION/OREGON WHEAT GROWERS LEAGUE JOINT MEETING, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles. Lunch will be served. (Diana Thompson 503-467-2161).

UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25
EASTERN OREGON TRADE AND EVENT CENTER BOARD, 7 a.m., Stafford Hansell Government

Center, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

UMATILLA BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Stafford Hansell Government Center room 113, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St.

IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon.

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Hospital, 564 E. Pioneer Drive, Heppner.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner.

NEW BEGINNINGS
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Pastor J.C. Barnett
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700 West Orchard Avenue
P.O. Box 933
Hermiston, Oregon
541-289-4774

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Phone: (541) 376-8108
Sunday School.....9:30 am
Worship10:45 am
Children's Church.....11:15 am
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First Sunday of the Month

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Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.
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Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Service.....7:00 pm
Wednesday Service.....7:00 pm
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for he careth for you."
1 Pet. 5:7

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SATURDAY.....English 5:00 pm
.....Spanish 7:00 pm
SUNDAY.....English 9:00 am
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OFFICE.....567-5812

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Death at the Finish Line
A Murder Mystery Dinner to support Agape House & Martha's House
Play celebrates the 5th anniversary of the Poplar Run
Saturday, October 3rd at 6pm
Agape House Altrusa Room
500 Harper Rd., Hermiston

BBQ Dinner Catered by DICKKEY'S BARBECUE PIT

Price \$45 - Tickets must be purchased by 9-25-15
More info: Dave 541-567-8774 or Jodene 541-289-3344

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541-278-2683