

# Our Community

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## IN BRIEF

### Girl Scouts brew up a free tea party event

Girls in kindergarten through the fifth grade are invited to attend a tea party with the Girl Scouts to learn more about the organization.

The event is Saturday, May 14 from 2-4 p.m. at the Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main St. All girls must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program will include a presentation, membership information and refreshments.

Admission is free, but those who plan to attend must RSVP by Saturday. For more information or to RSVP, contact Susan Re at 541-561-7087 or re.susie3@gmail.com.

### Agape House serves sweet murder mystery event

A special Mother's Day dessert at Agape House will feature a murder mystery presentation.

An Agape House fundraiser, "Murder Among the Lavender," is Sunday at 6 p.m. at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. The cost is \$25 per person and includes chocolate cake, lavender ice cream and an interactive murder mystery.

Dave Hughes, executive director at Agape House, has been utilizing the Jack Pachuta Murder Mystery Writing System in creating the murder mystery scripts. With election season in full swing, the current the plot of the current mystery centers around a candidate's forum at the Blue Gulch Lavender Ranch. A highly contested race for mayor provides the fireworks for the event.

The audience will enjoy a delectable dessert while trying to figure out "who-dunnit." Money raised from the event will go to support the missions of Agape House and Martha's House in helping those in need.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 541-567-8774.

### Inland Musicians announces contest winners

Four young musicians took top honors during the March 6 Inland Northwest Musicians Young Artists Competition, held March 6 at Hermiston High School.

During the 16th annual event, 17 participants vied for cash awards and a chance to perform in concert with the Inland Northwest Orchestra. Division winners included Nathan Hu, Jason Zhuang, Katherine Moon and Geoffrey McKay, all of the Tri-Cities. In addition, an honor-

able mention was awarded to Lindsay Armstrong, a senior at Walla Walla University. Zhuang, Moon, McKay and Armstrong were selected to perform during opening concerts of the 2016-17 Inland Northwest Orchestra season.

Jackie Wood, a piano faculty member at Whitman College, and R. Lee Friese, Inland Northwest Musicians music director, served as adjudicators for the event. Alice Massey of INWM was the event chairperson. The competition was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Hermiston and the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition.

Formed in 1999, Inland Northwest Musicians provides an atmosphere to support musicians in developing their talent. For more information, contact 541-289-4696, inwm@machmedia.net or visit www.inland-northwestmusicians.com.

### Salvation Army offers estate planning help

In celebration of National Salvation Army Month, the organization has produced an estate planning resource booklet.

"Our Legacy is Hope" is available to seniors ages 65 and over who are interested in learning more about the importance of having a current will. The booklet includes information on how to protect one's inheritance and legacy they wish to leave to loved ones and the communities they care for.

Bill Olson, director of gift planning for The Salvation Army in Oregon and Idaho, said some of the concepts for bequest gifting to loved ones and charities are very simple. However, he said it's recommend that everyone have a valid will and trust, when appropriate, which do require the assistance of legal and tax advisors.

Most Americans, Olson said, do not have a current will. This can cause prob-

lems with inheritance and extra costs when probate courts sort through the property and assets of individuals who die without a will.

"We underestimate how much good and relief of stress to others we can do with a little advance planning," Olson said. "The legacy booklet will help people get started in considering their many options and opportunities to bless family, friends and communities they care for."

For a free copy of the booklet, call 800-481-3280 or write to The Salvation Army, Office of Gift Planning, 8495 S.E. Monterey Ave., Happy Valley, OR 97086.

### Library offers special activities for kids

The Boardman branch of the Oregon Trail Library District has activities for young children each week.

Sensory Storytime at the Library happens every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at 200 S. Main St., Boardman. The special story time is for children from birth to 4 years old. For slightly older children, Super Saturday features special activities for children in kindergarten through sixth grade each Saturday through May 21. Both programs are free.

For more information, call 541-481-2665.

### Hospital auxiliary hosts book sale

A large variety of unique gifts and books are available during a fundraiser by the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary.

The Books Are Fun sale is Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital's pharmacy lobby, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

Money raised will be used to help fund medical equipment and provide medical scholarships.

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The path to finding the appropriate resources for education, child care, nutrition or housing services can sometimes be a bewildering jumble of doors.

A network of community partners in Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties is opening the door for families who are trying to navigate through the process of seeking information and assistance. Through the implementation of a "No Wrong Door" system, families will be able to access community resources from any starting point. The system ensures any of the doors they choose will be the right one.

A person seeking assistance will no longer need to know what services they may qualify for in order to access the supports they need. By completing a short application, people

will be linked to a recruiter who is knowledgeable of all child and family services including, but not limited to, preschool opportunities, parenting education, child care, health and human services, housing and transportation.

By accessing the No Wrong Door icon on any partner agency's website or visiting the office of a community partner participating in the No Wrong Door process, a family will be contacted within two business days. After the initial contact, appropriate services will then be determined as quickly as possible.

Partners in the project include the Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub, Umatilla County Public Health, Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, InterMountain Education Service District, WIC, Child Care Resource and Referral, Healthy Families Oregon,

the Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative, Nurse-Family Partnership, Pioneer Relief Nursery, Oregon Child Development Coalition, Eastern Oregon Head Start and Morrow County Public Health.

"The program will allow families to access community resources or to allow those assisting a family in accessing resources to do so efficiently and effectively," said Cade Burnette, co-coordinator of the Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub.

The approach is not intended to replace the intake process of specific agencies that are already in place, Burnette said, but rather to act as a safety net to ensure all families have easy access to the resources that they may be eligible for.

For more information, call Burnette at 541-564-6878.

## Hermiston Emblem Club installs new officers

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Hermiston Emblem Club No. 215 recently installed officers for the 2016-17 year.

They include Lil Smith (past president), Carol Goin (marshal/corresponding secretary), Jean Clark (supreme president), Sheryl Goin (president), Michele Dickmei-

er (junior past president/chaplain), Maureen Donnelly (supreme marshal), Rickie Hokanson (first guard), Angel Smith (past president/treasurer), Denise Johnston (first assistant marshal), Jan Kraack (recording secretary), Maxine Rice (financial secretary), Teresa Moncrief (vice president),

Coyla Bedord (state past president/past president), Serena MacPherson (chairman of trustees) and Nancy Brown (state past president/past president).

For more about the Hermiston Emblem Club, contact Dickmeier at dickmeierdm@gmail.com.

## MS Walk rolls in with record-setting donations

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Despite a smaller turn-out, the Eastern Oregon MS Walk cashed in with record donations during the April 23 event in Heppner.

Nearly four dozen walkers and one runner participated, raising a record amount of \$13,444, with money still coming in. Money raised goes to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Oregon Chapter, which funds research and provides money for those impacted by the disease.

Kim Southworth, of the organization's Oregon Chapter, shared about a new medication, ocrelizumab, which is the first drug to be approved for progressive MS. She said it could be available in 2017. Southworth was impressed with the continued success of the walk in Heppner.

Committee co-chair Barb Orwick and other organizers were pleased with the enthusiasm of this year's participants.

"Without the support of our committee, volunteers, those who donated



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Participants in the Eastern Oregon MS Walk celebrate a record fundraising effort during the April 23 event in Heppner.

and all the participants of the walk/run, we could not have this special event," Orwick said. "It was a good year."

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease that affects the central nervous system. It can manifest with a variety of symptoms, including

changes in sensation, visual impairments, muscle weakness, coordination problems, speech difficulties, fatigue and pain. In severe cases, people with MS can experience impaired mobility.

For more information, visit www.walkms.org.

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## NEW ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

First Community Credit Union is pleased to introduce Kathy Kinkead as the new Assistant Vice President at its branch located at 705 SW Emigrant Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon.

Ms. Kinkead began her career with First Community 20 years ago in the collections department. "It is very rewarding to be a part of such a great organization. Everyday I have the opportunity to serve my community and help our members reach their financial goals," says Ms. Kinkead.

"Ms. Kinkead is a valuable member of our team and this promotion is meant to recognize her for the exceptional contribution she makes," stated David Elmer, President/CEO.

First Community is committed to offering its employees rewarding careers with meaningful opportunities for advancement. For a list of current openings, visit myfirstccu.org.



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