

# Our Community

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## Good Shepherd celebrates volunteers

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Community Editor

A contribution of more than 14,000 volunteer hours during the past fiscal year at Good Shepherd Health Care System was recently celebrated.

In monetary terms, services provided by the hospital auxiliary, CareVan medical transport and Vange John Memorial Hospice would be worth about \$330,000 in salaries, said Cindy Schaan, director of volunteer services.

In addition to recognizing volunteers during the June 15 awards luncheon, the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary awarded five \$1,500 scholarships.

Recipients include Tina Goff of Stanfield, who is pursuing a masters degree in nursing leadership and management; Taran Goodwin of Hermiston, who is studying medical laboratory science; Amber Henderson of Hermiston, who is seeking a nursing degree; Marie Hughes of Hermiston, who is pursuing



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**Kelly Sanders, Good Shepherd Health Care System vice president of human resources, thanks volunteers during the Annual Awards Luncheon on June 15 at the hospital in Hermiston.**

a bachelor's degree in nursing; and Colleen Shaw of Stanfield, who is studying radiology.

June Rosenberg, auxiliary secretary, said members raised \$14,000 during the past fiscal year through the gift shop, as well as sales featuring baked goods, books and sports memorabilia. The scholarship program provides money for Good Shepherd employees wanting to further their education and community members interested in pursuing a career in the medical field.

Kelly Sanders, vice president of human resources, said the hospital appreciates the auxiliary for its interest and support in providing educational opportunities.

"This really gives us an advantage of growing our own employees and helping them achieve the health care career they have a desire to achieve," he said.

In addition to awarding scholarships, Rosenberg said money raised by the auxiliary assists in providing needed medical equipment at the hospital.

## Local Altrusan named 'unsung hero'

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Edith Holt of Hermiston was named the 2016 Gwladys Brewster Outstanding Altrusan during the Altrusa International District Twelve Conference held May 20-22 in Bend.

Nominated by Kathleen Krosting, Altrusa International of Hermiston immediate past president, Holt was kept in the dark about the honor. Holt was surprised when her name was called during the conference's final dinner event, said club member Briana Cortaberria. The award recognizes an "unsung hero" who has provided outstanding service over a period of years and makes a lasting contribution.

Nominations for the award were accepted from all clubs in the district, which encompasses the Pacific Northwest and part of Canada. The award is named for the late Gwladys Brewster,

a past district governor from Nanaimo, British Columbia.

A member of Altrusa International of Hermiston for 16 years, Holt has served in many capacities, including past president, vice president, secretary, board member and committee chair. According to Krosting's nomination letter, sometimes Holt's suggestions are met with hesitation. Her enthusiasm, commitment and hardworking "we can do" attitude overshadow the initial reluctance.

"And, great things have been accomplished because of her persistence and determination," Krosting added.

Holt was involved in the creation of two major projects — planning and developing the Altrusa Room at Agape House and spearheading the renovation of the Lanham

Room at the Hermiston Public Library. Both rooms are used extensively by the community for a variety of activities, including classes, presentations, parties, meetings, fundraising events and church services.

Fellow Altrusans said Holt's commitment to the club is on-going. She does everything from organizing workdays and assisting with the Agape House Backpack Program, which provides needy children with basic food items for the weekend, to helping with blood drawings and the club's annual Girls Night In, which helps transition eighth graders to high school.

Founded in 1917, Altrusa members work together to create better communities. For more information, visit [www.districttwelve.altrusa.org](http://www.districttwelve.altrusa.org).



Holt

### IN BRIEF

#### Foundation seeks grant applicants

About \$350,000 will be awarded as discretionary grants from the Blue Mountain Community Foundation.

The grants are intended to improve the health of the community and to help low-income, traditionally under-served people overcome poverty.

Nonprofit organizations or public agencies that serve the community in several regional counties, including Umatilla, are eligible to apply. Last year grant recipients included projects in Hermiston, Pendleton, Athena and other parts of Umatilla County.

The application deadline is Friday, July 1, by midnight. To submit a proposal, visit [www.bluemountainfoundation.org](http://www.bluemountainfoundation.org) and click on the "Apply Now" button. The foundation is only able to consider online applications.

The grants will be announced in late September. For more information, contact 509-529-4371 or [bmcf@bluemountainfoundation.org](mailto:bmcf@bluemountainfoundation.org).

#### Concert salutes country's heritage

A patriotic concert leading up to the Fourth of July is planned in Heppner.

The Inland Northwest Musicians featuring Carolyn Mildenberg and Lonnie Shurtleff will perform A Musical Tribute to Our Nation's Heritage. The concert is Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Heppner City Park, 444 N. Main St. The event is free, although donations are accepted. People are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Formed in 1999, Inland Northwest Musicians provides an atmosphere to support musicians in developing their talent. With a handful of ensembles, it offers free performances throughout Eastern Oregon and southeast Washington.

For more information about the Inland Northwest Musicians, contact 541-289-4696, [inwm@machmedia.net](mailto:inwm@machmedia.net) or visit [www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com](http://www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com).

#### Head Start accepts fall enrollments

Although school build-

ings are empty for the summer, Umatilla Morrow Head Start is already working to fill its classrooms for the 2016-17 school year.

Head Start invites applications from pregnant mothers and families with children ranging from newborns to 5 year olds. The agency provides services to children and their families in Morrow, Umatilla, Wallowa, Gilliam, Grant, Sherman and Wheeler Counties.

Also, the agency is teaming up with the Morrow County School District to offer the Ready for Kindergarten program to 3- and 4- year olds from families that don't meet Head Start eligibility criteria. Classes will be offered two days per week in Irrigon and Boardman.

In Hermiston, the Little Pups preschool will operate, and space is available for 4-year-old children.

To register, visit [www.umchs.org](http://www.umchs.org), and select "Head Start Application." Also, applications are available at Oregon Department of Human Services, area social service agencies and the Head Start administration office, 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston.

For more information, call Suellen Whitlock at 541-564-6878 or 800-559-5878.

## Larson ropes in Farm-City award

HERMISTON HERALD

Flora Larson of Hermiston, a 17-year volunteer with Farm-City Pro Rodeo, was recognized with the organization's Bill Barbouletos Award.

As the rodeo's office manager, Flora Larson has been dealing with the day-to-day operations of the rodeo since 1999. The award is named for the late Bill Barbouletos, who was involved since the rodeo's inception in 1987. The retired Oregon State Police lieutenant was the first recipient of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo volunteer of the year award, which is now named in his honor.

Larson does everything

from ordering supplies and answering phones to dealing with visitors who have questions about tickets or the rodeo, said Dennis Barnett, a longtime board member. Larson

wrangles in ticket sales, including ordering, printing and distributing. That's 5,000 tickets, from general admission and box seats to the VIP Gold Buckle Catch Pen, which features covered seating, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres for each performance of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

"Anything that you can imagine that goes on in a rodeo office," Flora does," Barnett said. "She does all this without compensation."



Larson

### IN UNIFORM

#### Marissa M. Stanger

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Marissa M.

Stanger graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman 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.



Stranger

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Stanger is the daughter of Carma L. Berry of Irrigon and Roger W. Stanger of West Haven, Utah, and stepdaughter of Ronald R. Berry of Irrigon. She graduated from Irrigon Junior Senior High School in 2013.

Farm-City Pro Rodeo is ranked among the top 50 professional rodeos in North America based on total prize money. The 2016 rodeo dates are Aug. 10-13 at the Farm-City

Pro Rodeo Arena in Hermiston.

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to all of you who supported the consolidation of the two districts. As Umatilla County Fire District #1, we will do all we can to provide you with the fire and emergency medical service you deserve.

**We look forward to serving you for many years.**

