

# Our Community

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## Organizations spread holiday cheer

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Several organizations participated in the spirit by giving to others as 2016 came to a close.

Among the recipients of holiday cheer were Umatilla middle school students, the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon, the Stanfield Community Center, Agape House and a dozen area organizations benefiting from Good Shepherd Health Care System's 12 Days of Giving campaign.

### Students shop with cops

Clara Brownell Middle School students chosen for the Shop with a Cop program were paired up with representatives of the Umatilla Police Department for a shopping spree.

Chief Darla Huxel said this was the 12th year her department has participated in the program. Students were transported to the Hermiston Wal-Mart by police department personnel and were assisted in purchasing gifts.

Money for this year's project, Huxel said, came from the Wal-Mart Community Grant Fund.

### Oregon Community Foundation announces grant awards

CAPECO (\$20,000) and the Stanfield Community Center (\$15,000) were among the recipients of fall grants awarded by the Oregon Community Foundation, which disbursed \$237,500 to Eastern Oregon nonprofits.

CAPECO will purchase a refrigerated van and



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**Devin Goldman and Catie Brenaman of Good Shepherd Health Care System are pictured with items collected as part of the hospital's 12 Days of Giving campaign. About 1,725 items were collected to be distributed to more than a dozen area nonprofit organizations.**



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**Participants during the 12th annual Shop with a Cop are pictured with Santa Claus at the Hermiston Wal-Mart.**

increase staffing for its fast-growing program that collects food from grocery stores and makes it available to low-income and working-class families in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

The Stanfield Community Center is using its grant to remodel their kitchen to

meet code requirements. The upgrade allows for continued preparation of food for community events and meals for seniors.

Cheryl Puddy, associate program officer/regional coordinator for OCF in central and Eastern Oregon, said the nonprofits provide valuable services in the community. She said it's a

privilege to partner with the agencies.

For more information about the foundation and a full list of grants awarded across the state, which totaled \$3.6 million, visit [www.oregoncf.org](http://www.oregoncf.org).

### Realtors donate to Agape House

The Columbia Basin Board of Realtors presented \$1,795 Dec. 21 to Dave Hughes of Hermiston's Agape House. Those present for the Dec. 21 event were Suzi Frederickson, president, and board members Clint Fordice, Maggie Coleman, Vickie Ellis, Carl Holt, Dean Kegler, Kim Mansfield and Art Kegler.

Agape House provides assistance to those in need.

### Good Shepherd facilitates giving

Approximately 1,725 items were collected during Good Shepherd Health Care System's 12 Days of Giving campaign.

Donated items included diapers, non-perishable food, gloves, personal hygiene products, pet food, socks, shoes, gift cards, bicycles, hats, toys, blankets, scarves, coats, baby supplies, durable medical equipment and \$155.

Charities supported through the contributions include Agape House, Domestic Violence Services, Clearview Mediation Medical Loan Closet, Eastern Oregon Humane Society, Umatilla/Morrow WIC, Desert Rose Ministries, iCan Bike, Hermiston Warming Station, Friends of Hermiston/Umatilla/Stanfield Libraries, Christmas Express and Stanfield Food Basket.

## IN BRIEF

### Foster care classes starting soon

Classes for individuals interested in becoming foster or adoptive providers for children in foster care will be offered by the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Program.

The four weekly sessions are free and are required as part of the home-study process. The January Foundations classes begin this Saturday and run through Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DHS office, 950 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

Umatilla and Morrow counties need foster providers for newborns to teenagers. Providers care for children for a few days to several years, depending on the circumstances. Foster providers with a variety of lifestyles are needed for children in DHS care. Singles, working couples and retirees all have something to offer these young children.

Other upcoming Foundations classes are scheduled in June in Hermiston and August in Boardman. For more information, call Marvin Hamilton at 451-564-4484.

### Service features singing of hymns

The public is invited to start off the new year with a song in your heart.

A Hymnspiration is set for Sunday from 5-6 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St., Hermiston. Join new and old friends in singing old hymns. The event features food, fun and fellowship.

For more information, contact Chris Finley at [johnchris\\_1@msn.com](mailto:johnchris_1@msn.com).

### Free classes provide tools for caregivers

A Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes will focus on family or caregivers of children with special needs.

Offered in Hermiston, the six weekly sessions begin Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center. To register, call 541-667-3509.

Coordinated through

Community Action Program of East Central Oregon, there is no charge for the program. For more information about classes offered through CAPECO, contact Helena Wolfe at [hwolfe@capeco-works.org](mailto:hwolfe@capeco-works.org).

### Grief center continues planning meetings

To learn more about Casson's Place Grief Support for Children and Families of Eastern Oregon, the public is invited to an organizational meeting.

The gathering is Thursday with the board meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. and the general meeting at 6 p.m. at the Pendleton Early Learning Center, 455 S.W. 13th St. Spearheaded by Jan Peterson-Terjeson and her husband, Matt, the hope is to open the center by the fall.

The group meets each month, alternating between the Pendleton venue and New Hope Community Church in Hermiston. For more information, contact Matt Terjeson at [matt.loss12@gmail.com](mailto:matt.loss12@gmail.com) or 503-720-1620.

### Swoop into SAGE Center for 'Stork' screenings

Kids and adults can find their flock during a pair of showings of "Stork" in Boardman.

The 2016 animated comedy resurrects the tale of storks delivering babies. Andy Samberg, Katie Crown, Jennifer Aniston and Kelsey Grammer are among the star's voices in the film.

The screenings are Friday at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday at 2:15 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. The cost is \$3, which includes a free bag of popcorn. Other concessions are available for purchase.

An interactive visitor center that highlights sustainable agriculture and energy, Saturday movie-goers can tour the exhibits with no extra fee. The current hours are Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 541-481-7243 or visit [www.visitsage.com](http://www.visitsage.com).

## Arts center offers guitar classes at Hermiston library

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Youths in the Hermiston area can learn to play guitar during free classes presented locally through Pendleton Center for the Arts.

**Beginning Guitar:** For Brand New Beginners will be offered to kids ages 13-18 through the Art Rocks Teens (A.R.T.) program, which provides free art and music workshops to youths. Mike Kellison will teach the weekly sessions beginning Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. The weekly sessions run through March 8.

Participants will receive a solid foundation for playing the guitar, with

instruction on learning basic chords, strumming patterns, and how to tune and re-string the instrument. A variety of music styles will be covered, including rock, country, folk and blues.

No music experience is necessary to participate in the classes. Both acoustic and electric guitars are welcome. For those who don't have their own guitar, loaner instruments are available for the duration of the class.

Parental permission forms are required for participation, which can be picked up at the first class.

For more information, contact Bonnie Day at [info@pendletonarts.org](mailto:info@pendletonarts.org), 541-278-9201 or visit [www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org).



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**Youths play guitar at Pendleton Center for the Arts. Art Rocks Teens will provide free beginning guitar lessons at the Hermiston Public Library.**

## Talent show to make splash for HHS swim team

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The Hermiston High School Swim team will shine a spotlight on area residents during its annual fundraising talent show.

The event, which features singing, dancing and instrument playing, raises transportation money for the team. The dress rehearsal is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Hermiston High School auditorium, 600 S. First St. The performance is Saturday at 7 p.m., also in the school's auditorium.

Admission is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family. In addition to all the community talent being showcased, the boys' swim team will make a splash by performing a special dance number. Based on previous year's involvement by swim team members, people won't want to miss it, said Lynne Hamblin.

"It's always entertaining," said Hamblin, who helps organize the annual event.

Sisters Sophia and Anna Rivera will open the evening with the Pledge of Allegiance. The multi-talented siblings also will perform separately during the show. Anna will play a violin solo and Sofia will tap dance to "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." Also, after the intermission, The Irish Singers will perform three numbers. In all, more than two dozen acts will take the stage.

A best of show will be awarded for the overall winner. In addition, best talent for teens and children will be awarded. Prizes include Wal-Mart gift cards. Also, people can vote on their favorite acts by placing money in designated jars. Based on the amount collected — all money goes to the swim team — the top acts will receive prizes.

Hamblin said it costs about \$5,000 to transport swimmers for daily practices to Pendleton. Last year's event raised about \$4,000, she said. The talent show is

the main fundraiser held for the team.

The intermission will include a raffle drawing and bake sale. Items to be given away include an iPad, an arrangement from The Cot-

tage, a pedicure/manicure by Kacee Stewart and other gifts.

For more information, contact Hamblin at 541-571-5691 or [lynn.hamblin@hermiston.k12.or.us](mailto:lynn.hamblin@hermiston.k12.or.us).

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## BEST STAND-UP COMEDY ON IT'S WAY TO HERMISTON!

### Melonville Comedy Festival January 28, 2017 Hermiston Community Center

The 24th edition of the Melonville Comedy Festival will feature three headlining stand up comedians. These comics are in demand corporate show entertainers.

CHASE MAYERS

is coming to Hermiston from Baton Rouge Louisiana for the first time. Chase is a comedy club headliner in the Gulf Coast area. He also appeared in the movie "The Butler". Chase is a Back Porch Comedian

GABRIEL RUTLEDGE

Another regular on the Bob and Tom Radio show has appeared at the 2006 Melonville Comedy Festival. He is on the comedy stage nightly all over America. Gabriel's TV credits include Nickelodeon, Comedy Central, and HBO. Two of his albums are on the Sirius Satellite radio comedy radio top ten. Rutledge finds humor in his family and everyday life. Gabriel is based in Olympia.

DWIGHT SLADE

is a regular guest on the Bob and Tom Radio show. He appeared on the Tonight Show, and on Comedy Central. Dwight is a headliner on the biggest stages of standup comedy throughout the world. Slade started working in comedy clubs as a teen and at the Melonville Comedy festival in 2004. His humor covers everything from driving to pets. Dwight is based in Portland.

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