

Our Community

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IN BRIEF

GriefShare offers support at Boardman Baptist

A support group to encourage healing for people that are grieving is starting in Boardman.

A GriefShare meet-and-greet is set for Thursday at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 200 Willow Fork Drive, Boardman. The regular support group begins Thursday, Jan. 26 from 6-8 p.m. It runs weekly through April 20.

For more about GriefShare, visit www.griefshare.org. For additional information about the Boardman group, call 541-481-9437.

Potluck gathering invites adults 55+

People who are 55 and older are invited to a special event at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene.

The 55+ Potluck is Sunday at 4 p.m. in the church's ministry center, 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

People are invited to bring a dish to share and enjoy a time of visitation with others.

The special ministry is planning activities throughout the year. For more information, contact 541-567-3677, hermistonnaz@gmail.com or visit www.hermistonnazarene.org.

Display features Hermiston Photography Club

To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Hermiston Public Library's Photography Club, there is a special photo display.

Some of the best shots from the year are featured

in display cases throughout the month. The library is open Monday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday/Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's located at 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

The club, which is open to all that are interested, is held monthly. Sometimes it features discussions about photo techniques, while other times it includes a photography field trip. For more information, call 541-567-2882 or visit www.hermistonlibrary.us.

Dallin Puzey to perform at Nookie's

Dallin Puzey will sing familiar folk and classic country songs as well as his original tunes during an upcoming performance at Hermiston Brewing Co. & Nookie's Restaurant.

The Hermiston man, who is adept on multiple instruments, plays the likes of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan and Hank Williams. He has performed at many area venues, including Hermiston Funfest, Morrow County's Music in the Parks and Sno Road Winery in Echo.

The free performance is Friday, Jan. 27 from 6-9 p.m. at 125 N. First St. There is no cover charge.

For more information, visit the event's page on Facebook. To hear some of Puzey's music, search YouTube or visit www.soundcloud.com/dalbear.

Ciao! Italy

A trip overview for an Italian adventure will be presented through Chamber Explorations.

The once in a lifetime

experience is Oct. 17-26. Ryan Campbell of Chamber Explorations will share about the itinerary, which includes round trip airfare from Portland, 11 meals, wine tasting, a cooking class and many sight-seeing highlights.

The informational meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. at Holiday Inn Express, 245 N. First Place, Hermiston. For more information or to RSVP for the meeting, contact Debbie Pedro at 541-567-6151 or debbie@hermistonchamber.com.

Forum addresses chronic pain

A free community forum providing information for chronic pain management (not cancer

related) is being offered in the area.

Presented by the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care organization, the event is Thursday, Jan. 26 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Participants can enjoy refreshments and have an opportunity to win prizes.

Topics addressed include acute verses chronic pain, non-narcotic and non-medication options, and the role of psychosocial support in managing chronic pain. The panel of presenters features a variety of medical specialists.

For more information or to register, contact Briona at 503-952-5010, briona.campbell@modahealth.com or visit www.eocco.com/community.

Relay for Life combines local fundraising events

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**
Community Editor

Organizers for Relay for Life encourage people throughout Umatilla County to participate in planning for its 2017 event.

Due to a larger focus on money for research, the American Cancer Society is reducing the number of relay events. The Pendleton and Hermiston events will be combined to form Relay for Life of Umatilla County, said Carol Preston, event lead.

"It's exciting," she said. "There's just so many backside administrative fees to do so many relays. We're throwing one big party."

Having a single event rather than two within 30 miles of each other will cut down on costs incurred in organizing the fundraiser. More money, Preston said, will go directly to the American Cancer Society's purpose.

The upcoming planning meeting is Thursday at 6 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 at St. Anthony Hospital, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. Team captains will meet at 7 p.m.

According to the American Cancer Society, one in three women and one in two men in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime.



FILE PHOTO

People walk at the 2016 Hermiston Relay for Life. A planning meeting for Relay for Life of Umatilla County, which combines the Pendleton and Hermiston events, is Thursday at St. Anthony Hospital.

These startling statistics are the reason many of the participants support the event.

Relay for Life raises money for the American Cancer Society, which helps cancer research and provides assistance with patient care programs. In addition, money is used to develop and distribute education and prevention information.

A doctor who wanted to do something to fight the disease started Relay

for Life in 1985. Dr. Gordon Klatt and some friends spent 24 hours running and walking around a track in Tacoma — raising \$27,000 in donations from supporters.

Klatt, 71, died Aug. 3, 2014, as a result of heart failure after fighting stomach cancer. His legacy continues as Relay for Life events are held across the globe.

Relay for Life of Umatilla County is Saturday, June

17 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, Pendleton. Organizers will continue meeting the third Thursday of each month at First Community Credit Union, 705 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

For more information, contact Preston at relay-pendleton@yahoo.com, 541-379-6294 or visit www.facebook.com/pdrelay or www.relayforlife.org/umatillacountyor.

Tax season begins Jan. 23

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Oregon residents can send in their tax returns before Jan. 23, but the Oregon Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service will not begin processing returns until that date. They will be processed in the order received.

The soonest citizens can get their refund from their state income taxes is Feb. 15. According to a news release from the Oregon Department of Revenue, the delay is an anti-fraud tactic that allows the department to confirm that the amounts claimed on returns matches the amount reported by employers on W-2 and 1099 forms.

A new law means the IRS will also hold federal refunds until after Feb. 15 for taxpayers claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit. The department estimates it paid out \$3.1 billion in fraudulent tax returns to identity thieves for 2014.

Free tax preparation services for seniors,

low-income and moderate-income taxpayers are available throughout the state. CASH Oregon provides assistance at the Hermiston Library and Boardman Senior Center. The AARP can be contacted at 1-888-227-7669 for times and locations that volunteers will be available in Eastern Oregon to help senior citizens with their taxes before they are due on April 17.

Once tax season begins, the Oregon Department of Revenue will also provide a list of approved vendors for free online tax preparation (usually available to filers in certain income brackets) on its website at www.oregon.gov/DOR. All Oregon taxpayers who completed their own returns can e-file them for free using the fillable forms on the website.

The state highly encourages residents to e-file their taxes online for faster processing, but paper forms and booklets can be ordered by calling 1-800-356-4222.

Historic preservation grants are available

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Thousands of dollars in state grants are up for grabs for qualifying historic and Main Street projects.

The State Historic Preservation Office is offering up to \$20,000 matching grants for buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The register lists 42 sites in Umatilla County, ranging from Weston School to portions of Pendleton's and Echo's downtowns.

Funds are available for preservation of existing building features or for reconstructing facades to match their historical appearance.

The preservation office is also offering up to \$100,000 in matching funds for downtown revitalization projects in communities in the Oregon Main Street Network. Communities in the network include Pendleton, Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Irrigon, Pilot Rock and Stanfield. Projects may include façade improvement, accessibility enhancement, utilities, sec-

ond floor renovations and other improvements that will facilitate community revitalization.

The Oregon Heritage Commission is offering grants between \$2,000 and \$10,000 to museums for collections projects, heritage tourism and educational programs.

The Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries is offering grants, typically between \$1,000 and \$6,000, for preservation projects at historic cemeteries. Projects funded in the past include marker repair workshops, fencing, signs, interpretive panels, brochures, security lighting, access improvements and records management.

More information for all of the grants listed above will be presented in webinars on Jan. 18-19 and a two-hour workshop in Salem on March 15. For applications, or for more information about the webinars and the grant requirements, visit www.oregonheritage.org or contact Kuri Gill at kuri.gill@oregon.gov or 503-986-0675.

Worship Community

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Saturdays
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
567-8241
855 W. Highland • Hermiston

the best thing about Sundays

1520 W ORCHARD AVE
 Sunday Worship Service
 10:30 am Classes for kids @ 9:15 am
 SEEKING JESUS, SHARING LIFE, SERVING PEOPLE
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The Full Gospel Home Church
 235 SW 3rd
 Phone 567-7678
 Rev. Ed Baker - Rev. Nina Baker
Sunday:
 Sunday School.....10:00 am
 Worship.....11:00 am
 Evening Service.....7:00 pm
 Wednesday Service.....7:00 pm
"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."
 1 Pet. 5:7

LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH
 125 E. Beech Ave. • 567-3232
 Pastor David Dever

Sun. Bible Classes.....10:00am
 Sun. Worship Service.....11:00am
 Sun. Evening Worship.....6:00pm
 Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:00pm
www.hermistonlmbc.com

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church

565 W. HERMISTON AVE.
 DAILY MASS: Monday-Friday
English 7:00 am
 Thursday.....Spanish 6:00 pm
 SATURDAY.....English 5:00 pm
Spanish 7:00 pm
 SUNDAY.....English 9:00 am
Bilingual 11:00 am
Spanish 1:00 pm
 Office.....567-5812

Grace Baptist Church
 555 SW 11th, Hermiston
 567-9497
 Nursery provided for all services
 Sunday School - 9:30 AM
 Worship - 10:45 AM
 6:00 pm
 Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM
 "Proclaiming God's word, growing in God's grace"

Echo Community Church

21 N. Bonanza Street, Echo OR
 Phone: (541) 376-8108

Sunday School • 9:30am
 Worship • 10:45am
 Children's Church • 11:15am
 Potluck & Communion ~
 First Sunday of the Month

1255 Hwy. 395 S. • 567-5834
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 Worship 10:00 AM
 "come as you are"

First Christian Church

"Proclaiming the Message of Hope, Living the Gospel of Love"
 Bible School: 9:15am
 Worship Gathering: 10:30am
567-3013
 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston

To share your worship times call
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