

IN BRIEF

**Agape House holds parking lot sale**

Clothing, furniture, knick-knacks and more will be featured at a parking lot sale Saturday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Agape House, 500 W. Harper Road, Hermiston.

Clothing, which will be displayed inside, is three items for \$1 for adult sizes. The first five items of children's clothing are free, and subsequent selections are three for \$1. Bikes, books and furniture will be outside, weather permitting, and are priced as marked. Knick-knacks are you-name-the-price.

Agape House serves individuals and families in need by providing clothing, food, wood, furniture, emergency shelter and transportation. For more information, call Dave or Jodene Hughes at 541-567-8774.

**Breakfast fundraiser supports arts center**

A pancake breakfast to benefit the Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center is planned this weekend.

The meal will be served up Saturday from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. The cost is \$4.50 per person. Money raised will help the nonprofit group in developing a regional arts center and preserving Irrigon's 1921 school building.

For more information, call Peggy Price at 541-567-3806.

**Driver's safety class cruises into Boardman**

The AARP Driver's Safety course teaches defensive driving skills and provides participants with a refresher on the rules of the road.

An upcoming class is available Wednesday, March 1 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Morrow County Center of Blue Mountain Community College, 300 N.E. Front St., Boardman. A short break is provided for lunch — participants may bring a lunch or make their own arrangements.

The cost is \$15 for AARP members (bring your card to class) or \$20 for non-members. The class is geared toward ages 50 and older, but all licensed drivers are welcome to attend.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest course for drivers who are 50 and older. Upon successful completion, participants may receive a discount on their insurance.

Pre-registration is requested by contacting BMCC Morrow County at 541-481-2099 or 541-422-7040.

**Trail riders plan cleanup, vaccination clinic**

A group of area horse enthusiasts are heading up a trail cleanup at the Columbia Heritage Trail.

The event also will feature a poker ride. The group also is planning a silent auction and chili cook-off event, which will be held in conjunction with a Spring Vaccination Clinic. The event is Saturday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Columbia River Equestrian Center, 81900 Pleasant View Road, Irrigon. Dr. Don Peters will be offering vaccinations, Coggins tests and health certificates. There is a \$5 farm call fee.

For more information, contact Julie Errend at 541-314-0137 or julieerrend@yahoo.com.

**Two Rivers receives Siletz tribe grant**

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Two Rivers Correctional Institution was among the nonprofit organizations that received grant funding from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, whose 11-county ser-

vice area encompassed the Willamette Valley and the central Oregon coast, also provides funding to American Indian entities and activities across the United States. They gave \$1,500 to the Umatilla prison for beading and cultural craft supplies.

In total, the Feb. 3 disbursements from the tribe exceeded \$153,300 to 38 organizations. The deadline for the next application is March 7. For requirements and additional information, contact 541-444-8227, stccf@live.com or visit www.ctsi.nsn.us.



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**Welcome to Hurtyville: Stanfield woman launches book series**

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
Community Editor

Hurtyville features people, pets and a lesson or two.

Maria Hurty is excited to share her whimsical journey of life through a pair of recently published children's books. The Stanfield woman has always written little essays or short stories.



Hurty

"I have always enjoyed writing," she said. "I thought I would end up writing something more serious."

The public is invited to an open house to celebrate the launch of Hurty's most recent release. The free event is Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at 415 E. Coe Ave., Stanfield. Refreshments will be served. In addition, people can

purchase signed copies of her Tales & Tails of Hurtyville volumes for \$12.50 each.

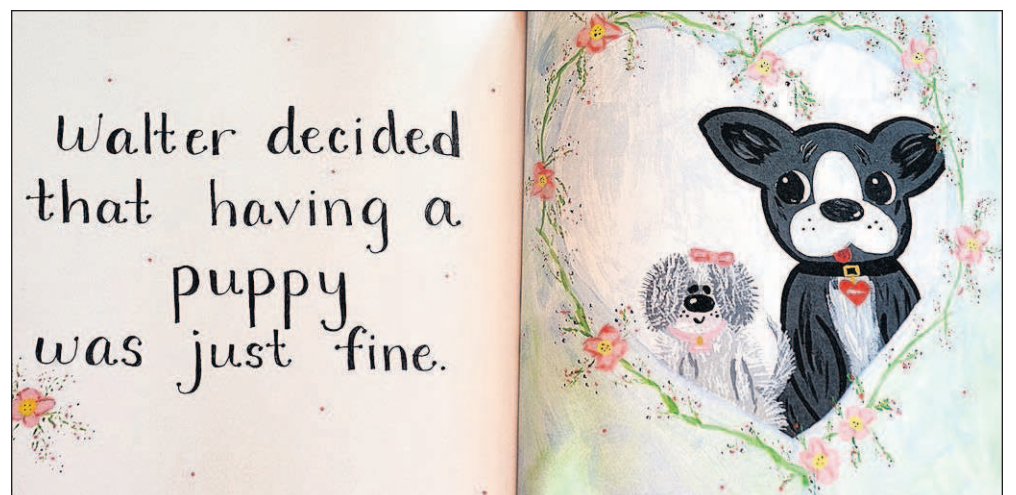
Hurty said she came up with the idea to create children's books after receiving feedback from stories she posted on her Facebook page. The Tales & Tails series, thus far, center around a chicken and the family dog.

"I've always enjoyed my pets," she explained. "I think about how they might talk and their personalities."

The stories also feature some sort of lesson.

"I want to drive home a point in simple terms that children can understand," Hurty said.

Published in October, "Once upon a Chicken," touches on the subject of



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"Walter Gets A Puppy" is the Volume 2 of Tales & Tails of Hurtyville, written and illustrated by Maria Hurty of Stanfield.

adoption. Readers can follow Little Black Chicken's journey to motherhood as the Oregon chicken mama chooses to love an adopted egg from Texas.

The tale, Hurty said, was hatched by watching a chicken in their backyard. Also, the story mirrors some of her own family's adoptive journey.

Volume 2 of Tales & Tails addresses jealousy in relationships.

"Walter Gets A Puppy," which came on the tail of the Hurty's getting a new puppy, was released earlier this month. The story, Hurty said, also reflects what she experienced bringing another child into the family.

"When I brought home baby number two, my

toddler was jealous," she said. "So, I saw the comparisons with Walter, our Boston terrier, when we brought home a little puppy."

Between the first two volumes of Tales & Tails, Hurty released "Christmas Crazy to Jesus Joy!" in November 2016. Designed as a holiday season devotional book for families, it features 24 Advent readings, along with photos taken by Hurty.

While her family enjoyed the annual Advent tradition of the countdown to Christmas, Hurty said the books they had been using were lacking. The devotionals in Christmas Crazy, Hurty said, feature a mixture of light-hearted fun with some that are a

"little more intense."

Currently available on Amazon.com, Hurty plans to "hit the trail" to have her books available on the shelves of stores. The new author is hopeful people will enjoy her books.

"I have a passion to share joy and love and fun," she said. "Mostly, I take a whimsical fun approach to life."

Hurty also works part-time as a registered nurse at Good Shepherd Medical Center. Hurtyville, she said, includes John, her husband of 22 years, five awesome kids (including three biological children and two adopted from Ethiopia), "crazy" aunt Rachel and Maria's parents, who live just up the road in Hermiston.

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