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IN BRIEF

Church sets service for Ash Wednesday

The public is invited to a special service at St. John's Episcopal Church.

The Ash Wednesday Service of Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes is Wednesday March 1 at 7 p.m. at 953 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. The service begins the observation of Lent, the liturgical period before Palm Sunday and Easter.

For more information, call 541-567-6672.

Diaper event dashes this Saturday

A fun walk/run featuring 5K and 10K distances helps provide diapers for people in need.

The Diaper Dash is Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave. The entrance fee is a package of diapers.

In its third year, the church partners with local social service agencies to distribute diapers. Last year more than 15,000 diapers were collected through the effort of 80 participants.

For more information, contact 541-567-3677, hermistonnaz@gmail.com or visit www.hermistonnazarene.org or www.facebook.com/events/339082683143495.

Parkinson's group meets monthly

A peer-led group offers information about Parkinson's disease, including exchanging information, mutual support and offering participants a chance to talk about coping skills.

The group meets the first Monday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston.

For more information, contact Carol Clupny at 541-720-4256 or caclupny@hotmail.com.

Right to Life director to visit Hermiston

The Latino outreach director with Oregon Right to Life will present information about the pro-life culture with Latino families.

Margot Loza, a recent graduate of the University of Idaho, was invited by Hermiston Right to Life to make several area presentations. The public is invited to sessions:

- Monday, March 6 from 7-9 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston (English presentation geared towards youths).

- Tuesday, March 7 at 2 p.m. at La Palma, 231 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston (Spanish presentation geared for adults).

- Thursday, March 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall (Spanish presentation geared for adults).

At the University of Idaho, Loza studied nutrition and public relations and she was the director of the Students for Life club. After graduation, she served as a digital media intern for Students for Life of America. She is now committed to reaching out to the Latino community to promote the value of life.

"I'm pro-life because I believe in love," she said. "Abortion has destroyed too many people in our time and it's time we put an end to the destruction."

Marge Rolan of the Hermiston Right to Life group encourages area pastors to come and meet Loza, who is open to invitations to return to the area for future discussions and presentations.

For more information, contact Rolan at good-sheep4@gmail.com.

Checkmate: HHS students to head to state chess tourney

Hermiston Herald

A handful of Hermiston High School students will head to the state tournament after scoring top marks at the Region 23 Chess for Success tournament.

The regional tournament, which was held Feb. 11 in Hermiston, included team and individual winners from both Hermiston and its main opponent, Heppner. The five Bulldog chess players — Bobby Bellinger,



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Hermiston High School students Bobby Bellinger, Thomas Wall, Oscar Galdamez, Jerence Lyons and Jeremy Bowden will compete in the state chess tournament March 10-11 in Portland.

Thomas Wall, Oscar Galdamez, Jerence Lyons and Jeremy Bowden — qualified for the state

tourney after the top three players tied with four points each (out of a possible five) and two others tied with three points.

Team winners at the tournament included Heppner Elementary (kindergarten through fifth grade) and Heppner Junior High (grades 6-8). Individual winners were Owen Guerra, grade 3, Heppner (K-4); Javier Garcia, Highland Hills, Hermiston (grade 5);

Jacob Finch, Heppner (grade 6); Felix Matthew, Heppner, and Edward Rodriguez, Armand Larive, Hermiston (grade 7, tie); Oscar Cota, Armand Larive, Hermiston (grade 8); Jeremy Bowden, Jerence Lyons (grade 9) and Bobby Bellinger (grade 10), Hermiston High School (grades 9-12, tie for first place); and Oscar Galdamez (grade 12) and Thomas Wall (grade 11), HHS (grades 9-12, tie for high enough points).

Two Good Shepherd employees receive national awards

Hermiston Herald

A pair of Good Shepherd Health Care System employees were honored with national awards at the Healthcare Service Excellence Conference in Long Beach, California.

Patient financial services manager Jonathan Edwards was recognized as an empowering manager and emergency services registered nurse Susan Stephens received an exceptional nurse award.

Stephens also was se-



Stephens

Edwards

lected for the Summit Award, which is the highest award of excellence given at the Healthcare Service Excellence Conference, based on individuals who have made out-

standing progress toward improving patient experience and staff engagement.

The conference considered 240 nominees, including 14 from Good Shepherd.

"We have an exceptional team," president and CEO Dennis Burke said. "Each of the 14 individuals nominated for this year's Summit Awards are very worthy candidates."

Stephens was chosen based on comments from

her co-workers about how she "pours her heart" into the hospital's sexual assault task force, becoming an important part of the team and coming up with better procedures for helping victims.

"The time and energy she gives of herself to helping victims is inspiring," the submission read.

Edwards was selected because of a submission by one of his employees, who said he "pushes harder and makes higher

goals" than other managers, in a way that inspires employees to reach goals they didn't think were possible.

During the conference, Good Shepherd also received third place for its employee engagement video, titled "Coming Home (Hermiston)." The video, which stars hospital employees, volunteers and other healthcare partners, can be viewed at www.gshealth.org/coming-home-hermiston.

Fair seeks logos for day camp

Hermiston Herald

Area schoolchildren are encouraged to get creative for a chance to have their design on a T-shirt and promote the Umatilla County Fair's day camp.

Umatilla County students in first through fifth grades are invited to enter the logo contest for Our Fun at the Fair Day Camp, which is held in conjunction with the fair. Youths that are in online school residing in Umatilla County are also eligible to enter the contest.

Reflecting the 2017 fair theme of "New Faces, New Places & Old Friends," the winning artwork will accompany the theme to brand the day camp, which is Aug. 8-11.

The winner will receive two adult day passes, four children's day passes, one Fun at the Fair Day Camp T-shirt and a one-day carnival wristband for the 2017 Umatilla County Fair. The runner-up youth artist will receive one adult day pass and two children's day passes and the third place entry will receive a pair of children's day passes.

The artwork needs to compliment the fair theme and include the words "Umatilla County Fair" within the design. The logo must have the ability to be cleanly scanned and reproduced digitally at smaller and larger sizes.

Drawn or sketched logo entries need to be

dark and in color on white paper or cardstock that's at least 8.5-by-11 inches and no larger than 11-by-17 inches. Entries on cardboard or canvas won't be accepted. The back of each entry must include the artist's full name, the date, the fair theme, grade, teacher's name and school name.

Historically, logos containing the theme and the year have scored highest in judging. The fair theme and the year will be digitally added to the winning artwork if it was not included by the original artist.

Submissions are due Friday, March 10, by 5

p.m. No late entries will be accepted. Entries may be dropped off at the fair office, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston, mailed to P.O. Box 94, Hermiston OR 97838 or e-mailed to angie.mcnalley@umatillacounty.net.

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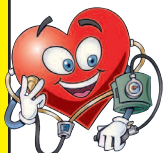
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