

BRIEFS

Quilt project sets documentation day

Every quilt has a story — and the Oregon Quilt Project is seeking to preserve yours. As part of a five-year project, volunteers will be in Eastern Oregon to provide a hands-on demonstration of the documentation process, which will enable local volunteers to continue recording quilts beyond the end of the program. People are invited to schedule an appointment to have their quilt documented. The process includes recording a history of the quilt, its maker, a detailed physical examination of the quilt and photos. Eligible items include old or new quilts, quilt tops and quilted garments. People may bring two quilts for documentation.

Appointments can be scheduled Monday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. There is a \$10 fee for the process, which includes a registration number with the Oregon Quilt Project archives. With permission, volunteers will register items with the Quilt Index (www.quiltindex.org) at no additional charge. Maintained by Michigan State University, the index has information on more than 80,000 quilts.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Jodi Hansen at 541-567-2882. For more about the project, visit www.oregon-quiltproject.org.

Irrigon to shine spotlight on citizens

The Irrigon Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for Time to Shine, the annual citizen recognition banquet.

The event is Friday, April 20 from 5-8 p.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon. Tickets for the meal, prepared by chef Donna Eppembach, are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. In addition, wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Due to the event's popularity and limited seating, organizers encourage people to buy tickets in advance. They are available from Irrigon Chamber of Commerce board members, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, the Irrigon branch of the Oregon Trail Library District or by calling 541-922-3857.

Film shares greatest story of circus

Ladies and gentlemen, children of all ages, step right up for a viewing of "The Greatest Showman."



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Volunteers with the Oregon Quilt Project are seeking stories about quilts and their creators. Appointments are available for the documentation day event April 23 at the Hermiston Public Library.

Inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum, the film follows the visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerizing spectacle known as the "Greatest Show on Earth." After 146 years, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus ended its run in May 2017. The circus featured exotic animals, flashy costumes and death-defying acrobats.

The PG-rated film will play Friday at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday at 2:15 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Admission is \$3 and includes a bag of popcorn. Bottled water and concessions are available for cash purchases.

For more information, call 541-481-7243 or visit www.visitsage.com.

Bowling tournament benefits The Arc

If bowling is up your alley, you're invited to participate in a tournament fundraiser to benefit The Arc Umatilla County.

The event is 6 p.m. Saturday at Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. The cost is \$125 per 5-person team, which includes two games, shoe rental and door prizes.

A nonprofit organization, The Arc advocates for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They offer activities to help expanding opportunities for people with disabilities.

For more information about the bowling event or to become a lane sponsor (\$50), contact Kristi Smalley at 541-571-0997 or smalleys@eotnet.net.

To learn more about The Arc, call 541-567-7615 or visit www.facebook.com/arcoumatillacounty.

Outdoor sale benefits Agape House

A parking lot sale offers a chance to purchase reasonably-priced items and help support Agape House programs.

You name the price for knick-knacks, clothing items are five for \$1 and furniture is as marked. The sale is Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held indoors. Donations are welcome through Friday.

Agape House serves individuals and families in need. For more information, to volunteer or make donations, call 541-567-8774.

Storyteller to yuck it up at Echo library

The public is invited to a musical comedy show featuring Rick Huddle.

As a 5-year-old, the storyteller, musician and theater artist had aspirations to become a clown. Ditching the red nose and floppy shoes, Huddle aims to create better citizenry one laugh at a time. During his performances, he teaches social-emotional skills through songs and stories. Huddle will present Songs & Stories: Open Up & Say HA! Friday at 2 p.m. at the Echo Public Library, 20 Bonanza St. There is no admission charge.

For more information, call 541-376-8411 or visit www.rickhuddle.com.

Fundraiser steps up in fight against multiple sclerosis

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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Emily Nash was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at 10:45 a.m. on July 11, 2012.

"You just don't forget some things," the Pendleton woman said.

Nash recently stepped up to coordinate Walk MS Eastern Oregon. Previously held in Heppner, the event is Saturday at 10 a.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Afterwards, sandwiches, water and cookies will be served, and there will be drawings for raffle prizes. Also, a pair of pharmaceutical sales representatives will discuss medications used to treat symptoms of MS.

Presented by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, money raised is used to provide support for those impacted by MS, advocate for healthcare policies and fund research initiatives. There is no set registration fee. Participants raising at least \$100 can receive a T-shirt.

A chronic disease that randomly attacks the central nervous system, the progression, severity and specific symptoms of multiple sclerosis can't be predicted. Symptoms can range from muscle weakness, numbness and tingling to ambulation difficulties, blindness and paralysis. Also, about 80 percent of patients experience fatigue.

With the onset of vision impairments, Nash went to her primary care physician. After numerous appointments, she ended up at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. Undergoing five days



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Emily Nash of Team Em Dogg enthusiastically participates in the 2016 Walk MS Eastern Oregon in Heppner. Nash is coordinating the event as it returns to Pendleton on Saturday, April 21 at Roy Raley Park.

of medical testing — to rule out everything from medication side effects to a brain tumor — a lumbar puncture confirmed a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis.

While Nash was relieved she didn't have cancer, living with MS has been life-changing. However, Nash takes it in stride trying to stay positive.

"I just try to do a little every day and find joy where I can," she said. "When your body is fighting itself, you just learn to live with it."

Active with Walk MS Eastern Oregon since 2013, Nash is following the footsteps of Merilee McDowell. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1977, McDowell spearheaded the fundraising walk in Heppner for two decades.

The first event, she said, included 30 walkers who raised \$2,900. The largest event drew 115 participants and raised \$13,000.

In the last 20 years, McDowell said 13 medications have been approved for relapsing-remitting MS, which cut relapses by 43 percent. The first medication to treat those with primary-progressive MS, she said, was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2017.

"I'm very proud to know we had a part in that," she said.

While McDowell is no longer coordinating the event, she is far from finished with the fight.

"For the last 40 years I have struggled with MS but the experience of walking with others who share my struggles has been one of the blessings of my life," she said.

People are encouraged to pre-register at www.walkms.org. For questions, contact Tracy Leeper of the NMSS Oregon Chapter at tracy.leeper@nmss.org or 503-445-8342.

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