

BRIEFS

**Walker receives FFA scholarships**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The National FFA Organization has awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Hannah Walker of Hermiston. Walker is a 2018 graduate of Hermiston High School.

The Build Ford Tough scholarship, sponsored by Built Ford Tough Legacy Ford Lincoln, Inc., and the Mike Hopper Memorial Scholarship, each in the amount of \$1,000, will allow Walker to pursue a degree at Oregon State University.

The scholarships are two of 1,829 scholarships awarded through the National FFA Organization's scholarship program for 2018.



Walker

**Life Chain event links pro-lifers**

Groups of pro-life advocates will bear witness to their belief in the sanctity of human life by participating in Life Chain events.

In its 31st year, the gatherings are held in cities across the nation. It features people spreading out in a human chain along the side of a major thoroughfare. Participants are silent and prayerful as they hold signs with pro-life messages.

In Hermiston, people are invited to participate Sunday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. along North First Street (Highway 395) near Hermiston Avenue. Participants should arrive 30 minutes prior to the event in the parking lot behind Banner Bank, 101 E. Main St., Hermiston.

For more information, call Deanna Leonard at 541-667-8537. Additional details, including ideas for signs, about the LifeChain.Net(work) is available at www.lifechain.net.

**Special service features singing of hymns**

An evening of food, fun and fellowship includes the singing of old hymns.

The public is invited to the Hymn Sing Sunday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St., Hermiston. There is no admission charge for the informal service.

For more information, contact Chris Finley at johnchris\_1@msn.com or 541-571-2516.

**Murdock to discuss county budget**

Umatilla County Commissioner George

Murdock will provide an update on the county budget during the upcoming Round Up Republican Women's meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend Thursday, Oct. 11 at 11:45 a.m. at the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. The cost is \$11 for members and \$13 for non-members. Those who plan to attend are asked to register in advance.

Those in attendance can learn more about the budget, how much and where money is spent. Questions for Murdock can be sent in advance.

For more information, to submit a question or to RSVP, contact 541-276-3182 or rounduprw@gmail.com.

**First Friday includes beadworking at Tamastlikt**

A free beadworking class is offered during the October First Friday at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute.

In addition to free museum admission all day Friday, visitors can participate in the class at 10 a.m. in the museum store. Tamastlikt is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off Interstate 84 at Exit 216, Mission.

Also, "Beautiful Games: American Indian Sport and Art" remains on display through Oct. 13. The featured exhibition highlights the artwork, artifacts and history of sports and its role in tribal life.

Regular admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for youths 6-17 and free for ages 5 and under. For more information, call 541-429-7700 or visit www.tamastlikt.org.

**FFA Alumni seek auction help**

Organizers with the Morrow County FFA Dinner and Auction are requesting assistance from the public.

Erin Heideman and Greg Barron, auction volunteers, invite people to help with the event. The alumni group supports agriculture education for youths in the county's FFA programs in Boardman, Heppner, Ione and Irrigon.

"Our youth is our greatest resource and those in agriculture even more so," Barron said.

Monetary donations as well as items for the silent and live auctions are needed. The event is Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center in Boardman. The cost and ticket sales for the meal will be announced at a later date.

For more information about the Morrow County FFA Alumni or to make a donation, contact Heideman at 541-561-0081, erin.heideman@oregonstate.edu or Barron at 541-701-7311, gbarron@centurytel.net.

OBITUARY

**Virginia Mae Williams**

Pendleton

October 18, 1928 - September 29, 2018

Virginia Mae Williams was born October 18, 1928, in Hamilton, Washington, the daughter of James and Ella (Combs) McIlrath. She passed away on Saturday, September 29, 2018, in Pendleton at the age of 89.

Virginia grew up and attended school near Hamilton, Wash., graduating from Sedro Woolley High School in the class of 1946.

She attended Lane Community College in Eugene where she completed her studies to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked as an LPN for more than 30 years.

As an adult she lived in the communities of Arcada, Calif., and Springfield, Ore. She moved to Hermiston in the mid 1990s and has lived in Pendleton for the past seven years.

Virginia was a big supporter of Special Olympics and veterans organizations. She loved animals, especially cats and dogs.

She is survived by a daughter, Rogena Olson; son, Jeffrey Severson; brother Niel McIlrath; grandson Brad Olson; great-granddaughter Katie Rowen; and great-great-grandchildren Maycee and Jace Rowen.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2018, at the Hermiston Cemetery in Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

The family suggests memorial donations to benefit Oregon Special Olympics.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



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**Ben and Kaylie Boykin and their children, Allie, Austin and Aiden, are all smiles after winning Brando, a heavy-duty rocking horse.**

**Brando brings in the bucks for area foster families**

HERMISTON HERALD

A Kennewick family won a heavy-duty spring rocking horse created to raise money for the Department of Human Services Child Welfare program's foster parent and child fund in Umatilla County.

A total of \$863 was raised through the effort. The money will be used by DHS for area foster families.

Ben and Kaylie Boykin's daughter insisted the family purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win Brando after seeing it on display during the Umatilla County Fair. The 4-foot long metal work and fabricated spring horse was created by Marvin Hamilton and Jason Bremner, both DHS employees. The spring was donated by Hagerman Inc. of Umatilla.

With luck on their side, Judge Eva Temple pulled the Boykin's ticket out of a hat during the drawing, which was held Sept. 14 after the Westward Ho! Parade in Pendleton. Allie, Austin and Aiden Boykin, along with children in Boykin's day-care will enjoy playing on Brando, said Kaylie, who used to live in Pendleton.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

10:04 p.m. — At Northeast 10th Street, a caller said a male who lives near him is scream-singing, and the caller wants him to quiet down.

11:28 p.m. — On Southeast Fourth Street, a domestic disturbance was reported. A woman reported that a man broke into her house while she was in the shower. He has a key.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

10:12 p.m. — Four men were fighting in the gazebo at Victory Square Park on Southwest 10th Street.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:45 a.m. — An assault was reported at North First Street.  
8:51 p.m. — A 60-year-old woman threatened to commit suicide. She had no firearms or medications available.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11:39 p.m. — A man and woman

were fighting at the back of Panda Inn, at North First Street. It was reported as a domestic disturbance.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

12:25 p.m. — A runaway was reported at East Dogwood Avenue.  
12:35 p.m. — Child abuse was reported at South Highway 395.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

1:55 a.m. — A fight was reported at East Main Street.  
9:41 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at North First Street.  
9:20 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at Southwest 10th Street.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

11:28 a.m. — A woman, reported as a runaway, was walking down South Highway 395, refusing to cooperate with Department of Human Services.  
4:05 p.m. — On Southwest Seventh Street, a caller said their grandson ran away after stealing from them.

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