Good Shepherd receives top workplace award

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A delegation of 20 employees from Good Shepherd Health Care System attended the Health Care Service Excellence Conference in February in San Antonio, Texas. They received 39 awards for improvements made to the patient experience.

Good Shepherd Health Care System has been awarded a 2018 Top Workplaces honor by The Oregonian.

The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by research partner Energage, LLC (formerly Workplace-Dynamics), a leading provider of technology-based employee engagement tools. The anonymous survey measures several aspects of workplace culture, including alignment, execution and connection.

"Top Workplaces is more than just recognition," said Doug Claffey, CEO of Energage. "Our research shows organizations that earn the award attract better talent, experience lower turnover, and are better equipped to deliver bottom-line results. Their leaders prioritize and carefully craft a healthy workplace culture that supports employee engagement."

In response to the news that Good Shepherd had been selected two years in a row for the award, president and CEO Dennis E. Burke said it's an honor and that the employees are the true recipients of the prestigious award.

"I believe it is a testament to our employees' level of satisfaction and engagement with the organization and our community," Burke said. "Healthcare is a challenging vocation — employees deal with people over a wide spectrum of emotions; from their most joyous of circumstances — birth of a newborn, to the most challenging — death of a loved one. Each day our employees display heroism, empathy, compassion, and courage in caring for our community."

Becoming a Top Workplace isn't something organizations can buy, Claffey said.

"It's an achievement organizations have worked for and a distinction that gives them a competitive advantage. It's a big deal," he said.

HHS class of '68 celebrates 50 years

Approximately 60 members of the Hermiston High School class of 1968 recently gathered to reminisce and renew friendships 50 years after turning the tassel.

Held Sept. 20-23, the reunion activities kicked off with a gathering sponsored by Susan Hoffman and her husband, Richard Page, at Midway Bar & Grill. A Mexican fiesta buffet held Sept. 21 offered festive fun at the home of Bob and Vickie Smith. Musical entertainment and a smoked pig with all the fixings were the highlights of a Sept. 22 get-together, compliments of Dave and Andrea Follett. And, to wrap up the weekend's festivities, Richard Scarlett and Wanda Hunt hosted breakfast at their Hat Rock home.

Classmate Pamela Case of EagleOne Photography, who served as class photographer, took the official class picture. To reach reunion organizers, contact hermistonhigh68@yahoo.com, 541-564-0887, 541-561-3011 or search Facebook for "Hermiston High School Class of 1968.

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Members of the Hermiston High School class of 1968.

CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **P** equals **S**

VDMP ABMUNMUK XHPPHQ MP UTV QMNH YUZ VDYV M'XH HXHB PHHU IHGTBH. MV'P AHGMUMVHQZ MU Y KQYPP IZ MVPHQG.

CryptoQuip answer

This drinking vessel is not like any that I've ever seen before. It's definitely in a glass by itself.

Super Crossword Answers

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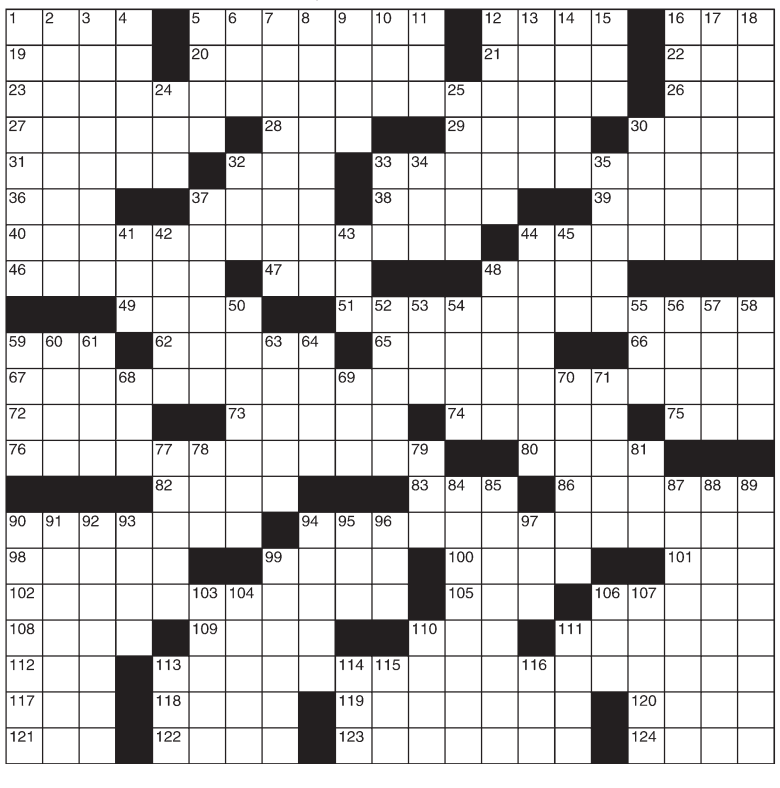
SUPER CROSSWORD: BE AWARE

ACROSS
1 Goof (up)
5 Gland near a kidney
12 NASCAR units
16 ER skill
19 Vocal quality
20 On the dot
21 Jai —
22 "... boy — girl?"
23 "This shop sells every fruity frozen dessert flavor"?
26 Ryan of films
27 Hot peppers
28 Bank charge
29 In — (bored)
30 Three or four
31 Segway inventor Dean
32 Broncos' gp.
33 "John Brown's Body" poet's wages?
36 Mexico Mrs.
37 Long cut
38 TV's Swenson
39 Lofty nest
40 Flying disc that toy spaniels love to fetch?
44 Was a blowhard
46 Big name among cello virtuosos
47 Label for Elton John
48 Bric-a- — (trinkets)
49 Ship's trail
51 Thorough search of an Apple computer?
59 Pierre's "here"
62 Virile type
65 Inferior to
66 Mixed in with
67 Lots of sun-dried brick surrounding an empty space?
72 Former Navaho foes
73 Toy with
74 Massive mammal, for short
75 K'ung Fu- — (Confucius)
76 Political group turns against one of its own members?
80 This, in Argentina
82 Dinghy pair
83 — polloi (the masses)
86 Some electric cars
90 Early-flowering leguminous trees
94 Flemish painter being violent?
98 Love, in Paris
99 Slacken
100 Beard, e.g.
101 Ming of basketball
102 "The Zoo Story" playwright with red hair?
105 — Jima
106 "— de Lune"
108 Momentous time periods
109 Omanis, e.g.
110 D.C. ballplayer
111 Milano of "Charmed"
112 Was idle
113 Enter a sea between Siberia and Alaska?
117 Broke bread
118 Years on end
119 Put in place
120 Tony winner Adams
121 Danson of "Dad"
122 Player's fee
123 Mutinied ship of 1839
124 Mems. of the upper house

DOWN
1 Is loyal to
2 Romeo type
3 Closeness
4 Norman Vincent —
5 Big goons
6 ER figures
7 Assert again
8 Drawing from many styles
9 Aswan Dam's river
10 Obstinate animal
11 Astral feline
12 Noted locale of tar pits
13 Alaskan language
14 Singer LuPone
15 She's part of the fam
16 Solace
17 Early baby, informally
18 Pollen-count plant
24 15-Down, e.g.
25 Scope
30 Tennis zingers
32 '80s sitcom
33 Highchair neckwear
34 Atlanta-to-Charlotte dir.
35 Racial rights gp.
37 Twisted and turned
41 "— goes it?"
42 Largest city of Nebraska
43 Walton of Wal-Mart
44 Chocolate treat
45 Sturdy wood
48 Kiosk, e.g.
50 Stage hams
52 Nuns' home
53 Co. honcho
54 Hazy image
55 Rally yell
56 Skip over
57 Boxes for recycling
58 Ax feature
59 "It's my turn"
60 — rug (dance)
61 Cake froster
63 Helps illicitly
64 Approaching
68 Pres. before DDE
69 White — ghost
70 GM security service
71 Clan symbol
77 "— one to talk!"
78 Severe
79 The lady
81 Nile slitherer
84 Away for an extended break
85 Cry after catching someone in the act
87 Save for later
88 "Little Birds" author
89 Warehouse charges
90 Directs fury toward
91 Dubai, e.g.
92 Gave away
93 Pesters
94 Shul head
95 Spend
96 Stinging flier
97 Brazilian port city, in brief
99 Pass by
103 Expose by blabbing
104 "— you clever!"
106 The Indians, on sports tickers
107 U-shaped instruments
110 Terse denial
111 Undercover?
113 Viking realm
114 Intel org.
115 Senator Kaine
116 Hellenic "H"



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK ★

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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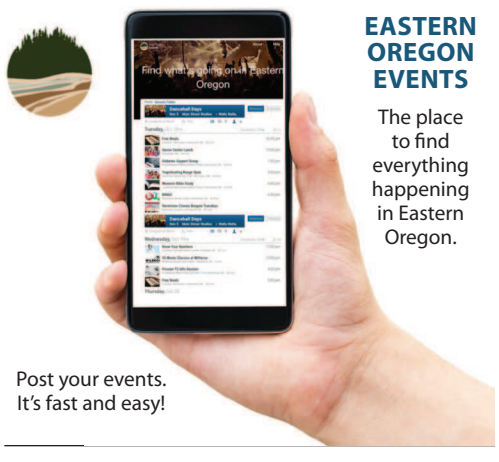

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