

# Shoebox project spreads gifts and love

Donations sought for charity boxes from Nov. 12-19

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Most kids in the United States wouldn't be very excited if they opened a Christmas present and found a toothbrush.

However, children in countries beset with war, poverty, natural disaster, famine or disease are often thrilled when they receive such gifts through Operation Christmas Child.

A ministry of the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse, each holiday season people fill shoeboxes with personal hygiene items, toys, clothing, school supplies and more. The gifts are distributed to needy children across the globe.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY BARB WATTENBURGER

**Employees of O So Kleen in Hermiston pack shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. National Collection Week for the project that sends gifts to needy children across the globe is Nov. 12-19**

Barb Wattenburger, the area drop-off location team leader, has heard stories about kids having to share

personal hygiene items in orphanages in third world countries. Something as basic as a toothbrush, she

said, can bring a smile to the face of a child.

"They received a box and it included toothbrushes. The kids were just ecstatic because they had their own toothbrush," Wattenburger said. "You can't even understand that in this country."

As National Collection Week approaches, area churches, businesses, service clubs and individuals have been busy gathering items and packing shoeboxes. Dave and Dorothy Smith, owners of O So Kleen in Hermiston, have turned the project into an employee team-building activity.

While involvement isn't mandatory, Dave Smith said all of his employees participate. This past week, the O So Kleen team got together for breakfast and packed boxes.

"We had an hour of food, fun and fellowship before we went to work for the

day," Smith said.

Wattenburger said her interest in the project is centered around reaching out to children — to let them know they are loved. It opens the door to share about Jesus Christ, she said.

"A gift is a tangible way that shows that we love them and that God loves them," Wattenburger said. "There are people in the community that follow up with the kids. They aren't just throwing a box at them and driving up to the next place."

After gifts are distributed, local ministry partners in many of the countries invite the children to enroll in "The Greatest Journey," a 12-lesson discipleship program. The idea is to establish longterm relationships with the children and their families.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered 157 million shoebox gifts to children in 160

countries. This year's goal is to reach another 11 million kids, said Cassie Roberts, a media relations associate with Samaritan's Purse.

In 2017, Wattenburger said 1,871 boxes were collected in the Hermiston area.

The local drop-off site for collection week is New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. The dates and times are: Nov. 12-17, 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Nov. 13, 15 from 5-7 p.m. and Nov. 18 from noon to 2 p.m.

A donation of \$9 is requested to offset shipping costs. Wattenburger said money is available if people can't afford that.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, including guidelines for shoebox gifts and an option to virtually "Build a Box," visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ).

For questions, call Wattenburger at 541-626-3159.

## COURTS

### Sentences

**PENDLETON — The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:**

#### FELONY

•William Charles Haywood, 54, Stanfield, pleaded guilty to Failure to Report as Sex Offender: sentenced to 50 days jail, 2 years post-prison supervision, \$100 fine and \$900 fine-suspended.

•Roni Lee Castillo, 24, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Stolen Vehicle: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine and restitution to be determined; pleaded guilty to Theft II: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, \$200 fine and \$133.23 restitution, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Theft III: sentence to discharge; pleaded guilty to two counts of Failure to Appear II: sentenced to 10 days jail for each count.

•Constancio Rodriguez Jr., 22, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended/Revoked: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 60 hours community service, \$500 fine and \$1,000 fine-suspended.

#### MISDEMEANOR

•Shawn Michel McCabe, 46, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, \$1,255 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 3 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

•Samuel Armando Carrillo, 20, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 1 year probation, \$490 fine and enrollment into Diversion Program.

#### Suits Filed

**PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):**

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Cindy M. McCallister of Hermiston: seeks \$2,655.90.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Sheri L. Harper of Stanfield: seeks \$6,593.27.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Maria G. Rodriguez of Hermiston: seeks \$969.17.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Manuel Mendoza of Hermiston: seeks \$1,172.92.

•Lanchi H. Nguyen vs. Eusebio Sanchez Tejada: seeks \$49,999.99.

•Gordon Blankenship, personal representative of the estate of Jason Blankenship vs. Roberto Rodriguez Diaz: seeks \$3 million.

•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Arianna Gonzalez of Hermiston: seeks \$700.58.

•Credits Inc. vs. Stephanie and Shad Moore of Irrigon: seeks \$6,517.07.

•Credits Inc. vs. Daisy Palomino of Umatilla: seeks \$720.30.

•Credits Inc. vs. Irving Macias of Umatilla: seeks \$4,664.92.

•Credits Inc. vs. David and Karla Beaty of Hermiston: seeks

\$9,470.79.

•Credits Inc. vs. Ashley and William McAdams of Umatilla: seeks \$1,369.18.

•Credits Inc. vs. Juan C. Ceja of Hermiston: seeks \$810.93.

•Credits Inc. vs. Deborah L. and Jason Fitzpatrick of Stanfield: seeks \$1,690.80.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Amelia and Doug Walker of Hermiston: seeks \$330.07.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Gloria Gutierrez of Hermiston: seeks \$344.38.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Reynaldo Meza of Hermiston: seeks \$984.10.

•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Arika S. Hanly (Risley) of Hermiston: seeks \$2,400.41.

•Christopher Lee Barnes of Umatilla (TRCI) vs. Union Supply Group: seeks \$68,950,950.

•Christopher Lee Barnes of Umatilla (TRCI) vs. Telmate LLC: seeks \$68,950,950.

•Toyota Moor Credit Corporation vs. Ronald D. Leslie of Hermiston: seeks \$7,385.59.

•Credits Inc. vs. Elizabeth Velasco (nka Mendoza Velasco) of Boardman: seek \$1,477.71.

•Credits Inc. vs. Kathryn J. Garrett (nka Keely) of Hermiston: seeks \$1,007.84.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jesse A. Salisbury of Irrigon: seeks \$290.89.

•Credits Inc. vs. Nathan Bishop of Umatilla: seeks \$567.67.

•Accounts Receivable Inc. vs. Michel Kelly (Nielsen) of Hermiston: seeks \$2,321.97.

•Credits Inc. vs. Luis Miguel Mejia Lemus of Hermiston: seeks \$512.03.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Arturo Gonzalez of Hermiston: seeks \$576.35.

•State Farm Bank vs. Kevin Kamin: seeks \$3,446.21.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Shyllee Charlton: seeks \$1,118.18.

•Credits Inc. vs. Lori and Steven Goucher of Hermiston: seeks \$529.30.

#### Judgments

**PENDLETON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):**

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Marisela M. Bazan of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,332.82.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Michael Boyd of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,617.05.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. William E. Reuter of Hermiston: judgment for

\$3,980.30.

•Water Treatment Resources of Mattawa, Wash., vs. Hermiston Melon Company and Bob Walchli of Hermiston: judgment for \$6,065.32.

•Credits Inc. vs. Nathaniel L. Brendle of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,535.66.

•Credits Inc. vs. Gilberto Cruz Jr. of Hermiston: judgment for \$9,509.62.

•Credits Inc. vs. Mayra and Jaime Salazar of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,001.81.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Richard A. Fair of Hermiston: judgment for \$807.42.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Roberto Enriquez of Hermiston: judgment for \$446.85.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Sose-na Erevia: judgment for \$1,078.23.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Shari Ann and Bennie Wilson of Stanfield: judgment for \$780.36.

### Divorces

**PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:**

Kodee Ashton Wagner and Justin Lee Jones of Hermiston.

### Marriages

**PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:**

Travis Austin Donald Hodges, 22, and Rachel LeeAnn Knudsen, 21, both of Hermiston.

Jesse Charles Goldie, 19, and Lanita Joyce Halladay, 18, both of Echo.

Daniel James Kenney, 50, and Amanda Suzanne Vaughan, 43, both of Hermiston.

Zane William Davis, 25, and McKenzie Lyn Byrd, 23, both of Hermiston.

Duane Ross Skillman, 26, and Kathleen Ann Gamble, 26, both of Umatilla.

Nicholas Alen Sandoval, 29, and Tabatha Danielle Swanson, 32, both of Hermiston.

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