

Cabin Fever for Kids opens doors to fun



Photo contributed by Marvin Hamilton

People associated with the Department of Human Services-Child Welfare and other community partners helped with DHS Cabin Fever for Kids. The Feb. 9 event provided indoor fun for area foster kids at the Hermiston Christian School.

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**
COMMUNITY EDITOR

The inaugural DHS Cabin Fever for Kids event drifted in just in time, offering a respite from being cooped up in the winter weather.

Coordinated by the Department of Human Services-Child Welfare, the event was held Saturday at the Hermiston Christian School. Marvin Hamilton, a DHS certifier, said despite the looming snowstorm, a total of 140 foster parents, children and volunteers enjoyed the activities.

The free event was a group effort, Hamilton said.

In addition to DHS staff, community partners, youth groups and foster parents helped in making Cabin Fever for Kids a success. Money for the event, Hamilton said, was provided by community partners, area businesses, donations and fundraisers, including a spring horse raffle for Brando, held this past summer.

"We at DHS were very happy to have the support of the community and to either show up and put together a booth or sponsor an obstacle course," Hamilton said.

The day's activities included a trio of booths manned by the OSU Extension Office. They provided educational information about entomology and agriculture. In addition, James "Snake Guy" McKnight and his 4-and-one-half-foot python were quite popular. Staff from the Hermiston Goodwill store tossed in some extra fun with a bean bag toss activity. Also, the 2019 Umatilla County Fair court — Nive Hamilton, 15, Kyleigh Sepulveda, 16, both of Hermiston, and Madison Pryor, 15, of Pendleton — wrangled in fun with Hidalgo, Brando's bouncy spring horse brother.

Other activities provided by DHS included a bouncy house and face painting. Also, youth groups from Living Faith Church and The Country Church helped out. A 60-foot inflatable obstacle course sponsored by Tom Denchel Ford Country of Hermiston also was popular.

The Department of Human Services plans on organizing additional activities in the future for area foster children, as well as awareness and recruitment events. For more information, including how to get involved in upcoming events, contact Hamilton at 541-564-4484 or marvin.hamilton@dshsoa.state.or.us.

Columbia River Treaty flows with change

By **HERMISTON HERALD**

The public is invited to learn more about the importance of water as Craig Reeder discusses renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty.

The event is part of a dinner meeting hosted by the Echo Kiwanis. People are invited to hear the presentation and may choose to purchase a lasagna dinner. The event is Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Echo VFW Hall, 210 W. Bridge St. The meal, which costs \$5, will be served at 6 p.m. and the presentation is at 6:45 p.m. People do not have to eat in order to attend.

Reeder was raised on a family wheat ranch. After graduating from Oregon State University with degrees in agriculture business management and finance, he spent five years in the Midwest working for the R.D. Offutt Company. Reeder returned to Eastern Oregon in 2000, working for the Hale Fam-

ily, where he served as CFO and COO until the operations were sold. He is currently CFO of Madison Ranches and operates the Reeder family farm with his wife, Tina, and their three children. In addition, Reeder is the chairman of the Northeast Oregon Water Association.

Much has changed since 1961 when the Columbia River Treaty was drafted. New politics, technology, environmental and agricultural uses for water and many more concerns have made the original treaty somewhat obsolete. This May, Canada and the United States have arranged to meet in Washington D.C. to renegotiate the Columbia River Treaty.

To assist with planning, those who are interested in attending are asked to RSVP by texting 541-379-6992. For more information, contact Joe Ramos at 509-366-3980 or josephramos11@gmail.com.



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Buttercreek Boys postpone February rehearsal

The February rehearsal meeting of the Buttercreek Boys has been postponed.

The group of seasoned musicians strum up old-time music the second Wednesday of each month from 6-7:30 p.m. at Chuckwagon Cafe, 81027 Highway 395 North, Hermiston. There is no cover charge. However, due to inclement weather, this month's event is on hold. The cafe will close at its regular time of 2 p.m.

For more information, call the cafe at 541-567-6329, or visit www.chuckwagoncafe.net.

The Arc reschedules dance

With the recent winter conditions, The Arc Umatilla County postponed its annual valentine event.

The Arc Valentine's

Dance is now scheduled for Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. at The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. The cost is \$5 per person.

A nonprofit organization, The Arc advocates for and supports people with developmental disabilities. They offer activities to help in connecting the community and expanding opportunities for people with disabilities. For more information, call 541-567-7615 or visit www.facebook.com/arcofumatillacounty.

Pig Out features Mardi Gras theme

Locals looking for a great dinner and a Mardi Gras vibe are invited to join the Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church for their annual Pig Out dinner and dance.

The event is Saturday, Feb. 23 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. In addition to

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