

# Communicare Club awards grant to CASA

HERMISTON HERALD

The Communicare/College Savings Club of Hermiston High School awarded a \$3,000 grant to Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a program with Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start that serves children in foster care.

“Youth helping other youth triumph in difficult circumstances is always an inspiration,” Maureen McGrath, executive director at UMCHS, said in a statement, “and this donation will help us make sure we find caring adults for every child in need.”

According to a news release, the money received from the grant will go toward training community volunteers to become advocates for foster care children, as well as allowing the CASA program to purchase arts and crafts supplies for activities that advocates do with the children during

their visits.

Jesus Rome, CASA program manager, said, “What I really loved about receiving this grant for our local CASA program was that our local Hermiston High School students hand-selected a few of our local nonprofits to receive the Communicare award.”

These students selected the nonprofit program and felt its mission and purpose was deserving of an award. Currently, there are close to 300 foster children in care in Umatilla and Morrow counties, and the CASA program is serving 110 foster youths. Rome adds, “As one can see by these numbers, we are always in need of more community volunteers to be advocates.”

The mission of Umatilla-Morrow CASA is for



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trained volunteers to advocate for safe, permanent, loving homes for all children in foster care in Eastern Oregon. CASAs are volunteers whose duties are to gather information from families, social service agencies, public safety departments, and other resources. In order to have the full picture, a CASA also makes contact with the child and family and follows progress through appropriate treatment programs, which may include anger management and alcohol/drug programs. Recommendations as to the child's best interests are then presented to family court.

For information about the CASA program in Hermiston, contact Rome or Diane Shockman, Hermiston CASA coordinator, at 541-667-6091.

Donations to the program may be made by going to UMCHS.org and clicking on the donate link.

## COURTS

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

**FELONY**  
•Bobbi Jo Fleetwood, 28, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, \$500 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended, 1 year driver's license suspension and restitution to be determined; pleaded guilty to Disorderly Conduct II: sentence to discharge.

•Lee Carl Issel, 48, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Fleeing or Attempt to Elude Police: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 140 hours community service, \$500 fine, \$1,500 fine-suspended and 3 months driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to Recklessly Endangering Another Person: sentenced to 20 days jail, 160 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$200 fine and \$1,800 fine-suspended; pleaded guilty to two counts of Failure to Perform Duties of Driver-property damage: sentenced to 20 days jail, 160 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$100 fine, \$1,900 fine-suspended and 3 months driver's license suspension for each count.

•Larry Lee White, 61, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Theft I: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and restitution to be determined.

**MISDEMEANOR**  
•Guadalupe Rodriguez Valera, 35, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$250 fine, \$750 fine-suspended and restitution to be determined; pleaded guilty to two counts of Theft II and two counts of Giving False Information to Peace Officer in Connection with a Citation/Warrant: sentenced to \$100 fine for each count.

•Mitchell Ryan Freeman, 31, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 2 days jail, 178 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 160 hours community service, \$2,000 fine and 3 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended/Revoked, Failure to Perform Duties of Driver-property damage and Reckless Driving: sentences to discharge.

•Jesse Jay Focht, 27, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Felon in Possession of Restricted Weapon: sentenced to 180 days jail and \$250 fine; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear II: sentence to discharge.

•Santos Domingo Garcia, 22, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended/Revoked: sentenced to \$1,000 fine.

### SUITS FILED

**PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):**  
•Frances Hall vs. Family Health Associates, Hermiston Medical

Center P.C., Jessica Oltman and Shara Salverda: seeks \$210,000.  
•Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Monica Guevara: seeks \$3,658.43.  
•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Donna L. White: seeks \$6,081.66.  
•Jose de Jesus Hernandez of Hermiston vs. Charlotte Baker of Hermiston: seeks \$9,797.  
•NW RBI Inc. vs. Lloyd Parker of Umatilla: seeks \$3,928.07.  
•Midland Funding LLC vs. Pamela Hawley: seeks \$7,113.02.  
•Midland Funding LLC vs. Yesica Valencia: seeks \$806.72.  
•Shannon Michael of Hermiston vs. Metro Mart Inc.: seeks \$2,807.73.

### JUDGMENTS

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

•Credits Inc. vs. Dauna Newman of Hermiston: judgment for \$853.17.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Rebecca A. Farnes of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,444.23.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Justin C. and Stacy Bulkley of Irrigon: judgment for \$1,358.33.  
•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Blanca Isela Avila of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,399.84.

•Credits Inc. vs. Blake and Michaela Criscola of Stanfield: judgment for \$6,539.19.  
•Credits Inc. vs. Bobby and Taelor Key of Hermiston: judgment for \$884.36.

### DIVORCES

**PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:**  
Dustin Rogers and Chelsea Rogers of Hermiston; Joseph J. Delorme and Stephanie Lorraine Delorme of Hermiston.

### MARRIAGES

**PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:**  
Daniela Mendoza Ugarte, 20, and Anthony James Ibarra, 19, both of Hermiston.

April Lynn Dawson, 49, and Daniel Ivan Martindale Jr., 72, both of Hermiston.

Dawn Marie Hendricks, 39, and Russell Wayne Harris, 38, both of Plymouth, Wash.

Renee Louise Garcia, 59, and Gary Lee Elligsen, 71, both of Echo.

Elizabeth Ramirez Navarrete, 20, and Billy Lee Stuart, 34, both of Umatilla.

Bethany Fern Slayter, 24, and Angel Villanueva Tolentino, 27, both of Hermiston.

# Hermiston Masons continue Bikes for Books giveaway

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Every year, the Hermiston School District partners with the Hermiston Masonic Lodge for the Bikes for Books Program. The Masons donated a total of 25 bicycles, five bikes to each elementary school, in Hermiston, and students had the opportu-

nity to earn a ticket to be entered into a drawing for a bike.

Each quarter, in each elementary school, if a student in grades two through five met their Accelerated Reader (AR) goal by reading books, they were entered into the drawing to win a bike. At the end of the 2020 school year, win-

ners were drawn from each of the grade classes, and then all the remaining tickets were put together for a winner of the last bike.

Even with COVID-19 this year, the Masons were still generous in continuing the program to provide bikes and helmets to students during the school shutdown.



**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
Saturdays  
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
English & Spanish Services  
567-8241  
Hermiston Jr. Academy  
1300 NW Academy Lane, • Hermiston

**Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church**  
565 W. HERMISTON AVE.  
DAILY MASS: Monday-Friday  
.....English 7:00 am  
Thursday.....Spanish 6:00 pm  
SATURDAY:.....English 5:00 pm  
.....Spanish 7:00 pm  
SUNDAY:.....English 9:00 am  
.....Bilingual 11:00 am  
.....Spanish 1:00 pm  
Office.....567-5812

**First Christian Church**  
“Proclaiming the Message of Hope, Living the Gospel of Love”  
Sunday School...9:15 am  
Worship Service...10:30 am  
Children's Church 10:45 am  
**567-3013**  
775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston

**St. Johns Episcopal Church**  
Join Us  
On Our Journey  
With Jesus.  
Scripture, Tradition and Reason  
Family service 9am Sunday  
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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
Worship Service 10:30 AM  
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Pastor J.C. Barnett  
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125 E. Beech Ave. • 567-3232  
Pastor David Dever  
Sun. Bible Classes.....10:00am  
Sun. Worship Service.....11:00am  
Sun. Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:00pm  
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## IN BRIEF

### Identity of Hermiston gunshot victim released

A Hermiston man found dead from a gunshot wound at an East Francolin residence on June 9, has been identified as 21-year-old Jesus Eli Lopez, according to a press release from the Umatilla County District Attorney's office.

The Umatilla-Morrow Major Crime Team is investigating Lopez's death as a homicide, the release stated.

Hermiston police were initially dispatched to a residence on the 300 block of East Francolin Avenue at approximately 8:16 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9 for a report of an unresponsive male. After arriving, officers determined the individual had been killed by a gunshot.

“There is little information available concerning the motive or the identity

of the person(s) responsible for the shooting,” a press release about the incident stated.

The release added that there will be no additional updates at this time because the investigation is ongoing.

Freddy Sotelo of the Hermiston Police Department is the case officer and is being assisted by the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, the Stanfield Police Department and the Oregon State Police. Anyone with information concerning the incident and investigation is encouraged to contact the Hermiston Police Department at 541-567-5519.

### Rohrman named to Whitworth honor roll

Tyler Rohrman of Hermiston has achieved Provost's Honor Roll status for the Spring 2020 semester at Whitworth University. To be named

to the list, undergraduate students must maintain a grade-point average of 3.75 or better during the semester.

Whitworth is a private, liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyterian church. The university, which has an enrollment of more than 3,000 students, offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

### Local students graduate from Whitman College

The following student(s) received their Bachelor of Arts degrees from Whitman College on May 24, 2020:

**Hermiston:** Sofia Gispert Tello, economics; Madilyn Hofbauer, religion.

**Umatilla:** Cameron Sipe, psychology.

Graduates were honored in a virtual commencement ceremony this year.

## BIRTH

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
JUNE 5, 2020

**HERNANDEZ SEXTON —** Clara Sexton and Rodolfo Hernandez of Hermiston: a girl, Lillian Rose Hernandez Sexton.

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Friday, June 12th 8am-6pm  
**40% OFF**  
All Wind Spinners and Clothing  
**20% OFF**  
• Bulk Yogurt Raisins  
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Please maintain 6 feet social distancing while in the store.  
\$1 off Take & Bake Pizzas

**Due to COVID-19 Restrictions the 2020 BUTTE CHALLENGE has changed to be a VIRTUAL RACE**

**Sign up to participate in a 5k/10k walk/run that you do between June 19th to Sunday June 21st**

Information on how to do a virtual race and registration can be found at [www.ButteChallenge.com](http://www.ButteChallenge.com)

All proceeds benefit the Hermiston Cross Country program

Thank you for your support!

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