

**BRIEFS**

**AWS seeks scholarship applicants**

Amazon Web Services recently announced it is accepting applications for the 2022 AWS InCommunities Scholarship Program. High school seniors in Umatilla and Morrow counties, including Nixyaawii Community School, are eligible to apply.

A total of \$100,000 in scholarships is available to students enrolling in courses such as electrical and electronic engineering, computer science, artificial intelligence, biochemistry, software engineering, physics and more.

The deadline to apply is March 29. For the application and additional information, visit <https://learn-more.scholarsapply.org/awsincommunities>.

The scholarship program offers grants to students in designated districts of Oregon, California, Ohio and Virginia who plan to pursue a STEM-related subject at a higher education institution. The AWS InCommunities Program exists to make a positive impact through community-based programs, specifically in the regions where AWS builds and operates its global infrastructure.

**America Pacheco**, a 2021 Riverside High School graduate, is using an AWS scholarship to attend Oregon State University. She is studying computer science with an emphasis on cybersecurity. In an AWS press release, Pacheco said she only recently discovered her passion for technology.

"Growing up, I didn't see many women in tech careers," she said. "I never thought of myself doing anything STEM-related until I got to high school."

Although she's studying across the state in Corvallis, Pacheco said she wants to return to Eastern Oregon and give back to her community in the future.

For more information about AWS, visit [www.aboutamazon.com](http://www.aboutamazon.com).

**Irrigon water meeting flows with information**

A general membership meeting of the Irrigon Water Users will provide information to both new landowners and long-time members of the community.

The meeting is Thursday, Feb. 3, 6 p.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. People also are invited to bring questions.

The West Extension Irrigation District will discuss how the water district works, with such topics as water rights, how to know how much water you are using, your bill and how to set up payment arrangements and how development in Irrigon will impact landowners. For more information, contact Lisa Baum, administrative services manager, at 541-922-3814 or [lisa@westextension.com](mailto:lisa@westextension.com).

**Local student earns distinction at Whitman**

A 2018 Hermiston High School graduate recently earned academic distinction for the fall 2021 semester at Whitman College.

A double major in politics and Chinese language, with a concentration in global studies, **Salma Anguiano** was among students receiving recognition for completing and

passing a minimum of 12 credits while earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Whitman is a private liberal arts college in Walla Walla. For more information, visit [www.whitman.edu](http://www.whitman.edu).

**EOU announces fall 2021 dean's list**

Eastern Oregon University named 565 students to the dean's list for the 2021 fall term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded EOU coursework. For the full list, visit [www.eou.edu/ua/deans-list](http://www.eou.edu/ua/deans-list). Local students receiving recognition include:

**Boardman:** Veronica Alvarez Frias, Zulema Gaytan, Daniel Puerta, Jose Puerta; **Echo:** Kaden Clark, Michael Fisher, Natalee Sherbahn; **Heppner:** Hunter Nichols; **Hermiston:** Ryne Andreaon, Ryan Arnold, Jiliane Dawson, Giovanni Gallardo, Alondra Garcia Plascencia, Kylie Green, Martin Heredia, Callie Ann Hoeft, Naxely Jaime, Andrew James, Ivana Pena, Joshua Roberts, Aaron Roman, Ashley Seibel, Dylan Usher, Ericka Wells, Evan Yzaguirre; **Ione:** Payton Miller; **Irrigon:** Ashley Aguilera, Kimberly Renteria Montes; Lexington: Eva Martin; **Umatilla:** Leah Yarbrough.

**Dixie State honor roll includes Hermiston students**

A pair of local students were included on the fall 2021 semester honor roll at Dixie State University.

**Landon Jones** and **Makena Royer**, both of Hermiston, were among the 2,627 students to earn the recognition. Students must complete at least 15 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.5 to be eligible for the list.

Founded in 1911 in St. George, Utah, Dixie State is a public institution offering more than 200 academic programs. For more information, visit [www.dixie.edu](http://www.dixie.edu).

**BMCF announces scholarship opportunities**

The Blue Mountain Community Foundation scholarship program now is accepting applications for the 2022-23 academic year.

High school seniors or graduates of high schools in Umatilla County, as well as Walla Walla, Columbia and Garfield counties in Washington, are eligible for the scholarships. In addition, adult students who have lived in one of the four counties for at least three years may apply.

Scholarships are available for undergraduate and graduate level study at any accredited college, trade school, or community college within the United States. By completing the 2022 Common Application, students are considered for up to 53 scholarships.

The deadline to apply is March 7. The application and additional information is available at [www.bluemountainfoundation.org](http://www.bluemountainfoundation.org). For questions, contact Liz McClure, scholarships manager, at [liz@bluemountainfoundation.org](mailto:liz@bluemountainfoundation.org) or 509-529-4371.

Blue Mountain Community Foundation started in 1984 based and became one of more than 750 community foundations in the United States. Since its inception, the foundation has received and grown assets to exceed \$60 million in 401 charitable funds that benefit the community.

# One area teacher who's making a difference

**McNary Heights' Tricia Lorence nominated for national award**

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
Hermiston Herald

McNary Heights Elementary School teacher Tricia Lorence is in the running for a National LifeChanger of the Year Award.

A Heppner High School graduate, Lorence attended Western Oregon State College and Eastern Oregon State College with plans to enter the field of education. However, before completing her degree, she determined she didn't want to become a teacher and ended up dropping out. Working a variety of jobs, including in banking, agricultural services and bookkeeping, Lorence credits Heidi Sipe, Umatilla School District superintendent, with a life-changing event.

"She would encourage me to finish my bachelor's degree so that I could substitute teach," Lorence said. "The morning after receiving my restricted teaching license, I was called to sub."

She continued as a substitute teacher throughout the school year. However, Lorence was still unsure, saying it took the entire summer for people to convince her that the classroom is where she belonged. Starting out as a fourth grade teacher in 2016, Lorence has taught third grade ever since.

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, the LifeChanger awards honor top educators and school district employees across the United States. Award winners are recognized for making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership. A total of 18 individual awards are presented across the nation, which includes cash prizes to



Heidi Sipe/Contributed Photo

**Tricia Lorence poses for a picture in a "back to school" photo booth at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year at McNary Heights Elementary School, Umatilla. The third grade teacher was recently nominated for a National LifeChanger of the Year Award sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation.**

be shared with the winner's school district.

Lorence was nominated for the award by Charlotte Engelhart, one of her colleagues. Sipe said that makes it truly special.

"It's amazing to see staff noticing each other's work and taking the time to recognize extra effort," the superintendent said.

In her nomination letter, Engelhart said Lorence not only champions her students, but also her fellow educators and the school's classified staff. She said Lorence

helps in creating a feeling of family among the building's staff. Sipe agreed, saying Lorence goes above and beyond with both her students and co-workers.

Lorence expressed surprise at the nomination. While she's appreciative of the positive feedback, Lorence said she doesn't seek recognition from others — she merely wants to do the best she can.

"My job is to make sure all of my students are safe and loved," she said. "My other job is to make sure that every staff member feels important

and valued."

A realist, Lorence said teaching is hard. Many nights, she said, she's exhausted when her head finally hits the pillow. However, once morning comes, Lorence is ready and excited for another day in the classroom. And that attitude, Engelhart said, is one of the reasons why she nominated Lorence for the award.

"Mrs. Lorence lights up her school building with her smile," Engelhart said, "and intense commitment to making a difference in the lives of her students."

## ODFW opens 2023 wildlife stamp art contest

EO Media Group

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is putting out a call to artists for its 2023 wildlife art contest.

Artists are invited to submit artwork to be used in producing collectible stamps and other promotional items that will be sold to benefit Oregon fish, wildlife and habitat.

There are three categories,

and the winner in each one will receive a \$2,000 prize. Detailed information on contest rules is available online at [www.dfw.state.or.us/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/).

Entries for the habitat conservation stamp should depict an eligible species from the Oregon Conservation Strategy in its natural habitat.

Waterfowl stamp entries must feature the greater scaup in its natural habitat,

and entries for the upland game bird stamp must feature the mountain quail in a natural setting.

ODFW will begin accepting entries for the 2023 stamp contest on Aug. 26, with the deadline to submit at 5 p.m. Sept. 30. Entries may be mailed or hand-delivered to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive, Salem, OR 97302.



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**"Chukar," by Debra Otterstein, winner of the upland game bird category in the 2022 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife stamp art contest.**

**COURTS**

**Sentences**

The following sentences were have been filed in Umatilla County Circuit Court (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

Case Laurence Weems, of Rupert, Idaho, pleaded guilty to 2021 charges of felony fleeing, resisting arrest and second-degree criminal mischief; sentenced to two years probation and a \$350 in fines.

**Lawsuits**

The following lawsuits have been filed in Umatilla County Circuit Court (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

Michael J. Johnson, of Weston, vs. William J. Steele, of Haynes, seeks \$843.

State Farm Fire and Casualty Insurance vs. Robin Jean Callaham, Daniel Charles Callaham, Tanner Ervin Callaham, all of Pendleton, seeks \$188,181.31.

**Marriages**

Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Mason Lee Alcalá-Kennedy, 23, and Alisha Anne Mii Brown, 21, both of Umatilla.

Tiffany Lynn Kissler, 40, and Michael Ray Masterson, 52, both of Hermiston.

# Church

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Johns</i> <i>Episcopal Church</i></p> <p style="font-size: small;">N.E. Gladys Ave &amp; 7th, Hermiston 541-567-6672</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">JOIN OUR INCLUSIVE CONGREGATION ON OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS Services 9:00am Sundays In-person or streaming on Facebook or Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> Saturdays</p> <p>Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. English &amp; Spanish Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">541-567-8241 855 W. Highland Ave. Hermiston, OR 97838</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COME WORSHIP WITH US AT THE COUNTRY CHURCH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sundays at 11:00am 32742 Diagonal Rd. Hermiston, OR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hermiston Christian Center &amp; School</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Gathering: 10:00 AM</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This gathering is also livestreamed on our Facebook page.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Nursery care is available 3 years &amp; under Kids Club available 4 years-5th grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Prayer Gathering: 6:00 PM <b>NEED PRAYER? CONTACT US!</b> 1825 W. Highland Ave. 541-567-3480   <a href="mailto:hcc4u.org">hcc4u.org</a> <a href="mailto:hcc4u2020@gmail.com">hcc4u2020@gmail.com</a></p>																		
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