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Education foundation disburses grant awards

Hermiston Herald

Grants totaling \$16,500 were recently awarded to educators in the Hermiston School District by the Hermiston Education Foundation. It accepts applications twice a year. The fall grants include:

ARMAND LARIVE: Robert Doherty, \$1,900 to pay fees for 12 students, three chaperones and one teacher to attend the 2017 Student Television Network Convention.

DISTRICT OFFICE: Elizabeth Earp, \$950 for six communication devices

HIGH SCHOOL: Troy Blackburn & Heather Brown, \$1,300 for six starter packets for level 1 and level 2 Spanish Teaching Proficiency Through Reading and Storytelling; Rachel Cairns & Kristine Metcalf, \$2,500 for a functional outdoor space project; Nicole Cimmiotti, \$1,200 for framing supplies; Frances Fallon, \$950 for learning aids; Kasia Hoover, \$1,000 for 100 admission tickets for

performing arts cultural experiences; Kelly Robison, \$620 for a metal cutting saw and accessories; Robert Theriault & John Fisher, \$3,000 to upgrade robotics equipment.

SANDSTONE: Dan Allen, Chelsea Geer, Lisa McElroy & Ray Davis, \$3,080 for drama supplies for the spring musical.

The Hermiston Education Foundation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation. Its purpose is to assist in enriching the student experience in the Hermiston district.

One of its main fundraisers is the annual Beach & Beef Dinner and Auction. It is Saturday, with the doors opening at 5 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Tickets are \$35 each and are available at www.squareup.com/store/hef, the conference center or the district office, 305 S.W. 11th St.

For more information, visit www.hermistoneducationfoundation.org or call 541-567-5215.



CONTRIBUTED BY LINDSEY EVANS

"Night Owl," an oil painting by Lindsey Evans of Umatilla is among the featured artwork during the Feb. 4 gallery opening of Badder Ink Tattoo Shop/Art Gallery in Kennewick.

Local artists share work at tattoo gallery

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**
Community Editor

A New York City tattoo artist, Badder Israel, is opening a new shop in the Tri-Cities — and several area artists are featured in the gallery opening.

The work of Oregon artists include Ozark Hippie (AKA Kim La Plant of Hermiston), Lindsey Evans of Umatilla, Shaelynn Marie Boyd of Hermiston, Olivia Trendy (AKA Olivia Steffey of Hermiston), Allison Sharrard of Pendleton and Jacob Gunnels of Pendleton. The opening reception, which also features a pair of DJs and artists from New York and Washington, is Saturday from 5-10 p.m. at Badder Ink Tattoo Shop/Art Gallery, 7520 W. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick. Free

food and drinks will be available from 6-8 p.m.

La Plant's moniker refers to her Arkansas roots. She is a self-taught artist who added watercolors to her repertoire a few months ago.

The Hermiston woman has mostly worked with charcoal, acrylics, carving and woodworking. When symptoms of lupus flared up, La Plant looked for a new medium to dabble in.

"My hands got tired, so I tried it and fell in love," she said about watercolors.

Evans, too, has some physical limitations that impact her ability to work on projects. Past bouts with cancer and injuries have taken a toll on her body.

Although she had plans

to attend art school in her younger days, Evans put her talents on hold during her law enforcement career. When she retired, Evans was at a loss for things to do.

"I don't have many hobbies because my body is pretty messed up," she said. "Then I realized I can paint, just slowly."

Evans got to know Israel while he worked on her full back tattoo. During the long sessions, he encouraged the Umatilla woman to pick up a brush again.

Calling herself a hobby artist, Evans has enjoyed the therapeutic benefits of painting. Working in oils is perfect, she said, as she can only paint for short periods of time.

The two pieces Evans

is showing — the "Night Flight" series — took a year to complete. They are black and white portraits of an owl and eagle in flight — "Night Owl" and "Night Air."

One of La Plant's friends told organizers at Badder Ink about her Ozark Hippie artwork. They reached out to La Plant and the show will feature eight of her watercolors.

Both women are looking forward to the gallery opening.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to support my friend Badder in the Badder Ink and Art Kartel," Evans said.

For more information, text/call 347-743-9651 or visit www.facebook.com/kennewick.badder.ink.

VALENTINES EVENTS

Nazarene church plans 'Great Love'

A Valentine celebration is planned at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene.

With a focus on love, the event includes food, entertainment, laughter and games. Valentine Celebration: Great Love is Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the church's ministry center, 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Everyone is welcome and childcare is provided.

Although the event is free, those planning to attend are asked to RSVP. For more information, contact 541-567-3677, hermistonnaz@gmail.com or visit www.hermistonnazarene.org.

Dance coming to The Arc

The public is invited to kick up their heels during a Valentine's Dance sponsored by The Arc Umatilla County.

The event is Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2-3:30 p.m. at The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. The cost is \$5 per person and includes food and a DJ.

The Arc Umatilla County is a nonprofit organization that advocates for the rights of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They work to connect families and community members and improve services for people with disabilities.

For more information, contact 541-567-7615 or visit www.thearcumatilla.org.

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January blood drive meets goal

Despite inclement weather, there were 67 appointments for the recent American Red Cross blood drive in Hermiston.

The goal of 36 units was met during the Jan. 16 event at Good Shepherd Medical Center. A number of people made donations

in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., said Patti Perkins. Also, she said Derral Tinker and Angela Haigh were new donors.

The canteen was furnished by Altrusa International of Hermiston. Service groups interested in canteen duties for June,

July or December are encouraged to call Perkins at 541-571-5372.

Blood products are always in high demand, especially during the harsh weather. A donation of blood can help save the lives of up to three people, Perkins said.

The next blood drive is Monday, Feb. 20 from 12:30-6 p.m. at Good Shepherd, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. While walk-ins are welcome, people are encouraged to make an appointment via 800-448-3543 or www.redcross-blood.org/give.

Children's Theatre looking for 'Princess and Pea' actors

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A kingdom of snow has the Prince looking for a proper Princess to share the throne during an upcoming Mis-soula Children's Theatre presentation in Hermiston.

Parts are plentiful in "The Princess and the Pea," as residents of the kingdom include Winter Wind Workers, Blizzard Bringers, Icicle Sharpners and Snow Smoothers, who are ruled

by the Storm King and the Snow Queen. Presented by Desert Arts Council, kids in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate.

Auditions are Monday, Feb. 20 from 3-5 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. There is no charge to participate. Rehearsals are Tuesday, Feb. 21 through Friday, Feb. 24 from 5:15-7:15 p.m., also at the conference center.

The week-long rehearsals will cre-

scendo with a pair of performances, which are Saturday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the conference center. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.

Tickets are available at the conference center, Hermiston Parks & Recreation, 180 N.E. Second St., or via www.desertartscouncil.com/tickets.

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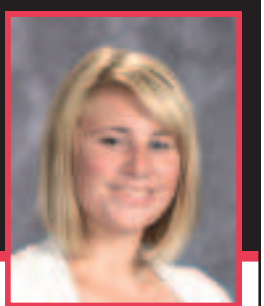
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Camille Riley
McLoughlin High School



Camille has a 3.97 GPA and is our Senior Class President. She is a member of National Honor Society, FBLA, Varsity Club and Key Club. With all these clubs Camille has spent numerous hours doing community and school service. She has been one of our outstanding volunteers for 4 years. She has helped chair our fund raiser for the St. Mary's Cancer Center. Camille is a member of our track team, played soccer and tennis. Camille is a Varsity Cheerleader at Mac-Hi. With all of the sports team Camille has helped with youth camps. Camille spends her summer as a lifeguard at the Milton Freewater Pool. Her parents are Kevin and Jennifer Riley.

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