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You can soon take A BITE OUT OF ECHO

Researchers discuss new two new potato varieties, including one named for local community

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TOP: Ryan Graebner, with Oregon State University, passes around potato samples affected by nematodes during field day at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center

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Two new spud varieties are coming soon to the Pacific Northwest.

Echo Russet and Castle Russet — developed by the Tri-State Potato Breeding Program that includes Oregon, Washington and Idaho — are just about ready to be released commercially, according to Sagar Sathuvalli with Oregon State University.

Sathuvalli, a potato breeder at OSU's Hermiston Agricultural Research and Experiment Center, discussed the traits of each variety with local growers during the station's annual potato field day June 21. Both varieties boast high yields and good cooking quality, and can be used either for french fries or fresh market.

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Ruijun Qin, left, and Sagar Sathuvalli give a presentation during potato field day at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

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BY THE WAY

Summer starts with hellos and goodbyes

Nearly two dozen members of **Our Lady of Angels Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1692** gathered in the parish hall to acknowledge membership milestones.

Among those recognized during the May 10 event were **Arlene Burns**, who received her 60-year pin and is the only surviving charter member of the court; and **Mary Newman**, who received her 55-year pin. Also, the group received a new member, **Guadalupe Escobedo**. Court regent **Kristi Smalley** chaired the event.

In addition to providing scholarships for local graduating seniors, the local court supports many causes, including Pregnancy Care Services, The Arc Umatilla County and several assisted living facilities. For more information about Court #1692 and its activities, call Smalley at 541-571-0997.

As the 2016-17 school year came to a close, deputies from the **Umatilla County Sheriff's Office** sent students into summer with a safety presentation.

Sgt. **Adam Gregory** and Deputy **Rick Carter** of the All-Terrain Vehicle and Marine Divisions shared information about ATV, boating and water safety June 12 at Sandstone Middle School in Hermiston. The sheriff's office reminds everyone to be safe while having fun in the mountains and on the water.

On June 15, the **Hermiston School District** bid farewell to a number of employees.

Beginning new chapters in their life as retirees are **Mark Douglass**, **Julie Hatch**, **Marb Leque**, **Sherrie Martindale**, **Jackie Whitesell**, **Sheri Wick** and **Janet Ward**.

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Communities blast off for Fourth of July

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Parades, park activities and fireworks shows are featured in area towns to help celebrate the Fourth of July. Independence Day events in local communities include:

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Stars & Stripes Fourth of July

- 1-10:30 p.m.
- Butte Park, 1245 N.W. Seventh St., Hermiston www.hermiston.or.us/parks-recreation/home Free. Games, entertainment, live music, games, vendors and fireworks show at dusk on the Hermiston Butte.

Stars and Stripes Pool Party

- 7-10:30 p.m.
- Hermiston Family Aquatic Center www.hermistonpool.com/events \$16/ages 16-and-older; \$10/ages 2-14; free/ages 0-2. Pool party, barbecue (catered by Dickey's Bar-



FILE PHOTO

Aria Patrick enjoys an inflatable slide during a past Fourth of July celebration in Hermiston.

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