

Christmas Express to deliver canned food

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NEWS EDITOR

Hermiston Police Department has completed its collection of canned food donations for Christmas Express.

The annual program, in its 52nd year, provides boxes of food and gifts to hundreds of households in need.

On Monday, Dec. 14, Police Chief Jason Edmiston said in an email that in the end the department collected about 90% of the nonperishable food it normally does. Monetary donations were up by about 40%, however, which helped cover the approximately \$6,000 more than usual the department had to spend on food, in part due to problem the department ran into when soliciting grocery store bids for turkeys and other food used to fill out the boxes.



Ben Lonergan/Hermiston Herald

Cans of food fill donation bins outside of the Hermiston Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020.

Much of the food usually comes from large food drive competitions between classrooms at Hermiston's schools. This year, with almost all students learning from home, the department set up a collection point outside Hermiston Community Center instead. More than halfway through the two-week collection period, Mayor David Drotzmann posted a plea to Facebook stating that the police department had only

collected about 20% of its usual haul.

People came through in the last few days, however, including major donations from Umatilla Electric Cooperative and Hermiston Christian Center that had been holding drives of their own. Overall, Edmiston told the city council on Dec. 14, he was "very happy" that donations had come in as high as they had in such a challenging year.

The city puts together 500

boxes each year to donate to households referred to the program by the schools, social services agencies and other local groups that are aware of what families might be struggling. Edmiston said despite the obvious levels of need in the community, referrals for the program were actually down 20%, suggesting that local agencies had not been able to check in with families as much as normal due to the pandemic.

Any leftover food the city might have from the program will simply be added to the Agape House's food bank to be given out to visitors in January, he said.

City staff put donations together into boxes on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and the boxes will then be taken to the Agape House, where people who have been notified they have a box waiting for them will be able to pick one up.

Umatilla fire department offers food giveaway

HERMISTON HERALD

All residents of Umatilla are eligible for a free food giveaway sponsored by the Umatilla Fire Department on Saturday, Dec. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at McNary Fire Station, 305 Willamette Ave.

Any resident of Umatilla with proof of residency, such as a utility bill, is eligible to participate.

Residents will be directed to a parking area upon arrival, and must remain in their vehicle. A mask or face shield is required when interacting with volunteers. Only one person per vehicle is allowed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Residents will then be given a list of food items available and will be able to indicate which items they would like. A vol-

unteer will retrieve those items and load them into their vehicle. Food will be on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

The food giveaway event is made possible by donations from the city of Umatilla and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act to help the community due to impacts of COVID-19.

The Umatilla Volunteer Firefighters Association was asked by the city to purchase and distribute these foods to any resident of Umatilla. The Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District and the Umatilla Police Officer's Association also are supporting the event.

For more information, email Craig Bensen at craig.bensen@umatillafire.org or call 541-922-3718.

DEATH NOTICES

James F. "Jim" Godier

Hermiston

Feb. 6, 1939 — Dec. 12, 2020

James F. "Jim" Godier, 81, of Hermiston died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at his home. He was born Feb. 6, 1939 in Ste Genevieve, Missouri. A private family burial will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Jim with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Betty Jo Joynes

Beaverton

Oct. 18, 1921 — Dec. 9, 2020

Former Hermiston resident Betty Jo Joynes, 99, died Dec. 9, 2020, at her home in Beaverton. She was born Oct. 18, 1921 in Fossil, Oregon. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Betty Jo with her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Carlos Ricardo King

Hermiston

Feb. 19, 1971 — Dec. 10, 2020

Carlos Ricardo King, 49, of Hermiston died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born Feb. 19, 1971, in Seattle, Washington. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Carlos with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

10:09 a.m. — A disturbance involving a customer threatening employees was reported on West Highland Avenue.
10:33 a.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on Southwest 16th Place.
4:44 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.
4:59 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

11:22 a.m. — Someone reported they had gotten their stolen vehicle back, but there was drug paraphernalia left inside.
4:21 p.m. — A missing person was reported on Northwest 11th Street.
8:20 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

2:37 a.m. — A vehicle theft was reported on Northwest Seventh Street.
1:14 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.
2:44 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Southwest 10th Street.
2:52 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on Northwest 12th Street.
7:21 p.m. — A domestic disturbance involving a woman hitting her ex-boyfriend in the head was reported on East Wilshire Avenue.
7:41 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on West Sandpiper Avenue.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

5:40 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Highland Avenue.
12:07 p.m. — A Hermiston resident reported a scam call from someone claiming to be from the Hermiston Police Department asking for donations to

"stop defunding the police."
3:31 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Southeast Sixth Street.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

2:46 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.
9:01 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.
11:31 a.m. — An attempted burglary was reported on Southwest Third Street.
2:19 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on South First Place.
10:45 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on Southwest Seventh Street.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

1:01 p.m. — A domestic disturbance involving a "violent" 16-year-old was reported on Northeast Sixth Street.
2:13 p.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on West Sunland Avenue.
7:05 p.m. — A verbal domestic disturbance was reported on West Highland Avenue.
10:50 p.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on East Highland Avenue and South Highway 395.

MONDAY, DEC. 14

5:14 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on Northwest Third Street.
10:16 a.m. — A disturbance involving a female yelling and trying to rip phones off the wall was reported on Columbia Drive.
11:41 a.m. — Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle was reported on North First Street.
12 p.m. — An assault was reported on North First Street.
1:37 p.m. — Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle was reported on North First Street.
7:25 p.m. — A two-vehicle motor vehicle accident was reported on South Highway 395 and a citation was issued.

Our caring and experienced professionals are here to support you through this difficult time.

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