HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands Against Violence hosted about 75 people May 14 for its annual community appreciation event at Springhouse Winery. Five local groups or businesses received special recognition for their donations and efforts to support the women's shelter and its outreach programs for women in crisis. At right, Helping Hands board present Deanna Simonds tells the audience about the work of Gary Hebener and Mosier Grange, who renovated rooms inside the shelter. Award winners, from left, are Mosier Grange's Carol Root Seeber, Gary Hebener, Sherrill Hebener, and Grangemaster Lois Root; Trina Rietsma, Springhouse general manager; Cathy Butterfield, Hood River Hotel general manager; Erin Trenholm of Providence Hood River Memorial; and Kirby Neumann-Rea of Hood River News.

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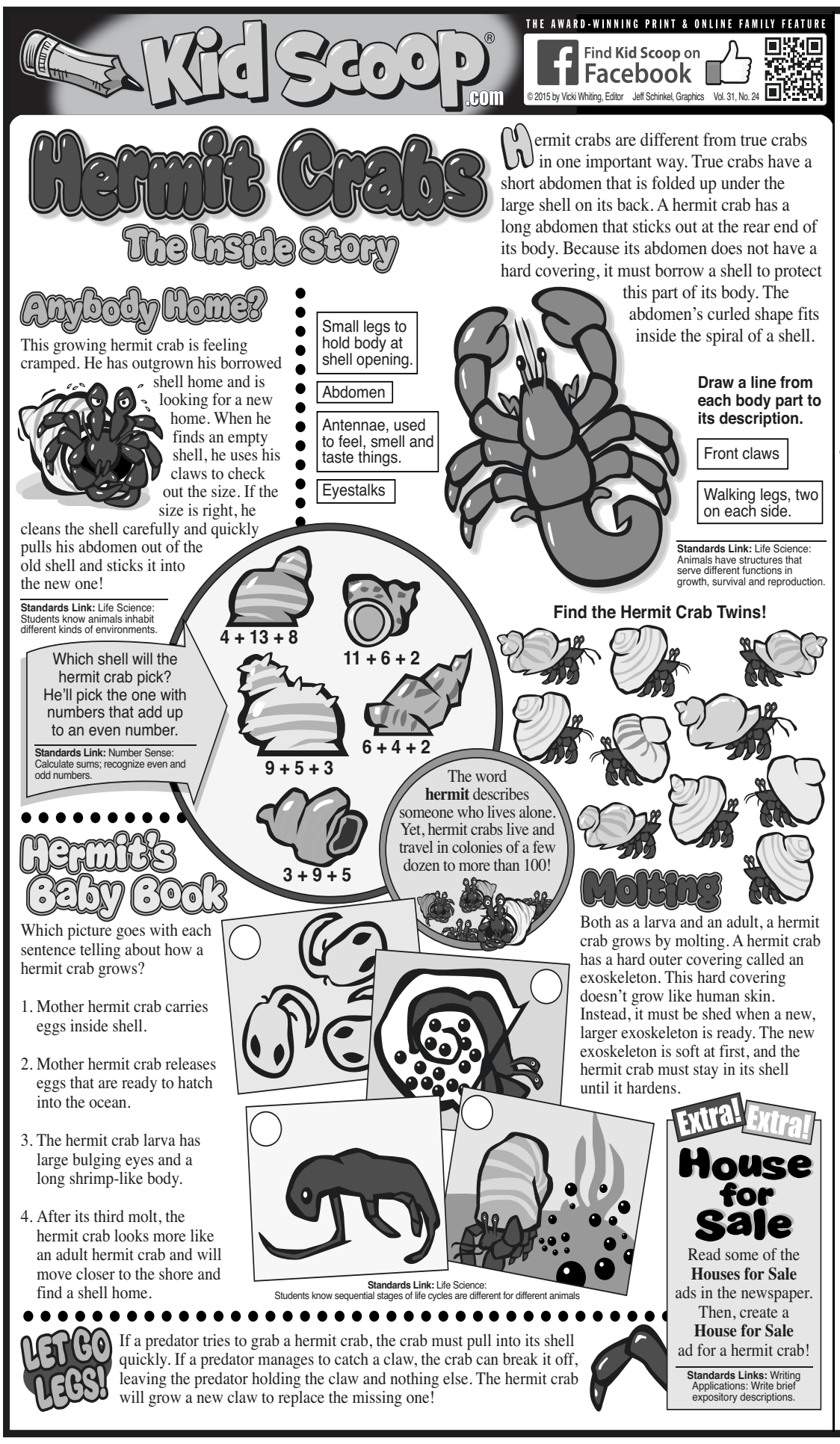
MAY STREET

Britney Chavez, second grade and Anna Campos, fifth grade, pull weeds Saturday, along with Guillermina Gonzalez, Anna's mother, in the annual beautification day at May Street School. Parent and student volunteers did plantings, spruced up the playground and entry area, and other tasks.

COFFEE CLATTER

Curtis Homes, with its panoramic view from the top of Button Bridge, hosted Friday's Coffee Clatter, a monthly Chamber of Commerce event. About 40 people squeezed into the airy, yet cozy, office, for introductions and round-robin announcements. The star of the show was Cameron and Emily Curtis' daughter, Lucy, 6 months, held by Julie Johnston of Curtis Homes.