

HERMISTON

Volunteers brighten DHS offices

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East Oregonian

Department of Human Services offices in Hermiston and Milton-Freewater have a new look thanks to volunteer efforts.

Altrusa International of Hermiston painted a brightly colored mural in the waiting area of the Hermiston office and Hermiston resident Robert Doty painted a mural for the Milton-Freewater office.

DHS self-sufficiency line manager Roberta Shimp said the service project has already drawn numerous compliments from visitors to the office, and children seem drawn to the murals.

“We were trying to make the lobby a little more welcoming,” she said.

The Hermiston mural features a colorful tree with a monkey, owl, squirrel and several butterflies perched on it. Shimp said the office staff came up with a basic design and the Altrusa volunteers translated it into a colorful painting.

The mural in the Milton-Freewater office features a frog reading a



Contributed photo by Roberta Shimp

Altrusa International volunteers painting this mural in the waiting area for Hermiston’s Department of Human Services offices.

book under a tree, which was also a staff design that Doty put his own spin on.

Shimp said the agency is grateful to Doty and the Altrusa group, and said volunteers like them can help visitors to government offices have a more pleasant experience.

“It’s amazing because we as a state agency have a very restricted budget. We don’t get a lot of money for decorating, but we want it to be welcoming and comforting,” she said.

Altrusa volunteers have been busy during the summer months. Besides

painting the DHS offices in July they also stained the large wooden gateway and benches the club helped build at the Elm Street trail-head for the Oxbow Trail.

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BRIEFLY

Benefit raises funds for family of Eduardo Quezada

PENDLETON — A spaghetti feed fundraiser benefiting the family of Eduardo Quezada is planned Sunday from 5-7 p.m. in the student union at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

The cost to attend is \$20 for a family, or by donation. All proceeds will benefit the Quezada family.

For more information, contact Sue Quinn at 541-310-4897.

Author shares insight for caregivers

PENDLETON — A resource for anyone providing care for elderly loved ones was recently published by Pendleton counselor Mary A. Johnson.

“A Caregiver’s Guide: Insights Into the Later Years” provides suggestions for meeting the physical, mental and emotional needs of patients. The book also shares fun activities to minimize stress for both patient and caregiver.

Johnson will give a presentation on caregiving issues and sign copies of her book Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Pendleton Library, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

For more information, call Armchair Books at 541-276-7323.

Mac-Hi Class of 1970 to meet

MILTON-FREEWATER — The McLoughlin High School Class of 1970 will hold its 45-year reunion Aug. 7-8.

A meet-and-greet and barbecue for classmates is planned Aug. 7 from 7-10 p.m. at Beresan Winery, 4169 Peppers Bridge Road, Walla Walla. A class dinner

will be held Aug. 8 from 7-10 p.m. at the Milton-Freewater Elks Lodge, 611 N. Main St.

For more information, contact Nancy (Wrinkle) Hamm at 541-276-8255.

Boardman seniors offer breakfast

BOARDMAN — A hearty breakfast will be served during the Boardman Senior Center First Saturday Breakfast

The event is Saturday from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at 100 Tatone St., Boardman. All ages are welcome.

The \$5 breakfast features eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice and milk.

For more information, call 541-481-3257.

Hollywood actor brings historical figures to life

Dr. Seuss, Einstein and Audie Murphy are coming to the region.

Award-winning Hollywood actor, filmmaker and impressionist Duffy Hudson brings these historical figures back to life in a series of one-man shows at area libraries.

As part of a regional tour launched by the Libraries of Eastern Oregon, Hudson’s

portrayal of Murphy is the first presentation of its kind offered by the library association.

An engaging entertainer, who switches characters with ease, Hudson will present his characterizations of Albert Einstein and Dr. Seuss in full costume.

The lively programs are free and suitable for all ages. Each performance lasts about an hour, followed by a question and answer period.

The scheduled programs include:

•Einstein: Tuesday Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. at the Ione Public Library; Thursday, Aug. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ukiah Public School Library; and Thursday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Gilliam County Library in Condon.

•Dr. Seuss: Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Umatilla Public Library

•Audie Murphy: Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hermiston Public Library

For more information, contact leolibraries@gmail.com.

Nominations for governor’s awards due Sunday

SALEM — There is still time to recognize outstanding volunteers from Eastern Oregon.

PENDLETON

Fashion revue features 4-H history

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From casual clothing to formal wear, the Umatilla County 4-H Fashion Show features items constructed by area participants.

The public is invited to the style revue Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. The admission fee, which goes towards facility rental, is \$3 per person.

Members of 4-H in kindergarten through 12th grade will model garments they made throughout the 4-H year. Also, as a tribute to the Umatilla County Fair theme, “100 Years What a Ride,” the show will include historic facts and information related to the participation of 4-H at the fair.

For more information, contact Patricia Dawson at 541-278-5404 or patricia.dawson@oregonstate.edu.



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Karen Case of the Super Seam Rippers 4-H Club shows off an outfit during the 2014 Umatilla County 4-H Style Revue. This year’s event is Tuesday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

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Treasure Hunt Clue No. 2

If you’re standing on the corner at midnight

You’re way far away from the prize

To find the treasure, you’ll need sunlight

But feel around, don’t just use your eyes

The annual National Night Out Treasure Hunt is underway in Hermiston.

The rules and first clue were printed in Wednesday’s *East Oregonian*. The person

who finds the golden medal-lion wins an ice cream social block party Tuesday, Aug. 5 as part of the National Night Out activities.

When you find the medal-lion, you must immediately turn it in to the Hermiston Police Department. If it’s after 6 p.m., call 541-567-5519 and ask dispatch to notify Erica Sandoval, Hermiston Police Department crime prevention/youth officer.

House fire displaces Mission family

PENDLETON — American Red Cross responders aided two adults and one child on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation after a fire Sunday.

The fire occurred on

Thompson Road, according to a news release from the American Red Cross. The aid agency gave the family food, clothing, infant supplies, formula, stuffed animals and comfort kits.

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Chuckwagon Cafe will be closed on Thursday, July 30th in memory of Dorothy Beason’s passing. Celebration of life will be held at the First Christian Church in Hermiston at 2pm to honor her with her family & friends.