

Hermiston Education Foundation provides grants

Organizers of the **Hermiston Education Foundation** Beach & Beef Dinner and Auction, held Feb. 6 at the Hermiston Conference Center, deemed the event a success.

The event, along with a fall fun run, provides funding for teacher grants to enhance educational experiences for students in the **Hermiston School District**.

The most recent round of grants included distribution of \$20,230:

HERMISTON HIGH SCHOOL: **Paul Dunsmoor**, \$5,000 to help with student registration costs for the 2015 Holiday Bowl trip to San Diego; **Benjamin Dagley**, \$1,000 for ten 10-key accounting calculators to help students practice on industry-approved devices; **Joshua Rist**, \$600 to purchase a microphone and microphone cable for Majazsty; **Kaisa Hoover**, \$2,200 for 32 student tickets to attend two plays and experience two prologue groups at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival; **Marianne Smith**, \$5,000 to purchase supplies to start up a pottery program; **Josh Browning and Kaisa Hoover**, \$1,000 to



Photo contributed by Ann Fialka

It was a full house for the Hermiston Education Foundation during its Feb. 6 Beach & Beef Dinner and Auction. Money raised from the event helps fund grants to enhance educational opportunities for students in the Hermiston School District.

purchase high interest novels for a Book Club; **Jason Sivey and Kaisa Hoover**, \$150 for admission for 30 students to use Eastern Oregon University's rock climbing wall.

ARMAND LARIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL: **Robert Doherty**,

\$1,860 to pay fees for 12 students to attend the Student TV Network Convention in Atlanta, Georgia; **Aaron Lind**, \$1,420 to purchase four iPads, stylus and Notability Apps.

SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: **Amy Hoffert, Kelly**

Dynes and McKenzie Patterson, \$2,000 for The Kindergarten Zoo, an engaging approach in teaching reading, spelling and writing.

For more about the Hermiston Education Foundation, visit www.hermistoneducationfoundation.org.



Photo contributed by Stacey Stanek

Hermiston Junior Academy first through seventh graders pose for a photo with Sen. Bill Hansell during a recent trip to Oregon's capital in Salem.

Hermiston Junior academy learns first-hand about government

The students at **Hermiston Junior Academy** have been busy studying the government, both on the local and state level. As part of their educational process, students enjoyed some special learning experiences.

On Feb. 9, the academy hosted Mayor **David Drotzmann**, Councilman **Rod Hardin** and City Manager **Byron Smith** for its Family Night of "Meet Your Local Government Night."

After the guests ate dinner with students and families, they answered questions in a town hall-style presentation. Students formulated questions in advance and were able to ask them personally.

Then, on Feb. 11, first through seventh grade academy students headed to Salem where **Rep. Greg Smith** was a gracious host to the group. The day started in the gallery of the House of Representatives where they witnessed the pomp and circumstance of state government. Smith introduced each student by name during the courtesies portion of the welcome ceremony.

After lunch, they took a tour of the capitol building and were able to watch part of the minimum wage debate from the gallery of the Senate. Smith then took the group onto the House of Representatives floor where he discussed key items that the state government special,

especially its citizen legislators. Other things discussed were how a bill becomes a law and the importance of working hard and getting an education.

He provided students with the opportunity to stand in the Speaker of the House's box. **Rep. Greg Barreto** and **Rep. Margaret Doherty** were walking through and were able to say hello, as well.

The next stop was **Gov. Kate Brown's** office. The governor welcomed the group and visited for a few minutes.

After a brief break, **Tom Insko**, president of Eastern Oregon University, talked to students about the importance of getting a college education.

The minimum wage debate was still going strong, but Sen. Bill Hansell was able to step out and meet the group briefly between speaking and voting.

The students were thrilled to meet the elected officials and learn that they are regular people, who have jobs and families.

The Hermiston Junior Academy is a Seventh-day Adventist school that provides a Christian education for preschool to eighth grade. The school welcomes students of any denomination and has open enrollment throughout the school year. For more information, visit www.hjra.org.



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Mattelynn Moon, Kendall Bonzani and Addison Bonzani continue the tradition of modeling for the grand finale during the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Valentine Luncheon and Style Show Feb. 13**.



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Melissa and Elizabeth Doherty were among the mother-daughter models during the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Valentine Luncheon and Style Show Feb. 13** at Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston.

Style show raises scholarship funds

Fashions from more than a half dozen area businesses were showcased during the annual Valentine Luncheon and Style Show in Hermiston.

Sponsored by **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Angels #1692**, the event drew more than 100 people Saturday at the church's parish hall in Hermiston. Those in attendance enjoyed a variety of salads and special desserts before settling in to see the latest fashions from **Andee's Boutique, Lucky Endz, Bealls, Maurices, Smitty's Ace Hardware, LuLu Roe/Mandi Bedolla and Fun Fashions Boutique**.

More than 30 models ranging

in age from 9 months to adults dazzled the audience. In addition, they helped raise more than \$1,000 for the Catholic Daughters Marilyn Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund, which awards two \$750 scholarships each spring to graduating seniors.

"Our local businesses really stepped up this year and made the entire experience from selecting outfits to modeling a joy," said **Sandi Rizk**, court regent and event co-chair.

Kristi Smalley, event co-chair and court treasurer, provided narration for the fast-paced event, which began with local fifth-grader **Mischa Meyers** singing the national anthem.

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Wounded Warriors score with Super Bowl raffle

For the fourth consecutive year, **Wildhorse Resort & Casino** made a donation to the **Wounded Warriors Project** through its Super Bowl raffle.

Kevin Haid, Wildhorse Sports Bar manager, teams up with Wildhorse vendors for the donation of prizes. Raffle tickets are sold during the Super Bowl game, which is tuned in at Wildhorse. A total of \$7,312 was raised during the annual event.

Lucky prize winners went home with a number of items, including a surfboard, barbecue grill, snowboards, refrigerators and NFL branded merchandise.

This year, there was so much momentum behind the fundraiser that it was moved from the Wildhorse Sports Bar into the Rivers Events Center. Haid said about 2,100 raffle tickets were sold, eclipsing last year's total by 600.

Each year, it's Haid's goal to increase the contribution to the Wounded Warriors Project. With giving more than \$3,000 above last year's donation, Haid is thrilled with the outcome.

"It is a great feeling to be able to support our veterans and a great cause like the Wounded Warriors," he said.

For more about Wildhorse's contributions to the community, contact **Tiah DeGroot**, Wildhorse community relations, at 541-966-1628 or tiah.degroot@wildhorseresort.com.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

FEB. 16, 2016

ERICKSON RANFT — Lacy A. Vernon and Austin L. Ranft of Pendleton; a girl, Hazel Lily Mae Erickson Ranft.

FEB. 18, 2016

JAIME — Melissa Jaime and Margarito Ramos Jaime of Hermiston; a girl, Ruby Olivia Jaime.

FEB. 19, 2016

MCGILL — Bobbie Wagner and Matthew McGill of Pendleton; a girl, Rylee Ann McGill.

WATSON — Julie C. Garrett and Christopher D. Watson of Pendleton; a girl, Madelynn Elizabeth Rose Watson.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

FEB. 16, 2016

KELLISON — Krista Counsell and Julian Kellison of Hermiston; a boy, Aidan Christopher Kellison.

FEB. 17, 2016

REGIAN — Franki P. Coutts and Lucas A. Regian of Hermiston; a girl, Adyline LouAnn Regian.

FEB. 18, 2016

CARNINE — Kyle J. Carnine and Travis T. Carnine of Stanfield; a girl, Jory Jean Carnine.

DECHAND — Marissa DeChand and David DeChand of Hermiston; a boy, Orion James DeChand.

FEB. 19, 2016

KING — Brooke Mallory and Justin King of Hermiston; a girl, Harper Kay King.

FEB. 20, 2016

GONZALEZ — Makayla Neely and Manny Gonzalez of Hermiston; a girl, Lillian Grace Gonzalez.

Pet of the Week



Diamond

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