

HERMISTON Rotary celebrates 75 years

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Tim Beinert, president of the Hermiston Rotary Club, welcomes members of Altrusa International of Hermiston during a joint meeting of the services clubs April 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The Hermiston Rotary Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary this week.

disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, education and literacy and economic and community development. In 1985, Rotary launched an effort to eradicate polio across the globe.

"We are getting closer," Williams said. "The number of cases is being cut back each year."

Locally, the Hermiston club has been active in providing scholarships to college students, scholarships for educators for continuing education, an annual Arbor Day tree giveaway and working on local parks, including the Oxbow Trail project.

Williams said Rotary has continued because there is a lot to be done. Also, he said the fellowship is fun and relationships are built.

The membership, Williams said, identifies what projects to be involved with.

They provide the resources to complete them — whether it's financial or time and manpower.

"There's been a lot of members over the 75 years," Williams said. "The strength of the Rotary Club is the members that are involved."

To join Rotary, prospects must be sponsored by a current member. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact a Rotary member to learn more.

For more information about the Hermiston Rotary Club, call president Tim Beinert at 541-656-5298 or search Facebook for "Hermiston Rotary Club." For more about Rotary International, including finding local groups, visit www.rotary.org.

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removal, and Umatilla County was trying to win for eight years.

"We finally got back up on the rotation," she said. "We're trying to make the most of it."

The DEQ funds the collection from landfill disposal fees and pays a contractor, Clean Harbors Inc., with headquarters in Massachusetts, to handle and dispose of the waste. The county's role is to coordinate the event and publicize it. Miller said she started that work six months ago.

"I've been to one end of the county and the other talking to all the local groups," she said.

The city of Pendleton stepped up to allow the use of the Convention Center for free, county employees and members of the Pendleton FFA chapter are volunteering to help direct

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traffic, and the four waste disposal franchises in the county are contributing refreshments and lunch for the volunteers.

Miller said she anticipates 300-400 vehicles coming through Saturday, and volunteers will have "clickers" to count. Workers with Clean Harbors will do the heavy lifting.

"People don't even have to get out of their cars," Miller said.

Common items run a wide array, from weed killers to motor oil to thermometers. The DEQ in a written statement also said the contractor will screen for usable products, such as household cleaners, that

local residents then could reuse.

But the DEQ will not take explosives or products that contain radioactive waste, such as smoke detectors.

Ranchers and farmers on Friday can bring pesticides for free disposal, and small businesses and the like can pay a small fee to get rid of their hazardous waste. Both of those require registration with Lisa Mattila of Clean Harbors at 503-742-7109 or by e-mail at mattila.lisa@cleanharbors.com.

Miller said these collections are about helping people. Milton-Freewater neighbors, in one case, are helping the widow of a farmer bring in his old pesticides and fungicides.

Miller also said she plans to be there with the coffee and donuts for the volunteers.

Contact Phil Wright at pwright@eastoregonian.com or 541-966-0833.

UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBERSHIP DINNER



Saturday, April 16, 2016
Hermiston Conference Center
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Annual Meeting theme
"Building For The Future" is a recognition of the milestone projects underway or completed in 2015, and what we expect in 2016.
As always, attendance is free to UEC members.
We hope you will join us!



Featured Speaker
Mark Speckman,
celebrated football coach and inspirational speaker, will highlight Umatilla Electric's 2016 Annual Meeting!

Stanfield principal leaving district

STANFIELD — Stanfield Secondary School will need a new principal next fall.

Current principal Bryan Johnson has accepted a position as assistant principal/athletic director at Ephrata High School in Washington state and will serve his last day in Stanfield on June 30, 2016. Johnson calls Ephrata his hometown.

"It is a job that I feel I am fit for and will enjoy. It may not open again for another 20 to 30 years, so it was going to be now or never possibly. We have had a great experience in Stanfield and we'll truly miss the students, staff and community," Johnson said in a press release.

Johnson served six years at the district as a teacher/athletic director, then four years as school principal.

Mothers, daughters register for Feast, Fotos & Fun!

PENDLETON — Mothers and daughters can enjoy a bonding experience during an activity sponsored by Pendleton Parks & Recreation.

Make mom and daughter bracelets, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and cookies, play games and spend some time in the photo booth to make memories.

Open to daughters in kindergarten through eighth grade, Mother and Daughter Night: Feast, Fotos & Fun! is Saturday, April 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton.

The fee is \$14.50 per person and must be paid by Friday. To register, go to www.pendletonparksandrec.com or stop by the parks office, 865 Tutuilla Road. For more information, call 541-276-8100.

HSD hosts special education fair

HERMISTON — The Hermiston School District Special Programs Department will host its first Special Education Linkage Fair from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the District Office Boardroom.

Hermiston School District will assist in connecting parents and families of special needs children (birth through age 21) to agencies and resources within the community. Guests will learn how to access services and supports to best meet the

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needs of their child.

A potato bar will be offered for families, along with supervised open gym for kids.

For more information, contact the HSD Special Programs Department at 541-667-6021.

Parking lot sale benefits Agape House

HERMISTON — Clothing, knick-knacks and some furniture are available during a parking lot sale at Agape House.

Clothing is priced at three items for \$1, furniture is as marked and knick-knacks are you name the price. The sale is Saturday from 8:30-11 a.m. at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. Donations are accepted through Saturday.

Agape House serves the needs of low-income residents in the community. For more information, call 541-567-8774.

Friends of the Weston library set annual meeting

WESTON — Don Hann of the United States Forest Service will share about historic Chinese gold mining sites in Eastern Oregon during the Friends of the Weston Library annual membership meeting.

The public is invited to attend the gathering, which will include refreshments and door prizes. People are encouraged to renew their membership or become a FOWL member for the first time. The event is Monday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 214 E. Main St., Weston.

FOWL is a tax-exempt organization that supports Weston library programs and projects. For more information, call Kathleen Schmidtgall at 541-566-2378.

Heppner chamber hosts candidate's forum

HEPPNER — A candidate's forum for the Morrow County commissioners will be held during an upcoming Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Bill Kuhn will moderate the no-host luncheon event, which is Thursday, April 21 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St. People can submit questions prior to the event

by contacting the chamber via heppnerchamber@centurytel.net. In addition, written questions will be accepted at the forum.

The meal, which is catered by Murray's Drug, is \$10 per person. To ensure there's enough space and food, those planning to attend must RSVP by calling 541-676-5536 by Tuesday, April 19.

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

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