

HERMISTON

Time capsule to offer a slice of life in 2018

By JADE MCDOWELL
Staff Writer

When Hermiston residents’ grandchildren open the city’s time capsule 50 years from now, Mark Rose hopes they find a treasure trove of interesting Hermiston memorabilia that provides a window into 2018.

So far, the Hermiston Public Library director said, there haven’t been many offerings. A small collection of items ranging from a Hermiston Police Department patch to a commemorative coin from Hermiston’s 75th anniversary sits on display in a glass case at the library, but there is plenty more room inside the two-foot-tall metal capsule that will be sealed up Sept. 8.

Rose said there are a few plans in the works for more items — a city employee was going to gather up some menus from local restaurants, and a local teenager volunteered to submit some writings and photographs about everyday life as a teen in Hermiston in 2018. The photography club that meets at the library plans to take photos of places in the city they think may look dramatically different by 2068, such as the fields around the water tower north of town.

“There will be people that will watch this go into the ground that will watch it come out again,” Rose predicted. “But the city will be bigger. There will be different buildings. It will be a different place.”

The plan is to seal the time capsule in an underground vault behind Hermiston Public Library, next to the arch that marks the location of the old Armand Larive Middle School. The arch is getting new landscaping, LED lighting and an interpretive panel as part of the construction of the Harkenrider Senior Activity Center nearby. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is donating a stone marker to place over where the capsule is buried.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new senior center will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, with



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

The time capsule that will be sealed up Sept. 8 sits in the Hermiston Public Library.



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A few items donated for the time capsule sit in a case at the Hermiston Public Library.

the overall dedication celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rose said he plans to have photo boards or some other medium to show people attending the celebration what is in the time capsule before it is buried that day.

In the meantime he hopes people continue to drop off Hermiston-branded items, photos and other contributions at the library. He suggested service clubs could contribute a one-

page writeup of their current officers and doings, or the schools could drop off items frequently confiscated from students as a slice of “human interest.”

Submissions will be accepted through Sept. 5.

The city is being careful to mark the location of the capsule and register its latitude and longitude with a national registry after a previous Hermiston time capsule went missing.

Jim Sexton, Hermiston Class of 1992, said he and his classmates submitted items for a Class of 1992 time capsule to be opened at their 20-year reunion, but no one knows where the capsule went. Some have speculated it was buried and then accidentally discarded during construction of a new school.

“The new HS was built and our capsule was never seen again,” he said in a Facebook message. “We have contacted several teachers of our era and nobody knows anything about it.”

City manager Byron Smith said the city was told that the capsule might have been buried in the area where the Harkenrider Center was being constructed and the arch was being re-landscaped, but contractors kept a lookout and never saw anything.

“People reported it was there, but we never found it,” he said.

BRIEFLY

Plymouth Day Use Area closes early

PLYMOUTH, Wash. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently announced that the Plymouth Day Use Area will close for the season, effective Aug. 29.

The closure allows the Corps to conduct maintenance as a result of vandalism. Anyone with knowledge of the vandalism should contact the Benton County Sheriff’s Office at 509-783-1310 or 509-735-6555.

The day use area normally closes Sept. 15. For questions about the closure, call John Day Ranger Office at 541-739-1135.

Altrusa brews up Hermiston Oktoberfest

HERMISTON — For some fall fun and to help

raise money to benefit a variety of community service projects, grab your lederhosen and get ready to attend the Oktoberfest Wine & Stein.

Hosted by Altrusa International of Hermiston, the annual celebration is Saturday, Sept. 29. The doors open at 5 p.m. and a dinner featuring German fare is served at 5:30 p.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. The event features food, music, raffles, live/silent auctions — and, of course, beer from Ordinance Brewing. Dinner tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite

111, or from any Altrusan. For more information, contact hermistonalttrusa@gmail.com, search Facebook or watch for an upcoming article in the *East Oregonian*.

FFA Alumni request help with auction

BOARDMAN — Organizers with the Morrow County FFA Dinner and Auction are seeking assistance.

Erin Heideman and Greg Barron, auction volunteers, invite the public to help support agriculture education for youths in the county’s FFA programs in Boardman, Heppner, Lone and Irrigon.

“Our youth is our greatest resource and those in agriculture even more so,” Barron said.

Monetary donations as well as auction items can be donated for the silent and live auctions. The event, which is Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center in Boardman, also includes a meal. The cost and ticket sales will be announced at a later date.

For more information, to make a donation or to learn more about the Morrow County FFA Alumni, contact Heideman at 541-561-0081, erin.heideman@oregonstate.edu or Barron at 541-701-7311, gbarron@centurytel.net.

Rescuers reach man trapped in tree

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Rescuers saved a man Tuesday who was trapped upside down in a tree in the forests of the Blue Mountains.

Jodi Florence, public information officer for the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office, said Union County at 11:28 a.m. transferred an emergency report of a man hanging upside down in a tree for two days off Highway 244 near Ukiah. Finding him took some time, she said — the site was about 20 miles east of Ukiah.

Multiple agencies responded, including the sheriff’s office, Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Department, members of the United States Forest Service and the air ambu-

lance company Life Flight. “We just got the word that Life Flight transported him,” Florence said Tuesday afternoon.

Darcy Weseman, spokesperson for the Umatilla National Forest, said three Forest Service workers helped locate the site and a place for the helicopter ambulance to land. She said the man fell out of a hunting stand and he was hanging from his harness when the search and rescue team reached him.

Florence said she did not have information about his identity, condition or where the flight was taking him. The *East Oregonian* will update the story as we gather information.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

WILLOW RUN LADIES GOLF CLUB, 8 a.m., Willow Run Golf Course, 78873 Toms Camp Road, Boardman. Rain or shine. Need not be a member to play. (541-481-4381)

CAY-UMA-WA TOASTMASTERS, 12-1 p.m., Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd, Pendleton. Everyone welcome. (Jeannette Taylor 541-276-9492)

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF PENDLETON, 12 p.m., Red Lion Inn, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

HERMISTON ELKS DINNER, 5:30-8 p.m., Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main St., Hermiston. (541-567-6923)

OREGON GRASS ROOTS CRIBBAGE CLUB NO. 2, 6:30 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. All levels of players welcome. (541-567-6594)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

TUMBLEWEED TOASTMASTERS, 6:30 a.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Visitors welcome. (541-567-3360)

ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM THE DRY SIDE, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. Use Seventh Street entrance. Monthly business meeting at noon. (541-567-4446)

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF HERMISTON, 12 p.m., ARC Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

HERMISTON LINEBACKER CLUB, 12 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. Hear HHS football coach David Faaetele discuss the upcoming tilt. RSVP by Wednesday at 3 p.m. Meets during football season only. (Flora Larson 541-567-5215)

“KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE” WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY, 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 200 S.W. Willow Fork Drive, Boardman. Ladies are invited to learn more about God’s plan for their lives. (541-481-9437)

HERMISTON HORSESHOE CLUB, 5 p.m., Hermiston High School Weber Field, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. (Rick Rebmam 541-720-6402)

HERMISTON ELKS LODGE NO. 1845, 7 p.m., Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main St., Hermiston. (541-567-6923)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY, 4-5 p.m., Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 120 E. Beech, Hermiston. Sunday Evening Bible Study begins at 4pm. Check us out on Facebook. (Pastor David 541-567-3232)

SUBMIT COMMUNITY NEWS

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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We would like to **THANK** ODF, Pilot Rock Fire Department, and all the resources and neighbors that helped battle the fire. Had you not have held it at the Gurdane Road, it would have gone to the Western Route Road.

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