

Jingle jog all the way



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hailey Kendrick, left, and Marin Kennedy laugh Saturday morning as they near the finish line of the Jingle Jog at the Roundup Athletic Club.

HERMISTON

Santa serves pancakes, holiday cheer

East Oregonian

Santa Claus is making a special stop in Hermiston this weekend prior to hitching up his reindeer to deliver packages on Christmas Eve.

The annual Pancakes with Santa will feature a breakfast of flapjacks and sausage. Kids will have a chance to be creative and enjoy a tasty breakfast as a variety of toppings will be available. Sponsored by Rogers Toyota of Hermiston and Hermiston Parks & Recreation, tickets must be purchased in advance to attend.

The event is Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Ho ho ho, Santa's hungry and so are families in Hermiston — only a few tickets remain. The cost is \$10 for ages 16 and older, \$8 for children 2-15 or \$30 for a family of four (\$5 each for extra children). Tickets will not be sold at the door.

In addition to the breakfast, the event features craft activities and photos with Santa Claus.



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

The Kautz family of Hermiston, including Cory Sr., Britni, Cory Jr., 5, and Tyson, 9 months, pose for a photo with Santa Claus during the 2017 Pancakes with Santa. This year's event is Saturday at the Hermiston Community Center.

For more information or to buy tickets, call Hermiston Parks & Recreation at 541-667-5018 or stop by their office at the community center.

BRIEFLY

Altrusa heads up warming station supply drive

HERMISTON — Altrusa International of Hermiston has volunteered to help coordinate a supply drive for the Hermiston Warming Station.

People are encouraged to place items in collection boxes through January. Collection sites include Shipping Solutions, Dance Unlimited, Old West Federal

Credit Union, Banner Bank and the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce. In addition, donations can be dropped off at the Hermiston Warming Station Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. at 1075 S. Highway 395. People are asked to drive around back and leave donations with a volunteer. Call 541-289-2150 to arrange another time.

Needed items include household cleaning and paper products, beverages, laundry and dishwashing

soap, foot powder, socks, and hand/foot warmers. For a complete list, call the warming station or search Facebook.

Also, checks can be mailed to Hermiston Warming Station, P.O. Box 433, Hermiston, OR 97838.

West-end cities get grant for housing study

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

The cities of Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo are joining forces to study housing needs.

The cities received a grant from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to develop a housing needs analysis. They will work with consultant Angelo Planning Group.

According to a news release, while the city of Hermiston has been participating in discussions with the other three cities about addressing housing shortages in the west end of Umatilla County, Hermiston will not be part of the project because it already completed a very similar housing analysis in 2017.

Umatilla community development director Tamra Mabbott said the project will include a look

at housing needs now and 20 years down the road, an examination of residential land available for development and a study of barriers to that development. It will culminate in a set of recommendations for the cities.

Mabbott said those recommendations may be policy changes for the city council to implement, zoning changes, an expansion of the urban growth boundary or other strategies.

"It's important to have a set of recommendations in place because it sets the stage for other work that needs to be done," she said.

Mabbott said there will be multiple public meetings set for sometime in January, where developers, homeless advocates and other stakeholders can give feedback on housing needs in the area. She said the report will likely be wrapped up by June.

Historical society gets \$15,000 grant for 'Umatilla Gold'

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The Umatilla County Historical Society has a little more green as it heads toward Umatilla Gold.

The society announced Monday that it has secured a \$15,000 grant from the Autzen Foundation, a grant that will go toward the installation of its new exhibit, Umatilla Gold: The History of Wheat in Umatilla County.

The more than \$350,000 interactive

exhibit will trace the history of local wheat from prehistoric times to modern day. The exhibit is set to open in August.

The historical society obtained the grant through Eastern Oregon Business Source, a business consulting company.

The Autzen Foundation is a Portland nonprofit that specializes in awarding grants to social service, arts and culture, educational, environmental, and youth-centered organizations.

Wheatland accepts food donations

A contest between Wheatland Insurance locations throughout the region will benefit local people in need.

They are holding a non-perishable food drive as a competition between each office. The food collected will be donated to local food banks for distribution. People are invited to drop off donations during regular business hours by Thursday, Dec. 20.

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Profits earned through the operation of the gift shop are used to fund scholarships for students pursuing an education in healthcare as well as to purchase much-needed equipment and supplies for St. Anthony Hospital. This year alone \$11,000 in scholarships were given out.

To volunteer please call 541.966.0528

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