

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Nazarene Church to hold annual Diaper Dash

HERMISTON — A 5K/10K fun run and walk that supports children in need in the Hermiston community is planned for Saturday, March 6, from 9-11 a.m., beginning and ending at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave.

The seventh annual Diaper Dash is open to all ages, and the entry fee is a package of diapers or pull-up pants in any size, any brand and any quantity. All diapers collected are distributed to families and organizations in the Hermiston area in need of assistance, including service agencies, schools, families and single parents.

Volunteers also are needed to take photos of the dashers, man the registration table, and collect and stack diaper donations. And those who are unable or unwilling to attend the dash may purchase diapers online and have them shipped directly to the church. Diaper donations are welcome all year around.

During the 2020 event, 150 runners/walkers attended, and more than 13,000 diapers and 3,100 wipes were collected.

Registration is open at www.HermistonNazarene.org.

Hermiston Altrusa seeking scholarship applicants

HERMISTON — The Altrusa International Foundation of Hermiston announces spring scholarship applications are now available for the Dorothy Juve Memorial Scholarship Program.

The scholarship is an award for up to \$3,500 for students that are approximately two-thirds of the way through their post-secondary education process. The major requirement for receiving this award is that it will be used to gain or upgrade job skills or to reenter the job market. The scholarship is not for recent or future graduating high school seniors.



Kids and canines were among the participants of the sixth annual Diaper Dash, hosted March 7, 2020, by the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene.

Applicants must be residents of western Umatilla County or north Morrow County, but may be studying elsewhere. Scholarship funds will be deposited with the college or school to be applied toward tuition, books or lab fees. Submission deadline is March 11.

The application may be found online at <http://bit.ly/altrusascholarship19>, or may be requested by emailing hermistonaltrusa@gmail.com.

Fish for free this weekend

SALEM — Make fishing part of your President's Day Weekend/Valentine's Day plans. Everyone can fish, clam and crab for free in Oregon on Saturday, Feb. 13, and Sunday, Feb. 14.

No fishing licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag, Columbia River Basin Endorsement or Two-Rod Validation) are required by Oregon residents or nonresidents to fish, crab or clam in Oregon on those dates.

Although no licenses or tags are required these two days, all other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. See the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations to find out more, and remember to check for any in-season regulation changes, especially for salmon and steelhead fishing, in the Zone where you will be fishing by visiting the Recreation Report, <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/>.

You can also check the Recreation Report for the best fishing opportunities this time of year. With winter weather forecast for the weekend, ice fishing for trout or yellow perch could be an option, but be sure the ice is safe, wear safety gear and follow these other tips at <https://myodfw.com/articles/14-tips-ice-fishing-oregon>.

Remember to follow ongoing precautions in place due to the virus:

- Practice social distancing. Keep 6 feet between you and anyone who doesn't live in your immediate house-

hold, including while on a boat or at a fish cleaning station.

- Wear a mask. Recreation areas can get more crowded during Free Fishing Weekend. Wear a mask outdoors when you can't maintain 6 feet of distance from someone who doesn't live in your household.

- Wash your hands often. Keep up on personal hygiene and bring your own water, soap, and hand sanitizer with you.

- Stay home if you are sick.

- Be prepared. Restrooms and other facilities may be more limited. Bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, food, etc.

- Avoid crowds. Go someplace else if your destination looks crowded.

- Pack out what you pack in. Take any garbage

with you.

- Check for access before you go. ODFW does not control access to land or facilities (such as boat ramps) that it doesn't manage, so check with the land manager or facility owner where you want to go about what's open before you leave home. See Oregon Marine Board's map at <https://www.boatoregon.com/map>.

Medical study scholarships available for women

PENDLETON — The Alison Furnish Memorial Scholarship, designated for women seeking financial assistance for educational expenses leading to a career in the medical profession, is accepting applications.

The scholarship is available through Pendleton PEO Chapter CM.

Applicants must be of sophomore standing at an institute of higher learning and be a high school graduate from either Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Weston-McEwen, Helix, Nixyaawii or Ukiah high schools. The amount of the scholarship will be provided directly to the recipient's college or university.

Completed applications require reference letters and assorted information regarding prior academic accomplishments, to date. Completed applications must be postmarked by April 30.

For more specific information needed to apply, email Becky Waggoner at r7waggoner@gmail.com.

INWM receives small operating grant

SALEM — Inland Northwest Musicians, based in Hermiston, was among 97 statewide arts organizations to receive Oregon Arts Commission Small Operating Grants for fiscal year 2021. Small grants often make a large difference in ensuring arts access for Oregonians, especially in rural areas.

Awarded to arts organizations in virtually every region of the state, Small Operating Grants are designed to provide support to arts organizations with budgets under \$150,000. Eligibility is limited to organizations who have operated as an IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit for two years or more and provide ongoing, sustained artistic programming and outreach programs. Each organization received \$1,159.

For more information about the Small Operating Grant Program, contact Liora Sponko at 971-345-1641 or via email at liora.sponko@oregon.gov.

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