

Local students participate in National History Day

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PORTLAND — Sam Kubishta of Griswold High School and McKenzie Rose of the Echo School District recently competed in the National History Day 2021 Virtual Documentary Showcase. They were among 50 middle school and high school students from across the state who were invited to participate in the national contest.

The local students earned the honor to advance by each placing first in their category during the Oregon History Day contest, which was coordinated by the Oregon Historical Society. In all, 125 students from across the state participated in this year's event, which also was held virtually.

Kubishta placed first in the Oregon contest in the Individual Document-



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Students from Oregon (center) participate in the 2019 National History Day event. Because of the global pandemic, the 2021 event was held virtually.

tary category for "Beatrice Morrow Cannady: Speaking Out Against Racism in the

Film Industry." Rose took first in Individual Exhibit for "The Navajo Code Talkers:

Communicating Their Way To Victory." While Kubishta and Rose

didn't place at the national contest, they competed against more than 2,700 students with more than 1,500 unique entries from across the country, said Rachel Randles, Oregon Historical Society director of marketing and communications.

Other Helix students who placed in the state competition include: Individual Documentary: Madison Jensen, third for "Communicating One Panel at a Time: The NAMES Project Memorial Quilt"; Group Documentary: Anitohi Mercer and Victoria Keene, third for "The Slave Narrative Project: Communicating the Voices of the Forgotten"; and Sydney Moore of Helix also participated in Individual Documentary: "The Problem We All Live With."

The program encourages students to nurture their curiosities by researching topics from any past

time period or place, or by analyzing a historical event that connects to the annual theme. The theme for 2021 was "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding."

Students present their work in one of five categories — paper, website, exhibit, documentary or performance. The projects can be developed independently or in groups of up to five students for all categories (except paper).

The Oregon Historical Society looks forward to seeing what topics students tackle next year. The 2022 National History Day theme is "Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences."

For more information about participating in Oregon History Day, contact Kristen Pilgrim at kristen.pilgrim@ohs.org. For more about National History Day, visit www.nhd.org.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Stanfield Baptist invites kids to track down God

STANFIELD — Kids ages 4-12 will be Tracking Down the One True God at Stanfield Baptist Church.

With a theme of Mystery Island, the vacation Bible school is Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 16. It runs each day from 9 a.m. to noon at the church, 310 E. Wheeler Ave., Stanfield. The daily activities offer fun, games, crafts and music.

Children do not have to belong to a church to attend. Parents can sign their kids up at the VBS booth during Stanfield's Fourth of July celebration at Bard Park. In addition, people are encouraged to stick around the park for a Quilts of Valor presentation at the Fourth of July community worship service at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 541-449-3313 or visit www.stanfieldbaptist.com.

Flora School offers online pioneer skills classes

FLORA — While it's not the pioneer way, Flora School Education Center is offering online classes. The nonprofit organization's mission is to promote folk arts and historic agriculture.

The pioneer classes will be offered virtually, via internet, email address, computer with camera/audio or cellphone with holder — participants can't hold a cellphone while doing these classes. Cordless headsets will make it easier to hear/talk but are not required.

Pre-registration is required for the sessions. There is no class fee, but participants may make a donation after the class is complete. Check-in time will be provided upon registration, along with an equipment and materials list.

Upcoming classes include Patch Lap Quilt on Saturday, July 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nickie Sanchez from San Diego of Custom Designs by Nickie will teach the session. The class, which features a 42-inch by 54-inch quilt, is open to ages 12 (with adult supervision) and older — beginning sewers are welcome.

For more information, call/text Sanchez at 619-942-9249 or email nickieA-sanchez@outlook.com. The class may take more than one day. Sanchez will follow up with participants in order to finish.

August offerings include blacksmithing and basic bladesmithing. In September, a weaving class will



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Stanfield Baptist Church is busy with pre-registration for its vacation Bible school, which is July 12-16, 2021.

utilize repurposed materials. And an October session features a French burrito pillow.

For more information about Flora School, including classes, volunteering, teaching, work parties and events, visit www.flora-school.org, contact 541-828-7010, floraschool@tds.net or search Facebook, Instagram or its YouTube channel.

Students ride away with Bikes for Books Program

HERMISTON — More than two dozen lucky students are pedaling into the summer on new bicycles thanks to the Bikes for Books Program of Hermiston Masonic Lodge No. 138.

Because of the global pandemic, the Masons adapted the program, which still allowed them to award five bikes to students at each of Hermiston's five elementary schools. During the month of May, anytime a student in second through fifth grades took an Accelerated Reader quiz, and earned 100%, their name was put into a drawing for a brand new bike.

In June, the winners were announced over Google Meet, as the classrooms watched. Each winner's family had been notified in advance and were waiting at the office. In addition, members of the Masonic Lodge were on hand to present the winning students with their new bikes.

Miranda Hunt said Bikes for Books has been going for many years, and the school district is grateful for the willingness of the Masons to continue the program during the unusual school year. Smiles, shouts of joy, and surprised faces were

plentiful as each student was presented with their bike, and a helmet that was donated by the Hermiston Police Department.

Red Cross offers incentives for blood donations

SEATTLE — As the American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage that is negatively affecting blood product availability across the country, additional incentives are being offered to those who make a donation in the next 30 days.

As a thank you, those who give between July 1-6 will receive a Red Cross embroidered hat by mail, while supplies last. And those providing blood donations from July 7-31 will get a \$10 card for Amazon.com via email and also will be entered for a chance to win gas for a year (a \$5,000 value).

People are asked to make a donation appointment. Area blood drives listed on the American Red Cross website include:

- Wednesday, July 7, from noon to 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston.

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- Thursday, July 8, from 12:30-5 p.m. at CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

- Monday, July 12, from noon to 6 p.m. at CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

- Monday, July 19, from 12:45-5:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.

- Thursday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, Hermiston.

- Tuesday, July 27, from noon to 5 p.m. at Pendleton Convention Center.

- Thursday, July 29, from 12:30-5 p.m. at The Gronquist Building, Arlington.

In addition, there are also numerous opportunities to give blood in the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla areas.

For more information or to schedule a donation time, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Library heats up with escape room, beekeeping

HERMISTON — A pair of activities for the summer reading program offered through the Hermiston Public Library will accept pre-registration beginning Tuesday, July 6.

For teens, an escape room is planned Saturday, July 17, from noon to 4 p.m. Because of social distancing guidelines, there can only be nine participants per one-hour time slot. Teens who are interested in participating must pre-register.

Adults 18 and older can attend a beekeeper presentation by Ron Hendrickson Wednesday, July 14, from 6-8 p.m. Because of social distancing restrictions, only nine participants are allowed. In addition, masks are required. Those interested must register in person at the library.

For more information, call 541-567-2882 or stop by the library at 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

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John and Judy Osborn's 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air glistens in the sun during the 24th annual Cool Rides Car Show. This year's event is July 9-10, 2021, at McKenzie Park in Hermiston.

Cool Rides revs up for 25th annual car show

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HERMISTON — The Hermiston Classics Car Club is gearing up for its 25th annual car show.

The Cool Rides Car Show is July 9-10 at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. The vehicle entry fee is \$25. People are encouraged to register in advance at www.hermistonclassicscarclub.com. The first 100 entries will receive an event T-shirt free of charge.

Juan Lopez, club president, is excited for the event — especially after having to cancel in 2020. Lopez hopes people will not only enter their vehicles but come out and enjoy the day in the park. People don't have to belong to the car club to enter the show or to join the Friday night fun, Lopez said.

"We have some special things coming in," he said. "The National Guard will be there and we'll have a couple of other special things in the park for people to see."

On-site registration is Saturday, July 10 from 7-10 a.m. at the park. The

car show will officially kick off with the singing of the national anthem at 9 a.m. by the Hermiston High School choir. The awards presentation, which will include nearly two dozen categories, begins at 1 p.m.

Also, the club will host a poker run July 9. To participate in the poker run, head to McKenzie Park to pick up a map and scorecard. The cost is \$5 per hand. Participants will have from 6-7 p.m. to collect the cards for their poker hands.

At 7 p.m., the club will host a dinner and determine winners of the poker run. The car club will provide the meal and beverages.

The Hermiston Classics Car Club is made up of local car enthusiasts, who get together to support each other with vehicle-related projects, skills and education. All car, truck, and vehicle enthusiasts are invited to get involved.

Although the club's name includes the term "classics," there are no specific vehicle requirements in order to join. The club welcomes all individuals who have a passion for cars.

For updates on club meetings and activities, visit www.facebook.com/HermistonClassicsCarClub. For questions, contact 541-571-0141 or hermistonclassicscarclub@gmail.com.

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EASTERN OREGON PHOTO CONTEST

Voting for 'People's Choice' NOW OPEN

Vote online for People's Choice from 12:01 am Monday, June 21 through 11:59 pm Wednesday, June 30.

The winners will appear in the July 8th edition of Go Magazine; the top 25 will appear online.

Gift cards to a restaurant of your choice will be awarded for first, second and third place.



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