

# National Night Out festivities kick off in Hermiston

## Treasure hunt begins with first clue

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HERMISTON — It's time to put on your thinking caps and start searching as the National Night Out treasure hunt is set to begin in Hermiston.

Annual National Night Out activities have been going on across the country for 37 years and this is Hermiston's 22nd year of participating. Cpl. Tim Miears, training officer/evidence custodian with Hermiston Police Department, said neighborhood camaraderie occurs when people hang out and get to know each other, which helps in reducing crime.

Miears hid a golden medallion as part of Hermiston's festivities. It's about 3 inches in diameter and is attached to a red, white and blue ribbon.

The treasure hunt, Miears said, is a fun way to get



This is the two sides of the golden medallion that Hermiston police Cpl. Tim Miears hid somewhere in Hermiston as part of the town's National Night Out festivities. Follow the clues the East Oregonian and Hermiston Herald publish this week, starting Tuesday, July 27, 2021, to find the golden prize and win a block party in your neighborhood.

people excited leading up to National Night Out, which is Tuesday, Aug. 3. In his fourth year of heading up the treasure hunt, Miears said he likes to find a place to hide the medallion that makes it fun for people to search.

On National Night Out, police personnel and city officials will serve ice cream during an evening block

party in the neighborhood of the winner of the treasure hunt. Available personnel also hope to visit other block parties throughout town.

Community members are encouraged to organize neighborhood parties, cook-outs or gatherings on Aug. 3. Those planning a gathering are encouraged to provide time and location informa-

tion to Miears at 541-667-5112 or tmiears@hermiston.or.us.

Clues will be published in the Tuesday, July 27, and Thursday, July 29, editions of the East Oregonian and the Wednesday, July 28, edition of the Hermiston Herald. If the medallion hasn't been located by Friday, be sure to check out the EO's website

(www.eastoregonian.com) for another clue online.

Treasure hunt rules:  
• The person who finds the medallion must live in Hermiston.  
• The medallion is on public property within the city of Hermiston. Although not in plain view, searchers won't have to dig to find it.  
• After finding the medal-



Photos by Tammy Malgesini/East Oregonian

lion, take it immediately to the Hermiston Police Department, 330 S. First St. If it's found after 5 p.m., call 541-667-5112 and leave a message for Miears or send an email via tmiears@hermiston.or.us.

• By participating in the treasure hunt, the winner acknowledges their name and picture may be published, and they will participate in Hermiston's National Night Out activities.

Contact community writer Tammy Malgesini at [tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com](mailto:tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com) or 541-564-4532.

### TREASURE HUNT CLUE NO. 1

Jesus said, "Come to me ... and I will give you rest." But don't be surprised if there's a test. Something might look out of place. But when you find it, you won't be off base. Don't just look, you might have to lift. Then an ice cream party will be your gift.

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## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Support group connects moms with food and fun

UMATILLA — A group designed to provide support to mothers of all ages is starting in Umatilla.

Beginning July 29, Conexon de Madre is the last Thursday of each month. It runs from 6-7:30 p.m. at Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St. The free event includes snacks, crafts, community resources, guest speakers and more.

The first session features Lianna Correa of Good Shepherd Lactation Services as the guest speaker. In addition, there will be a guided painting activity.

For more information, visit [www.umatilla-city.org/parksrec](http://www.umatilla-city.org/parksrec). For questions, call 541-922-3226.

event for Brian Rystedt will feature tacos, bingo and a raffle.

Because of a recurrence of cancer, Rystedt is unable to work and has medical expenses. Event organizers are hoping to help relieve some of the financial stress for Rystedt and his family.

The benefit dinner is Saturday, July 31, at the Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 N. Main St. The doors open at 4 p.m.; dinner is at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. The meal is \$10 or by donation.

To make a donation for bingo prizes or raffle items, call Rhonda Acock at 541-571-1584, Tonja Lemmon at 541-561-8953, Mike Aldritt at 541-571-1367 or Michael Haugen at 541-314-5434.

### Journey tribute band opens Umatilla County Fair concert lineup

HERMISTON — The Umatilla County Fair recently announced its Main Stage concert lineup and advance ticket sales for reserved seating.

The concert opener on Wednesday, Aug. 11, is Stone In Love — Journey Tribute. All seats are free with fair admission.

Everclear will perform Thursday, Aug. 12, and Frankie Ballard will take the stage Saturday, Aug. 14. General admission for the Thursday and Saturday night concerts are free with fair admission. Reserved and premium seating (first five rows) are available for \$12 and \$20, respectively — they do not include fair admission. Tickets are available at [www.umatillacountyfair.net](http://www.umatillacountyfair.net).

A Latino Night Dance is set for Friday, Aug. 13, with show opener Fortaleza De Tierra Caliente, as well as Alfa 7, Diana Reyes and Tierra Cali. Tickets purchased in advance beginning July 25 at Velasco Used Car Sales, 80596 Highway 395, Hermiston, will cost \$30 each and includes fair admission. Tickets purchased at the gate will not include fair admission.

### Arts Commission seeks artist information

SALEM — Artists who exhibit or sell their work and maintain a consistent artistic practice are invited to submit their information for a statewide artist registry.

The Oregon Arts Commission, in partnership with The Ford Family Foundation, is building the list to increase access to funding programs and build a case for greater professional artist resources. This could include everyone from painters and photographers exhibiting in galleries to people making jewelry or tie-dyed T-shirts to sell at fairs and farmers markets — and everything in between.

To register, visit [bit.ly/3zkn0Pb](http://bit.ly/3zkn0Pb). For questions, contact Carrie Kikel at [carrie.kikel@oregon.gov](mailto:carrie.kikel@oregon.gov) or 503-480-5360.

Maryland (\$500).

Neveau also was awarded the St. Anthony Hospital Foundation Mary Wallan Nursing Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Joyce



Hofbauer



Mueller



Vander Stelt

### Hermiston Lions Club awards scholarships

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Lions Club has awarded \$1,250 scholarships to each of the following area high school graduates:

**Hermiston:** Ashlyn Hofbauer, nursing; Benjamin Vander Stelt, George Fox University, civil engineering; Julianna Joyce, Washington State University, pre-veterinary science.

**Irrigon:** Emma Mueller, Notre Dame of Maryland University.

The Hermiston Lions Club offers scholarships to

graduating seniors in West Umatilla and North Morrow counties. The Lions scholarship is an opportunity to support academic efforts of civic-minded young people and an opportunity to encourage them to have a part in caring for the deaf, blind and or underprivileged.

For that reason successful applicants were required to submit a one-page document telling about their community service, the importance of doing service and the applicants' plans for utilizing the scholarship funds.

### Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition receives Wildhorse Foundation grant

PENDLETON — The Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition, or EOC3, recently announced it received nearly \$2,000 in grant funding from Wildhorse Foundation to continue its program of climate change education for Eastern Oregon.

EOC3 is a nonprofit that aims to provide scientific information about climate change to the public and began providing monthly Climate Conversations in March 2018. Topics included wildfire susceptibility, wine production and global pathogens and infectious diseases. The meetings were usually

at a local pub or Blue Mountain Community College. As public interest increased, organizers needed technology to allow them to record and broadcast live sessions and make it easier for individuals to take part.

"We appreciate Wildhorse Foundation's support of our educational efforts," EOC3 Chair Dave Powell said in a press release. "This funding will allow us to reach a broader audience than we could before."

The grant made it possible for the coalition to acquire a video camera, recording equipment and accessories so it can post recorded sessions to its Facebook page and website.

"Broadcasting monthly programs allows eastern Oregon residents to gather in different locations and share a program together," said Powell.

Residents in Boardman, Heppner, Hermiston, La Grande, Enterprise and Walla Walla also expressed interests in EOC3 programs but were not able to attend. With the new technology, according to the press release, there is no limit to who can participate.

For more information about Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition, visit [www.facebook.com/EasternOregonClimateChangeCoalition](http://www.facebook.com/EasternOregonClimateChangeCoalition) or contact the coalition directly at [eastoregonclimatechange@gmail.com](mailto:eastoregonclimatechange@gmail.com).

### Benefit event to help Heppner man

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