

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Cuts of Love gives people fresh new looks

HERMISTON — A Hermiston barber, who works at Twist of Glam, organized an event offering free haircuts Sunday, Aug. 1, at The Arc Building in Hermiston.

Austin Erickson, aka AJ the Barber, initially planned Cuts of Love for Nov. 22, 2020. However, COVID-19 restrictions forced him to change the date. Erickson had hoped to reschedule it in January, but had to postpone it again.

More than eight months after it was first planned, Cuts of Love provided 100 people with fresh new looks. Erickson said nearly a dozen barbers and hairstylists donated their time and talents to participate in the effort.

In November, Erickson told the East Oregonian that he was inspired to organize the event because of his own childhood experiences. With his family living on a tight budget, he often felt self-conscious because of how his hair looked.

"I know a lot of kids can't afford a haircut," Erickson said. "Growing up, I never had a fresh cut, and I know how that feels."

A GoFundMe campaign brought in more than \$2,000. Donations were used to purchase masks, gloves, aprons and other supplies for Cuts of Love events. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/twistofglam.

Youth entrepreneurs win cash prizes in UEC contest

HERMISTON — The Umatilla Electric Cooperative recently announced winners of its UEC Youth Entrepreneur Contest.

All of the winners are Hermiston High School students. The first place prize of \$1,000 was awarded to Revved LLC, submitted by Alexander Echeverria Garcia.

He envisions REVVED as a successful producer of high-quality electric boards. Garcia's mission is to help customers avoid traffic by providing them with an alternative mode of transportation. After beginning operations, REVVED will sell the electric boards on e-commerce websites.

Elizabeth Doherty received the second place prize of \$500 for her business, Red Stag Ag. Consulting LLC. She intends to increase the efficiency of farming practices in Eastern Oregon. The consulting company will offer individualized packages to help increase the success of farmers in the region.

The \$200 third place prize went to Precision Enterprises Inc., which was submitted by Paige Bolen. Over the past few years, Bolen has been successful in operating her livestock business, which offers high-quality breeding animals and mouthwatering meat to local consumers. In the future, she plans to expand Precision Enterprises by using various forms of marketing and networking tools.

The contest, which ran from May 17 to June 17, was open to all incoming high school students. The contest served as an opportunity for high school students to enhance their business and entrepreneurship experience by creating a realistic and sustainable business plan.

Doherty expressed appreciation to UEC for their generosity and encouraging young people to become entrepreneurs.

"Red Stag Ag. Consulting LLC has been circulating my brain for a while, and the UEC Youth Entrepreneur Contest helped me organize my thoughts into an actual business plan," she said.

For questions about the resource center, contact 541-289-3000 or uecbrc@gmail.com.



Nearly a dozen barbers and hairstylists donated their time and talents Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021, for Cuts of Love at The Arc Building in Hermiston. More than 100 people received free haircuts.



UEC Business Resource Center/Contributed Photo

Winners of the Umatilla Electric Cooperative Youth Entrepreneur Contest and representatives from the UEC Business Resource Center participate in a July 26, 2021, award ceremony at UEC in Hermiston. From left, Benjamin Doherty, Kim Bolen, Paige Bolen, Lisa McMeen, Elizabeth Doherty, Greg Smith, Alexander Garcia Echeverria and Lorena Garcia pose for a photo.

Summer Soiree brings food, music

PENDLETON — The Independent Practitioners Association will host a Summer Soiree on Friday, Aug. 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the historic Edgar Sommerville House, 104 S.E. Fifth St., Pendleton.

A National Register of Historic Places grand opening and open house, the event includes a ribbon cutting at 12:15 p.m., free barbecue lunch for the first 100 attendees, live music by the Oregon East Symphony String Quartet, a meet-and-greet with association staff and the board of directors, and a chance to learn about Eastern Oregon's new Medicare Advantage Plan.

For more information, visit www.eoipa.com/soiree.

Bible school ignites fun at Rekindle Church

HERMISTON — Rekindle Church kicked off its vacation Bible school on Monday and it continues nightly through Friday, Aug. 6, from 6-8 p.m. at 440 E. Pine Ave., Hermiston.

Children 3-12 are invited to participate and enjoy games, stories, crafts and snacks. With a theme of Heroes: Making a Big Difference in Small Ways, children can learn how God may impact their lives.

Children do not have to attend church to participate in the sessions. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/rekindlesda. For questions, email rekindlesda@gmail.com.

Echo Market will return on Aug. 21

ECHO — The Aug. 7 Echo Market has been canceled to allow people to participate in the Umatilla County Fair parade. The next market will be Satur-

day, Aug. 21, from 4-7 p.m. at Fort George Park, on South Dupont and Bridge streets, Echo.

People can pick up produce, arts and craft items and home-based business products. In addition, the event features entertainment and games for chil-

dren. Also, the market helps support the Echo Heritage Association by donating the vendor booth fees.

The market is typically held the first and third Saturday of the month until October. For updates, visit www.facebook.com/myechomarket.

The vendor sales booths

are \$12 each market and community and display booths are free. For more information, call Teres at 541-720-0831, Amanda at 541-701-1531 or email myechomarket@gmail.com.

Hermiston senior center resumes on-site meals

HERMISTON — The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center now is serving meals in its facility on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. at 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. To assist the cooks, those planning to dine in are asked to call 541-567-3582 by 11 a.m.

In addition, people still can utilize takeout service (call before 11 a.m. and pickup between 11:30 a.m. to noon) and Meals on Wheels (call to order prior to 10 a.m.). Also, effective Aug. 1, the cost for a meal increased to \$5. For more information or to place an order, call 541-567-3582.

The center also has a section with books and puzzles. People are invited to stop by and browse. It's

open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition, as a way to raise funds, they collect cans and bottles. And if you have an abundance of vegetables in your garden, consider donating them to the senior center. They use them for cooking and to share with area seniors. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/hermistoneniorgatheringplace.

Oldies Night to feature instrumental hits

MILTON-FREEWATER — Instrumental hits is the theme during the upcoming Oldies Night in Milton-Freewater. Throughout the 1970s, nearly 200 instrumental songs reached the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart, and BJ the DJ will spin a number of them.

The free event is Saturday, Aug. 7, from 7-10 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. From songs familiar from the big screen — including the "Midnight Cowboy Theme," the "Theme from Love Story" and the "Star Wars (Main Title)" — to TV theme songs, such as "Suicide is Painless," the theme to M*A*S*H, and the theme to "The Rockford Files," as well as others, more than 40 instrumentals from the '70s are featured.

For more information, contact Bob Jones at dubquer70@gmail.com or 541-938-7028.

Loiland earns bachelor's degree

LARAMIE, Wyo. — The University of Wyoming accorded a bachelor's degree to Mikeal Loiland of Athena at the completion of the spring 2021 semester.

The University of Wyoming provides undergraduate and graduate programs to 12,249 students from all 50 states and 88 countries. For more information about the University of Wyoming, view the webpage at www.uwyo.edu.

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