BEHIND THE SCENES

HERMISTON

The Easter Bunny won't be getting any sleep this spring as he's busy scattering thousands of filled eggs in Hermiston for kids age 10 and younger to hunt for in the dark.

The lights go dark for the Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 15, at 8 p.m. at Butte Park, 1245 NW Seventh St. The free event, coordinated by Hermiston Parks & Recreation, is sponsored by Rogers Toyota of Hermiston.

Kids are to bring their own basket and flashlight. Parents may accompany their children but kids should gather their own eggs.

IRRIGON

Coordinated by Family Worship Center, the Community Easter EGG-stravaganza offers fun for infants and children on Saturday, April 16. The fun begins at 11 a.m. at Irrigon Marina Park, 430 Eighth St. NE.

JOSEPH

The Joseph Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Easter egg hunt at the Joseph City Park from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, April



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian Egg hunters prepare for the 2021 Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt at Butte Park in Hermiston. This year's version is at 8 p.m. Friday, April 15.

16. Hunts will be divided by age groups, ages newborn to 12.

LA GRANDE

The Riverside Park Easter egg hunt in La Grande is canceled this year — organizers had to decide in late January whether or not to organize the event. They hope to return the hunt in 2023. But, don't worry, there are other options.

On Friday, April 15, beginning at 4 p.m., Grande Ronde Retirement Residence, 1809 Gekeler Lane, invites kids ages 1-12 to hunt eggs, snack on hot dogs and chips and have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. For a fun spin on the traditional Easter activity, come to the underwater egg hunt at Veterans' Memorial Pool, at Pioneer Park on Palmer Avenue, on Friday, April 15. Admission is \$5 to swim and dive for eggs and cash them in for prizes. The event will be divided into age groups: 6 months to 3 years at 7 p.m., 4-6 years at 7:30 p.m., and 7-9 years at 8 p.m.

MILTON-FREEWATER

The Milton-Freewater Kiwanis Club is gearing up for the annual Easter egg hunt. The free event is Saturday, April 16, at 9 a.m. at Yantis Park, 200 DeHaven St.

PENDLETON

The Eagles Easter Egg Hunts will be soaring with excitement — children 0-6 gathering at Roy Raley Park, 1205 SW Court Ave., and kids 6-10 at Pioneer Park, 400 NW Despain Ave. Sponsored by Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, both events are Saturday, April 16, starting at 9 a.m. For more information, call 541-278-2828.

And for some picture-perfect moments, be sure to catch The Easter Bunny is Coming. It's a snap — no reservations are required. Just show up and get in line Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at May Park, 180 SE Isaac Ave. The cost is \$10 for up to three digital photos.

PILOT ROCK

Community Easter egg hunts will be held for babes in arms through students in fifth grade. People should gather Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. at Pilot Rock Elementary School, 200 Vern Mc-Gowan Drive, and the nearby Pilot Rock City Park.

Candy and donations can be dropped off at Pilot Rock City Hall. For questions, call 541-443-2811.

RICHLAND

The Richland chapter of Creating Memories will welcome children to Hewitt Park for an Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16. Organizer Steve Sharp said this year will feature two designated sections — the youngest children will start just inside the gate, and older kids will hunt eggs at the far end of the park.

"It's less of a walk for families with the littlest ones and it's not as steep," he said. "The far end provides more of a challenge for the older ones, and there are a lot more places to hide eggs."

Prizes this year include games, children's toys, maybe a few fishing poles, and lots of treats.

STANFIELD

Kids are invited to a free community Easter egg hunt coordinated by Stanfield Moose Lodge No. 920. The event is Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m. at Coe Park, on West Coe Avenue by the railroad tracks. The event features lots of colored eggs as well as some plasticfilled eggs with special prizes. For questions, call 541-449-3304.

UMATILLA

Umatilla Parks and Recreation is hosting a Flashlight Egg Hunt. Participants need to bring their own basket and flashlight for the free event, which begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 15, at Nugent Park, 500 Eighth St. If you have questions, call 541-922 3226 or email hannah@umatilla-city.org.

WALLOWA

An Easter egg hunt for ages 0-11 happens at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Lions Club Park. Bonus: Kids can also meet the Easter Bunny.

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