

# Find the booty: National Night Out treasure hunt in Hermiston

Winner receives ice cream block party on Aug. 2

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HERMISTON — It's time to put your sleuthing skills to use and start searching as the National Night Out treasure hunt is next week in Hermiston.

Annual National Night Out activities have been going on across the country for 38 years and this is Hermiston's 23rd year of participating. A community-building campaign, it encourages police-citizen partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Cpl. Tim Miears, training officer/evidence custodian with Hermiston Police Department,



Tim Miears/Contributed Photo

**Cpl. Tim Miears of the Hermiston Police Department hid a small treasure chest that contains a golden medallion. The Hermiston resident who finds it will win an ice cream block party as part of National Night Out on Aug. 2, 2022, in Hermiston.**

said when people know their neighbors, it contributes to reducing crime.

Miears hid a treasure chest with a golden medallion inside as part of Hermiston's festivities.

## TREASURE HUNT RULES

- The person who finds the medallion must live in Hermiston.
- The medallion is on public property within the city of Hermiston. The treasure chest is not hidden in plain view — searchers may need to look under objects to find it.
- After finding the medallion, 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](mailto: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.

istion's festivities. The small wooden box is about 3 inches by 5.5 inches.

The treasure hunt, Miears said, is a great way to get people excited leading up to National Night Out, which is Tuesday, Aug. 2. In his fifth 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 plan to visit other block parties throughout town.

Community members are encouraged to organize neighborhood parties, cook-outs or gatherings on Aug. 2. Those planning a gathering are encouraged to provide time and location information to Miears at 541-667-5112 or

[tmiears@hermiston.or.us](mailto:tmiears@hermiston.or.us).

Clues will be published in the Tuesday, July 26, and Thursday, July 28, editions of the East Oregonian and the Wednesday, July 27, edition of the Hermiston Herald. A bonus clue will be posted on the EO website Wednesday afternoon around 4 p.m. If the medallion hasn't been located by Friday morning, log onto the EO website ([www.eastoregonian.com](http://www.eastoregonian.com)) for additional clues online.

## UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR

# As fair approaches, deadlines draw near

Exhibitors have until July 27 to preregister

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HERMISTON — Things are moving along as organizers and volunteers prepare for the 110th annual Umatilla County Fair. The event is Aug. 10-13 at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, Hermiston.

The creative talents of area residents are featured in open class exhibits. People are invited to display everything from baked goods, sewing projects and hobby work to photography, fine arts, vegetables and more.

To highlight the fair theme — Moo-ving Forward Together! — many of the departments have a special fair theme category. It allows people to interpret the theme through a project or entry.

Fair Manager Angie McNalley said the open class preregistration deadline is Wednesday, July 27, by 5 p.m. Several other deadlines also are coming up, including exhibitor camping applications (July 23), parade registration (July 27) and discounted carnival wristbands (Aug. 9).

"Lots of deadlines coming up, which means fair is approaching and the fair board is spending every spare minute at the fairgrounds to make this a successful and safe event," McNalley said.

While projects and entries



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**Autumn Cousineau and Lilly Wallace assist with the floriculture department on Aug. 6, 2018, in preparation for the 2018 Umatilla County Fair. The preregistration deadline for open class exhibits for this year's fair is Wednesday, July 27, 2022.**

aren't due at that time, exhibitors must preregister in order to be eligible for judging and fair premiums. In addition to displaying their creations, exhibitors are eligible to purchase one season pass for the discounted price of \$20. Those can be purchased beginning Aug. 7, at the fair box office windows by providing the pink exhibitor's tag.

Registration forms are available via [www.umatillacountyfair.net/exhibitors](http://www.umatillacountyfair.net/exhibitors) or at the fair office at EOTEC, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. For those without internet access, local libraries offer free use of computers with internet access.

Static entries for the open class exhibits will be accepted at EOTEC on Sunday, Aug. 7. They must be picked up after

the fair on Aug. 14, 8 a.m. to noon.

Open Class premium payouts will be available Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Aug. 14, 8 a.m. to noon at the fair box office. Fair premium checks that are at least \$10 that are not picked up will be mailed to the exhibitor's address noted on the registration form — premium checks under \$10 that are not picked up on the two dates will be forfeited.

For more information, email [fair@umatillacounty.gov](mailto:fair@umatillacounty.gov), call 541-567-6121, or stop by the fair office at EOTEC. It's open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. McNalley also encourages people to follow the fair on Facebook and Instagram.

## STUDENTS

### Middleton graduates from Kansas State

MANHATTAN, Kansas — A 2018 Hermiston High School graduate was among the more than 3,100 students who completed degree requirements from Kansas State University for the spring 2022 commencement. **Reed Middleton** received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Secondary Major — her focus included agricultural economics and global food systems leadership with minors in Spanish and leadership studies.

In addition, Middleton was among four students chosen by the school's agricultural economics department for a 2022 Agricultural Economics Outstanding Senior Award. She served as a College of Agriculture Ambassador, a member of Kappa Delta sorority, a teaching assistant for Barry Flinchbaugh and student coordinator for Food Security Scholars. According to a press release from Kansas State, Middleton will begin a master's program in food economics and marketing at the University of Reading in England this fall.

"The ag economics department has given me so much," Middleton said. "It has served as a place to be curious and encourages me to

take ownership of my own learning."

Founded in 1863, Kansas State University is based in Manhattan, Kansas. For more information, visit [www.k-state.edu](http://www.k-state.edu).

### Northwest FCS announces scholarship recipients

SALEM — Northwest Farm Credit Services has awarded 94 students from its five-state territory a total of \$235,000 in scholarships. In Oregon, 27 students will each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship.

Local recipients and their schools are **Sydney Dodge** of Pendleton, who plans to attend Colorado State University; **Morgan Orem** of Heppner, who received a graduate scholarship, is attending Texas A&M; and diversity scholarships were awarded to **Katrina Holmes** of Pendleton, who is attending Blue Mountain Community College, and **Marlene Mendoza** of Umatilla, who is studying at Oregon State University.

Since the program began in 2007, Northwest FCS has awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships to 1,077 students in the Pacific Northwest. For more information, visit [www.northwestfcs.com/scholarships](http://www.northwestfcs.com/scholarships).

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## Tuneful time in the park



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**Jamie Nasario sings with her band at Wednesdays in the Park on July 20, 2022, at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton.**

## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

### Celebrate bowling day at Desert Lanes

HERMISTON — Desert Lanes Family Fun Center is gearing up for a National Bowling Day.

The event begins with a parking lot sale on Aug. 6, 8 a.m. to noon at 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. People can rent space (\$25) to sell their wares — fees will go to support local junior scholarship programs.

And families can register to bowl for free during 90-minute time slots between 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (reservations required). The

only cost is shoe rental, if you don't have your own.

For questions about renting vendor space or to register for free bowling, call Ray at 541-567-6364. For more information, visit [www.bowldesertlanes.com](http://www.bowldesertlanes.com).

### Melon party revs up at Rustic Truck

IRRIGON — The Rustic Truck Bar and Grill is gearing up for a Watermelon Festival After Party.

Adults are invited to head over after enjoying the festivities during the Irrigon Watermelon

Festival, which is all day Saturday, July 30, at Irrigon Marina Park. The after party cranks up at 7:30 p.m. in the Rustic Truck parking lot beer garden, 100 W. Highway 730. Live music features the Cory Peterson Band and the Wade Aylett Band.

Pre-sale tickets are \$15 — at the door, the cover charge is \$20. A variety of food and drinks will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 541-922-4374 or search [www.facebook.com/TheRusticTruck](http://www.facebook.com/TheRusticTruck).

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July 30, 2022

**SATURDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
ALL DAY FESTIVITIES AT  
**The Irrigon Marina Park**

**KIDS ACTIVITIES**

Lots of games (with prizes).  
The National Guard Climbing Wall & More.  
Sheriff Boat Rides  
Face Painting  
Lip Sync Contest  
Teach Dance and light show in the grass  
9-11:00am

**FOOD FOOD FOOD**

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & French Fries  
Hosted by Community Women  
Fresh Cut Watermelon & Cantaloupe  
From Sponsor Bellinger Farms  
Pies & Ice Cream  
Hosted by Family Worship Center  
BBQ Chicken, Corn, Baked Potatoes and Coleslaw  
sponsored by NW Metal Fabricators and Hosted by Irrigon High Cheerleaders

**BREAKFAST 6:30-9:30** hosted by: Columbia View Church  
Coffee, Juice, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Ham, Sausage, and Eggs

**DOWNTOWN PARADE @ 10AM**

**MAIN-STAGE ENTERTAINMENT**

Gems & Gents Cheerleading  
Irrigon High Cheerleaders  
Community Lip Sync Contest  
Zach Grooms | Olivia Harms  
The Sky Dogs  
Street Dance with Desert Sounds Entertainment

**BEER GARDEN 4-8:30PM**

**ANNUAL CAR SHOW at the PARK**

Sponsors: Umatilla Electric, Tillamook & Calbee American Entertainment Sponsored by: Morrow County Unified Recreation District & Huwe's Rentals

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