

COMMUNITY

Hermiston Garden Tour planned Saturday

Event provides scholarship funding for women

BY SEAN HART
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People can enjoy refreshments while touring local gardens Saturday, all while helping women attend college.

The 11th P.E.O. Chapter DR Hermiston Garden Tour takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, featuring six local gardens.

P.E.O. member Judi Mason said some of the gardens have been on the tour before and others are new this year. The gardens are owned by Audney Cosand and David Hutchinson, Quinn and LaDonna Quaepts, Jake and Deanne Malmberg, Mark and Kris Mulvihill, Cody and Angela Pursel and Doug and Kris Bennett.

"They're all really wonderful," Mason said of the gardens. "I would absolutely recommend people come see them. They're all different."

Kris Mulvihill said she has lived here for about 13 years but never thought her garden was ready for the tour.

"I just got to thinking it's such a beautiful yard, I've got to share it," she said.

The Mulvihill garden features a variety of perennials grown from starts from friends and family members, she said, along with annuals planted for the tour this year.

Mulvihill said yard work is therapeutic for her, and she enjoys moving the plants from year to year to see what she can create.

"It's living art," she said. The Mulvihill garden is



SEAN HART PHOTO

The garden of Mark and Kris Mulvihill on Southeast Eighth Street is one of six featured in the 11th Hermiston Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The event raises funds to provide scholarships for women. Tickets cost \$10, available at The Cottage, 1725 N. First St., Hermiston, or any of the individual gardens on the tour during the event.



SEAN HART PHOTO

This pond is one of the features in Mark and Kris Mulvihill's garden, which is one of six featured in the Hermiston Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

listed as No. 4 on the tour, but attendees can visit the gardens in any order on the self-guided tour. The \$10 ticket price includes a map to the various locations around Hermiston. Tickets are available at The Cottage, 1725 N. First St. Hermiston, or from any of the individual gardens on

the tour during the event. Mason said the tour is the group's largest fundraiser of the year. "Our major goal is to raise money for women's higher education," she said. "That's why we have our little projects like our garden tour." The funds are usually

awarded to a Hermiston High School graduate who is attending college, she said.

"It's been very successful for us," she said. "We've met a lot of nice people. We've gotten a few people who were on our tour as members in our group, so it's been profitable in that way too."

Founded in 1869, P.E.O. is a women's organization in the United States and Canada that provides local, state and international scholarships. Chapter DR is one of two P.E.O. chapters in Hermiston, Mason said, and membership is by invitation.

"I absolutely love my association with P.E.O.," she said. "I've been in the chapter since 1999. It's a very, very compatible and lovely bunch of women."

For more information about the garden tour, contact Mason, judimasn@eoni.com, 541-314-5407.

Slime time



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To celebrate reading the most words for their respective grade levels, six Rocky Heights Elementary students slime outgoing Principal B.J. Wilson the last day of school June 4. The students who performed the honors were first-grader Emilie Wyant; second-grader Owen Thomas; third-grader Leslie Mendoza Romero; fourth-grader Kameron Robison; fifth-grader Cain Ortega-Sanchez; and fifth-grader Tyler Bell, who was named the Super Slimer after reading the most words for the entire school — just less than 4 million. Pictured is Ortega-Sanchez dumping a bucket of slime over Wilson's head with the help of elementary media specialist Kristi Smalley.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reception planned for artist Cimmiyotti

A reception will be held for Sandstone Middle School art teacher Nici Cimmiyotti from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. A collection of Cimmiyotti's work is on display at the library throughout the month of June. Cimmiyotti is a graduate of Hermiston High School. For more information, contact the library, 541-567-2882.

Saturday furniture sale benefits Martha's House

A furniture sale benefiting Martha's House will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Treasures Thrift Store, 1000 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Martha's House, an outreach of Eastern Oregon Mission — Agape House, is a nonprofit organization serving homeless families in Umatilla and Morrow counties. For more information, call Jodene Hughes, 541-289-3344.

District wants to create health center at high school

Board OKs pursuing program for 2016

BY JESSICA KELLER
HERMISTON HERALD

The Hermiston School District wants to remove all possible reasons children have for missing school, and officials hope a school-based health center will help accomplish that.

According to information in a presentation to the School Board Monday by Jon Mishra, executive director of special services, a school-based health center is a medical clinic that offers primary care services within a school or on school grounds.

The school district's plan would be to provide an SBHC at Hermiston High School that, at least to start with, would serve actively enrolled ninth- through 12-graders. The center would be situated in the print shop. The tentative launch date is January or February of 2016.

The School Board approved the pursuit of bringing a center to the school district, including working with the Umatilla County Health Department, at Monday night's meeting.

Mishra said offering basic health care services to students who may otherwise not have access to them and may miss school because of health reasons will benefit both the district and the students.

"Ultimately, this is going to help our kids, and that's what we're about — breaking down the barriers to help our kids," he said.

Mishra said the high school's health center would offer physical exams, diagnosis and treatment of acute conditions, treat minor injuries, provide screenings, administer vaccinations, provide mental health services, deliver preventative and health wellness messaging, prescribe limited medications, help support existing community services

and make referrals or establish a connection.

The campus-based health center would not be the primary care provider, provide reproductive health exams, prescribe/distribute contraceptives or condoms or test for sexually transmitted diseases on-site.

Mishra said the health center is not designed to take business away from primary care physicians in the city, a statement Meghan DeBolt, public health administrator for Umatilla County, echoed.

"A SBHC is really just an

access point into the health system, into the community," DeBolt said. "This is just one more access point into the community. It's just one more set of eyes on your students."

Mishra said, according to the county, the state awards between \$52,000 and \$60,000 for school-based health centers. The district will provide the facilities and work with the county and any successful bidders to establish launch costs.

Also at the meeting, the School Board received the 275-page, 10-year Compre-

hensive Facility Master Plan and site analysis of current facilities completed by the Facility Master Planning Committee. The detailed report included three proposals, ranging in price, to address burgeoning student growth in the district. The "modest" \$73.8 million project includes building an additional elementary school on school district property on Theater Lane; building an eight-classroom addition to Sandstone Middle School; and expanding Hermiston High School to accommodate up to 2,000

students. The comprehensive or gold star plan included replacing Rocky Heights and Highland Hills elementary schools; building an additional elementary school on Theater Lane; adding on eight classrooms to Sandstone Middle School; and expanding HHS to accommodate up to 2,200 students. That recommendation came with an estimated price tag of \$131 million.

The School Board took

no action on the master plan, but Superintendent Fred Maiocco said the next step would be to form a committee that would develop a facilities recommendation that would take into consideration the master plan, as well as other factors, such as community support. That committee would not begin until the fall, and Maiocco said the final recommendation would take a year to complete.

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