

# Swim team dives into talent show

Fundraiser pays for team transportation costs

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Singers, tap dancers, violin players, piano performances and a special top-secret final act featuring girls from the Hermiston High school swim team are included during the HHS Swim Team Talent Show.

The fundraising event provides money for transportation costs for the team to use the Blue Mountain Community College pool for practices. Lynne Hamblin, coordinator of the show and wife of swim coach Kevin Hamblin, said the community has been supportive of helping the team. She said the team has the highest transportation costs for any activity in the district.

"We came up with this idea after dealing with too many cold miserable days standing outside counting pop cans," Hamblin said. "Now we have an activity that our community can enjoy in the warmth of the auditorium and help our swimmers at the same time."

The fifth annual Talent Show is 7 p.m. Saturday in the school's auditorium, 600 S. First St. Admission is \$8 per person or \$20 for a family.

Mark Douglass, elementary music teacher, is assisting with directing the show, and Charlie Clupny, a retired education



FILE PHOTO

The Hermiston High School swim team boys perform a synchronized "swimming" number to wrap up the 2015 Swim Team Talent Show. The 2016 event, which serves as a fundraiser for transportation to practices, is Saturday in the school's auditorium.

service district employee, is returning for the fourth year as master of ceremonies.

Also as part of the fundraiser, raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 from swim team members through intermission of the show. Items up for grabs include an iPad Air, a Fit Bit, metal art featuring the Hermiston "H," a flower arrangement, a pedicure/manicure and numerous gift cards. Also, a bake sale will be held during the intermission.

More than two dozen acts are featured during the show, including reigning champion, Korrina Tibboni, who is back for her fourth year.

Containers will be sitting in the commons for the audience to vote by placing cash in the jar of their favorite acts. Prizes for best of show will be determined by judges, while first through third place will be from the amount of cash collected from audience votes. All of the winners will receive gift cards.

"This is our way of giving back to the community for being so generous to our hard working swimmers," Hamblin said. "This is a great family night with great entertainment."

For more information, call Lynne Hamblin at 541-571-5691.



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John Malgesini walks along a trail with his German shepherd, Lucifer, above the Columbia River near Hat Rock State Park. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is offering a guided program in the area during the fifth annual First Day Hikes.

## First Day Hikes encourage people to hit the trail

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Outdoor enthusiasts can ring in the new year during First Day Hikes, which are planned at 28 state parks in Oregon.

The free activities are sponsored by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with America's State Parks. Local New Year's Day hikes include programs at Hat Rock State Park, near Hermiston, and Cottonwood Canyon State Park, located about 25 miles northwest of Condon. Day-use parking fees, if applicable, will be waived for all Jan. 1 visitors at participating state parks.

Those heading to Hat Rock State Park will meet Friday at 11 a.m. by the boat launch. The two-mile scenic trail will take hikers along the Columbia River with views of Wallula Lake above McNary Dam. Participants also will hike up to Hat Rock.

Participants in the Cottonwood Canyon State Park hike will meet Friday at 11 a.m. at the Lone Tree Campground shade shelter. Rangers will lead

a six-mile interpretive hike in the John Day River Canyon on the Pinnacles Trail. Hikers will see gorgeous river views and could see big horn sheep, osprey and coyote.

People are reminded to dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water as well as a camera or binoculars for wildlife viewing. Dogs must be on a six-foot leash.

In case of inclement weather, people should call the park to inquire about a possible cancellation. For Hat Rock, call 541-983-2277 or 541-786-2755 and for Cottonwood Canyon, the numbers are 541-394-0002 or 541-394-0003. First Day Hike participants are invited to share photos via social media by using the hashtag #ORfirstdayhikes on Twitter and Instagram or tagging "Oregon State Parks" on Facebook. Images can also be sent by email to social.oprd@oregon.gov.

For more information about the hikes, visit [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org) or contact Chris Havel at [chris.havel@oregon.gov](mailto:chris.havel@oregon.gov) or 503-986-0722.

**IN BRIEF**

### Recreation program offers dance lessons

During the new year, area residents can learn the West Coast Swing, the Night Club 2-Step and line dancing in classes offered through Hermiston Parks & Recreation.

Instructor April Dyerter presents the swing dancing class for both beginners and those wanting more practice. The unique dance features funky and sassy music in multiple genres, including pop, country and hip-hop. The Night Club 2-Step dance is slow, romantic and is enjoyed for its smooth motions with graceful appearance.

Both classes meet Thursdays from Jan. 7 through Feb. 11. The 2-step is from 6:15-7:15 p.m. and the swing session is 7:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for Hermiston residents and \$38 for non-residents.

People can learn popular line dances to their favorite songs in just four hours. The Line Dancing Workshop is Saturday, Jan. 30 from 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

All of the dance classes meet in the basement at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. They are open to participants 14 and older.

For more information, visit [www.hermistonrecreation.com](http://www.hermistonrecreation.com). To register, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the recreation office, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston.

### Art event seeks regional artists

Tri ART for Giving is seeking artists for its exhibition, which runs from April 29-May 21.

The event features an art exhibition, contest and fundraiser that gives artists and businesses an opportunity to showcase art and stimulate the minds and economy of the community.

The public and a jury will vote on their favorite art pieces. Artist awards include \$1,000 best in show, \$500 second and \$250 third for both a people's choice and a juried vote. The artwork can be through any medium. The registration fee is \$50 per piece. Those registering by Sunday, Jan. 10 will receive a 10 percent discount. In addition, scholarships are available with registration fees. For more information, contact triart.for.giving@gmail.com.

Registration for artists 18-and-older is now open and runs through Friday, Feb. 12. For more information, visit [www.artsfoundationmc.org](http://www.artsfoundationmc.org).

### Oregon Blue Book available for purchase

The newest edition of the Oregon Blue Book features an expanded color section exploring Oregon's early rural schools with photos, artwork and memorabilia from Oregon's historical societies.

The 2015-16 Blue Book also features — for the first time — winning essays from Oregon's school children. The essays provide a fresh perspective on the state and create a time capsule for Oregonians in the future. Included is an essay by Lily Volger, a student from Echo, who encourages people to visit her hometown in her honorable mention submission of "My Favorite Place to Visit in Oregon."

Also, chosen in a statewide contest, the back cover features a photo of the tree farm at Greenwood Resources, located near Boardman, taken by Kenneth E. Thompson

The Oregon Blue Book, Oregon's official almanac and fact book, has been updated and re-published every two years since 1911. The collector's item costs \$18 for paperback and \$30 for hardback. It can be purchased at [www.bluebook.state.or.us](http://www.bluebook.state.or.us).

For more information, contact Julie Yamaka at 503-378-5199 or [julie.a.yamaka@state.or.us](mailto:julie.a.yamaka@state.or.us).

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### Bible college hosts informational luncheon

A free luncheon is planned to provide information about the Hermiston School of Urban Missions Bible College & Theological Seminary.

Elsie Cook, vice president of operations of the Oakland, California-based school, is the special speaker.

The free meal is open to those 16 and older. It is Saturday, Jan. 16 at noon at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave.

The Hermiston cohort, a fully-accredited school, started in 2010 at the Living Faith Church, but moved to Assembly of God in its third year.

For more information or to RSVP for the luncheon, call 541-567-5831. For more about the Bible college, visit [www.facebook.com/hermistonsum](http://www.facebook.com/hermistonsum).

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