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IN BRIEF

Hermiston Kiwanis seek scholarship applicants

The Hermiston Noon Kiwanis Club is accepting applications for its Perry Johnson and Russell Dorran post-secondary education scholarships.

The scholarship awards are for seniors from Hermiston High School or graduates of Hermiston who are attending college in academic programs.

Applications are available at the HHS counseling office or the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 415 S. Highway 395. Important factors in the evaluation of applicants includes academic record, community service, leadership and financial need.

The applications must be submitted by Thursday, March 31. Interviews with potential scholarship winners will be scheduled.

For more information, contact George Clough at 541-567-6024 or Hermiston Noon Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 375, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Crab Feed features huge raffle

An all-you-can-eat crab dinner is being hosted by the Hermiston Rod & Gun Club and Youth Shooters.

In its third year, the Crab Feed is Saturday, Feb. 13, with a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. There will be a no-host beer and wine bar.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for ages 14 and under. They can be purchased at the gun club, the conference center and Hermiston Drug. The event has sold out the past two years.

The event also features a raffle, which includes numerous rifles, shotguns, handguns and a Cabela's Bowtech Compound Bow. Raffle tickets are \$5 each.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/hermistonclub.

Episcopal church hosts Shrove Tuesday meal

Pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, juice and coffee will be served on Shrove Tuesday in Hermiston.

A tradition held on the day before Ash Wednesday, the idea was to use up high calorie, high fat foods, eggs, and milk to prepare for the season of Lent. Everyone is welcome to the all-you-can-eat meal Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 5-7 p.m. at St John's Episcopal Church, 953 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. The cost is \$6 per person or \$15 for a family.

Widows meet for lunch

A women's ministry of the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene provides a time of fellowship and encouragement to widows.

A Merry Heart Widow's Lunch is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant, 800 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. It's a no-host event.

For more information, contact 541-567-3677 or hermistonnaz@gmail.com.

Hermiston firefighter gets ready to climb

Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services has a team that is raising money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Team member Destry Stewart is asking people to make a donation on his behalf as he prepares to participate in the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb. The event is Sunday, March 6, at the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle. Participants will race up 69 flights of stairs in full fire gear while raising money to combat blood cancers.

Donations are tax-deductible. To make a donation on behalf of Stewart, visit www.firefighterstairclimb.org, click donate and then search for "Destry Stewart." Additional information about the event is available at the website.

Beach & Beef Dinner supports educational grants

By TAMMY MALGESINI
Community Editor

Since 2003, the Hermiston Education Foundation has provided more than a quarter of a million dollars to augment educational opportunities for students in the Hermiston School District.

Foundation board member Ann Fialka said what's remarkable about the group's effort is that every dime it makes goes back into the schools.

"There's no administrative cost," she said. "Everything we earn goes into enhancement opportunities for the kids."

Independent from the school district, the nonprofit group's mission is to encourage and enhance the academic, artistic, and cultural learning experiences and opportunities for the students of the district.

The foundation raises the largest portion of its money through a pair of fundraisers — a fun run held in the fall and this weekend's Beach & Beef Dinner and Auction.

Featuring all-you-can-eat crab and beef kabobs, the event is Saturday with the doors opening at 5 p.m. for a social hour and viewing of auction items at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415



FILE PHOTO

Tom Spoo checks the progress of grilling vegetables for the beef kabobs during a past Hermiston Education Foundation Beach & Beef Dinner and Auction.

S. Highway 395. The event includes a silent auction and raffle. The dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the live auction starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased at the conference center and the Hermiston School District office, 305 S.W. 11th St. The event, which is in its seventh year, typically sells out, Fialka said.

This year's theme is Boots 'n' Pearls. Fialka said many people get creative with the theme and dress up accordingly.

"It's kind of a kicked-back event," she said. "People have

fun and it's not pretentious at all. People end up squirting crab juice at whoever is sitting across from them."

Various music ensembles from the school district will provide entertainment. Judy Bracher, president of the education foundation, said many of the groups have benefited from grants provided by the foundation.

Items up for bid include a \$500 Visa gift card, a cabin getaway in Hood River, a pair of handcrafted end tables made by inmates at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, box seats and four diners for Farm-City Pro Rodeo,

family passes at the Hermiston Family Aquatics Center, local wines, photo sessions and dinner vouchers. In addition, each of the schools in the district created a "Spirit Basket" for the event.

Fialka said between the auction donations, the sponsorships and community support, the event is always very successful.

"People go out of their way to support education," Fialka said. "The Hermiston Education Foundation has benefited from that can-do attitude this community has in providing the best they can for the kids."

The foundation awards money raised as grants to staff members of the district to enhance the educational experience of students. Grant applications are accepted twice a year — funding things like musical instruments, field trips, electronic equipment, special curriculum and books.

"Money raised by the foundation helps provide opportunities for students," Bracher said.

For more information about the Hermiston Education Foundation, visit www.hermistoneducationfoundation.org.

Women of faith connect at gathering

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A faith-based gathering of women in Texas is being live-streamed across the globe — including in Hermiston — with the goal of living with the belief that God is real.

Several Hermiston area churches are hosting the live-stream of IF: Gathering 2016. The event is Friday from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 900 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Those who plan to attend need to pre-register at www.ifgathering.com/localgatherings/ifhermiston.

In order to make the event accessible for all women, there is no specific fee. Women are asked to pay-what-you-can, including through pre-event

donations and at the gathering. All donations are tax-deductible.

The IF: Gathering seeks to gather, equip and unleash women of faith to live God's calling in their lives. The group believes God will use them to glorify him and to spread good among other people.

The two-day gathering provides a place for women to wrestle with essential questions of faith, to dream and to connect with other women of faith.

For more information about the Hermiston IF: Gathering, visit www.facebook.com/groups/609652319147634 or contact if.hermiston@gmail.com. Donations can be made electronically through PayPal with the email address if.hermiston@gmail.com or checks can be mailed to IF: Hermiston, 915 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

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Got Scholarships?

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Academic Scholarships - 12 \$2,500 scholarships are available for members of UEC and/or their dependent children who receive electric service from UEC at their primary residence, and are enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate program at a two- or four-year college. Apply online at www.oregonstudentaid.gov by **March 1, 2016**.

Electrical Engineering Scholarship - a \$5,000 scholarship is administered to a college student who has completed their freshman year and is interested in pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering-Power Systems. Apply by **March 1, 2016** at www.oregonstudentaid.gov

Lineman Scholarship - a \$2,000 scholarship is available to members and/or applicants whose parent or guardian is an active member who receive electric service from UEC at their primary residence, and are interested in the Line Construction trade and will be attending an accredited Line College. Apply by **March 1, 2016**. Go to www.umatillaelectric.com to download the application.

UEC wants to help make college accessible to our young members. We hope you apply.

For more information about UEC's scholarship program, visit our offices in Hermiston or Boardman or online at www.umatillaelectric.com. You can also call us for more information at 541-564-6414 or the Oregon Student Access and Completion (OSAC) at 1-800-452-8807.

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Auction starts at 7:00pm
Hermiston Community Center

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