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IN BRIEF

Emblem club awards scholarship

Hermiston Emblem Club No. 215 recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Debra L. Smith of Hermiston.

Smith attended Blue Mountain Community College to obtain an associate of arts Oregon transfer degree. She will attend Eastern Oregon University in the fall to earn an elementary school teaching degree. Smith has worked as a teaching assistant for the past 10 years.

For more information, send an inquiry to Hermiston Emblem Club No. 215, P.O. Box 630, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Agape House sets parking lot sale

Items will be available for purchase during a parking lot sale at Agape House.

Clothing is priced at three items for \$1, furniture is as marked and bins of knick-knacks are you name the price. The sale is Saturday from 8:30-11 a.m. at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. Donations are accepted through Friday.

Agape House serves those in need in the community. For more information, call 541-567-8774.



Hermiston High School football players place flags near the grave of Civil War veteran James T. Davie leading up to the 2015 Memorial Day weekend. The public is invited to assist in erecting the Avenue of Flags Friday at 5 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES PLANNED

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With Memorial Day approaching, local veterans' organizations are organizing ceremonies to remember the service and sacrifice of those who died while in military service to our country.

In Hermiston, the Avenue of Flags will be erected Friday at 5 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, located off Highway 395. People are welcome and encouraged to assist with the project, which includes 500 to 600 flags. In

addition, the flags will be retired Monday at 5 p.m. Assistance is again needed with the task of taking the flags down.

A ceremony led by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4750 and American Legion Post 37 is planned Memorial Day — Monday, May 30 — at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend. People may bring lawn chairs to sit in, if desired.

Also, the two posts will lead memorial services

Monday at 11 a.m. at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, located off Highway 730, Irrigon.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day was first observed May 30, 1868. The day was initially designated to place flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, according to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. Now, as a federal holiday, it is observed each year on the last Monday in May.

New phone and narcotics don't mix

Here's a tip for you: Don't make phone calls, send texts or make social media posts while under the influence — of ANYTHING!

A few days after I had my hand and knee surgery last month, I received a message from Renee Struthers, my co-worker who takes care of community stuff when I'm out.

"Are you on some strong pain-killers," she said through Facebook Messenger. "You left a ... sort of rambling message earlier."

I sat there looking at my shiny new Droid Turbo 2 and thought, "I haven't made any phone calls."

However, when I looked in the call log there was irrefutable evidence that suggested otherwise.

I later figured out what happened. I was attempting to respond to Renee in either Messenger or by text through voice-to-post (it was much easier to talk into the phone rather than typing with one hand).

Between being confused with my new phone and being under the influence of narcotics, I evidently called her desk line. While attempting to voice-to-post, I was talking into my phone but the words weren't coming up on the screen. So, I would pause and repeat what I was trying to con-

vey in the message — thus the "rambling." In addition, there was likely some extra commentary such as, "Why the #\$%@ isn't it working? Stupid &^%\$@ phone."

Honestly, I don't even know why they call them smartphones. Mine is dumb.

I'm sure others have had similar situations. We all know there's a learning curve whenever getting a new smartphone.

I remember when new cell phones came with a small book that provided the ins and outs of the new device. Those days are gone. It seems a bit odd that the more complicated devices have become, the less information they provide with it.

I guess you're supposed to conduct a Google search to figure things out — that is, if you can get on the Internet. That was the initial issue with my husband's new phone.

The tech support person I talked to said John needed a Gmail account. I suggested he could just use mine. Without providing an explanation, the tech dude said that wasn't recommended.

Whatever! Well, turns out he was right — it wasn't a good idea. When my hundreds of work-related contacts showed up on John's phone, he was none too pleased.

ENGAGEMENT

Ternes-Alexenko

Heather Ternes and Landon Alexenko of Hermiston are announcing their engagement.

Heather is the daughter of Dale and Shannon Ternes of Hermiston. She is a 2009 graduate of Hermiston High School and a 2013 graduate of Blue Mountain Community College.

Landon is the son of Tom and Sheri Alexenko of Milton-Freewater. He graduated from Touchet (Wash.) High School in 2004. He also studied at Spokane Community Col-



lege and Eastern Washington University. He is employed with the state of Oregon.

The couple will exchange vows Oct. 15, 2016, at 4 p.m. at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds Rankin Pavilion in Hermiston.

Dallin Puzey kicks off summer concert series

By TAMMY MALGESINI

Community Editor

A free summer outdoor music festival kicks off its 10-concert season with entertainment by Dallin Puzey of Hermiston.

The homegrown musician will perform during the 2016 season opener of Music in the Parks Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park. The concert venue alternates each week between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. People are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the music with the Columbia River as a backdrop.

"We have a really exciting lineup with lots of new faces," said Tami Sherer, one of the event organizers. "All of our performances are family-friendly and they are free — so that's another plus."

Puzey plays familiar folk and classic country songs by the likes of Johnny Cash, Tom Petty, Hank Williams and Creedence Clearwater Revival, as well as his own original tunes. Mostly self-taught, Puzey hopes to record a full-length album by June 2017.

During performances Puzey plays acoustic guitar, as well as strapping on a harmonica. He's been known to bust out nice renditions of "Stand By Me," "Ain't No Sunshine" and "Mid-



STAFF PHOTO BY TAMMY MALGESINI

Dallin Puzey of Hermiston will kick off the 2016 Music in the Parks season Monday, June 13, at Boardman Marina Park. The free outdoor music festival alternates venues each week between

night Special."

Everyone from senior citizens to young children gather to enjoy the free shows, Sherer said. The parks provide large shade trees that help shield concert-goers from the sun. In addition, Sherer said both parks have play areas that provide space for children to enjoy themselves.

"It's a great place for the parents to come and listen to music and let their kids play," she said.

Also, Judy's Chuckwagon will be on hand each week at both venues. People can purchase hamburgers, hot

dogs and cold drinks. In addition, they are trying to secure a snow-cone machine, Sherer said.

The concert series continues each Monday — except July 4 — through Aug. 22.

The first concert of the season in Irrigon — Monday, June 20 — features 98% Angels. The duo of Marie Rose and Renate Meakins began singing together in 1998 while attending Blue Mountain Community College. They perform everything from 1930s standards and Big Band music to hits of the 1950s and '60s and popular contemporary and country tunes.

An "early bird" show prior to the July 11 performance in Irrigon will highlight education birds from Blue Mountain Wildlife at 6 p.m. Then Bram Brata, a steel drum band from the Tri-Cities will take the stage.

The following week — on July 18 in Boardman — a juggling workshop will be offered at 6 p.m. for people that are interested in learning how to toss a few items around. That night's entertainment features JuggleMania, with Rhys Thomas' clean comedy, amazing tricks and interactive shenanigans.

For more information, call Tami Sherer at 541-571-0844 or Renee Couchman at 922-1560.

Area Scouts collect donations for food banks

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Members of Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington and Boy Scouts of America Blue Mountain Council Pack 645 teamed up to collect almost 1.5 tons of non-perishable food for three local food banks during Scouting for Food.

On April 30, the youths canvassed neighborhoods in five towns for donations for the annual food drive. The community service project is a

two-step process, said Michelle Kane, volunteer communications coordinator Girl Scouts of Oregon and S.W. Washington Service Unit 22. The girls and boys went out earlier in the week to distribute fliers in their assigned areas, then went back to collect the contributions.

Six Girl Scout troops and one Cub Scout den took part in this year's project and were able to pull together 2,955 pounds of food, Kane said. Girl Scout troops 51425 and 51444,

and Cub Scout Pack 645, all located in Hermiston, collected a total of 1,293 pounds for Agape House. Girl Scout Troop 50117 of Umatilla collected an additional 90 pounds for Agape House.

Girl Scout troops 10298 and 50488 of the Echo/Stanfield area collected 1,400 pounds for the Echo Food Bank. And, Girl Scout Troop 51413, located in Pendleton, rounded up 172 pounds for St. Mary's Outreach in Pendleton.

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Presented by Kimberly Goodhue, Sales & Marketing Director, U.S. Cellular

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