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FILE PHOTO

Leland Estabrook signs up for the 2016 Hermiston Public Library summer reading program. Area libraries are gearing up for their summer programs.

Area libraries offer summer reading programs

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Community Editor

Area libraries are gearing up for summer with special reading programs.

The Hermiston Public Library is offering programs for children, teens and adults. Registration begins Monday, June 20.

Children can register at the library Monday June 20 at 11 a.m. A limited number of themed book bags will be given away.

The program offers a variety of programs, including giveaways and activities. Kids are encouraged to drop in and participate as often as possible to earn prizes and an invitation to a pool party, which is Friday, July 29 at the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center.

Teens in Hermiston can participate in movies, sports games, bingo and a Wookie Scavenger Hunt. Each time a teen attends a program, they will be entered into a drawing for a surprise reward to be given the last week of the program.

Teens that attend or complete a minimum of seven activities can attend the July 29 pool party. All activities are free. Registration begins Monday, June 20 at noon.

In addition, there will be two book club sessions, which are open to the first 10 registrants.

The Adult Summer Reading Program runs from June 20 through Aug. 26.

Registration is not required — just stop by and pick up an information packet and a tote bag, while supplies last.

The Hermiston Public Library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave. For more information, call 541-567-2882. To register online, visit www.hermistonlibrary.us.

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Altrusans encourage reading with Little Red Library

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Members of Altrusa International of Hermiston worked with a group of community of women in Irrigon and Boardman to provide a Little Red Library to the city of Irrigon.

The Altrusans purchased the structure and the north Morrow County women's group will help keep it stocked with books. The city of Irrigon poured a cement slab to mount the library and plan to install a bench in the future, said Karen Cooley of Altrusa.

Cooley, along with Judy Brown, spearheaded the project to help encourage reading as a lifelong habit for people. They hope the library is used by both children and adults.

Students in Tricia Pullen and Bren-

da Kettleston's classes at A.C. Houghton Elementary School and students of Eileen Searles from Irrigon Elementary School won a penny drive contest, which was held to buy books for the library. The students attended the May 25 dedication of the Little Red Library, which is located on Third Street at Columbia Lane, across from the Irrigon Post Office.

Some of the children brought books to donate, Cooley said. One of the students told her the little library should be bigger or they need another one because the students plan on reading a lot.

The library is designed for people to borrow a book and then return it, leave a book or just take a special book for themselves.



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Judy Brown, Dorothy Smith and Karen Cooley, members of Altrusa International of Hermiston, stand by the Little Red Library recently dedicated in Irrigon.

Garden tour showcases outdoor masterpieces

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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With windswept hair, Polly Briscoe was taking a survey of her yard and garden spots Monday afternoon.

"The wind has taken a toll," the Hermiston woman said.

Dan and Polly Briscoe bought their West Division Avenue home in 1991. Over the years, the couple has done a lot of work to make it their own private oasis.

The Briscoes enjoy being outside and have hosted a variety of parties in their back yard. In addition to beautiful flowers and large shade trees, the gardens feature everything from a corner arch and whimsical signs to a pond and bottle tree.

Their home — along with five others — is featured in the annual P.E.O. Hermiston Garden Tour. The event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour booklet includes descriptions of the gardens, directions and a map. The gardens may be visited in any order. Members of the P.E.O. Chapter will greet participants at each of the locations.

Others featured on the tour are Chris and Amy Moon, Bill and Thelma Reynolds, Barry and Sandy Trapp, Gene and LuAnn Garner and Ken and Kathy Dopps.

The Moons include their four children, ranging in age from 2-11, in the process. They choose and help create flower combinations around the yard. The Reynolds' display includes hand-picked rocks that were deposited along area rivers from the Missoula Floods. The Trapp's garden features a three-tiered yard and a lovely river view. A large



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A bottle tree and wagon with plants line a side fence at the home of Dan and Polly Briscoe. Their garden and five others are featured in Saturday's P.E.O. Hermiston Garden Tour. Tickets are available at The Cottage.

koi pond is the highlight of the Garner's park-like setting. It's harvest time at K & K Blueberries, but the Dopps' property also features colorful plants and shrubs, as well as antique farm tools and supplies.

Tickets for the P.E.O. Garden Tour are \$10 and can be purchased at The Cottage, 1725 N. First St. Hermiston. They also will be available at each of the gardens on the day of the event.

In its 12th year, the garden tour supports local scholarships as well as the organization's state and international projects. P.E.O. was founded in 1869 as a way to support women and encourage them in realizing their potential through education.

Organizers are always



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A wooden arch frames a corner garden on the yard of Dan and Polly Briscoe. Their garden and five others are featured in Saturday's P.E.O. Hermiston Garden Tour. Tickets are available at The Cottage.

looking for gardens to showcase during their annual event. People are encouraged to let members know about potential gar-

dens for upcoming tours. For more information, contact Judi Mason at judimasn@eoni.com, 541-314-5407 or 541-564-9789.

HONOR ROLL

Pirates name honor roll recipients

BOARDMAN — Riverside Jr./Sr. High School named the following students to the second semester honor roll for the 2015-16 academic year:

Seventh grade: 4.0 gpa: Jose Ruiz-Nino, Lupita Silva, Emily Sorensen; **3.5-3.9 gpa:** Jackelin Escalante Macias, Luz Frausto-Castaneda, Dezirae Klaviter, Jocelyn Lezama-Magallanes, Ramon Montes, America Pacheco, Hannah Payne, Jose Puerta, Daria Sanchez, Cooper Szasz, Andrew Zellars; **3.0-3.49 gpa:** Angela Barragan, Omar Castillo, Cinthya Diaz, Alexander Green, Will Keefer, Lisbet Martinez, Savannah Morris, Belen Ponce, Hailee Pratt, Samantha Rea, Juanito Reyna, Taylor Schneider.

Eighth grade: 4.0 gpa: Bianca Avalos, Megan Hegar; **3.5-3.9 gpa:** Elizabeth Andrade-Bernal, Emmanuel Barrera, Franca Rodriguez-Ramirez, Johana Sepulveda; **3.0-3.49 gpa:** Destiny Aldrich, Jacqueline Arroya, Juan Frausto-Castaneda, Ulyses Lopez, Zachery McDonough, Liam Nolan, Edwin Pacheco, Johan Pena, LilyAnn Rockwell, Jose Sanchez Torres, Andrew Shaw, Ray Soderholm, Mariana Solano-Cisneros, Kylie Tyler, Alexis Villegas.

Freshmen: 4.0 gpa: Brendy Avalos, Alondra Caldera, Zulema Gaytan, Janet Landeros, Faith Rosen; **3.5-3.9 gpa:** Veronica Alvarez Frias, Emily Diaz, Yeidi Ramos Mendoza, Kimberly Sandoval, Vanessa Schmidt; **3.0-3.49 gpa:** Alexis Cambero, Estrella Daltoso, Lilly Davila, Fatima Diaz, Railyn Elliott, Brenda Flores, Stephanie Gonzalez, Christian Reyes-Rosales, Debora Ruiz-Gomez, Daisya Sanchez, Monica Virelas-Garcia.

Sophomores: 4.0 gpa: Abigail Bozarth, Paul Diaz, Abigail Hernandez, Kevin Madrigal, Misael Madrigal, Fabian Meza, Luis Olivera, Daniel Rodriguez Pena, Brock Rosen; **3.5-3.9 gpa:** Gustavo Amaya, Ana Barajas, Jessica Calvillo Mendoza, Aramis Corpus, Jessica Escalante Macias, Yonatan Flores, Josue Gonzalez, Mason Hegar, Falone Mabila, Jazmin Mosqueda, Andrew Sorensen; **3.0-3.49 gpa:** Ruby Barrera, Ulises Calvillo-Rosas, Deean Ellingson, Luis Gonzalez, Masie Hancock, Zuleyma Medel, Andy Melendez, Ivonne Navarro, Eric Pacheco, Luis Solano Cisneros, Skylar Wightman.

Junior: 4.0 gpa: Selene Andrade, Jairo Garcia, Lacey Mashos; **3.5-3.9 gpa:** Adolfo Bedolla Jr., Jessica Calvillo, Donovan Carmack, Aracely Espinoza Carmona, Sadie Hasbell, Abram Hernandez, Felix Hernandez, Andrew Martinez, Tania Mendoza, David Rodriguez, Veronica Rodriguez, Jennifer Rodriguez-Pena, Emily Sepulveda, Kylar Sorensen, Kirsten Taylor, Xenia Velasco; **3.0-3.49 gpa:** Bryan Altamirano, Marvin Calvillo, Corbin Diehl, Ivan Escobedo, Bianca Gutierrez, Alejandro Llamas, Laura Lopez, Noe Madrigal, Isela Magana Guillen, Michael Mason, Ricardo Mendoza, Jason Navarro, Misael Onate, Aristotele Rockwell, Clarissa Salamanca, Rubi Salazar, Dominic Valenzuela, Samantha Vivanco.

Senior: 4.0 gpa: Juana Martinez, Jenna Quinlan, Stephanie Stokoe; **3.5-3.9 gpa:** Vanessa Calvillo, Tyler Hancock, Yolanda Lopez, Edith Velasco; **3.0-3.49 gpa:** Gabriela Alba, Alejandra Caldera Tellez, Vikiangales Coria, Ariana Corpus, Saul Fernandez, Saul Flores Rosas, Gema Juarez, Wayne Killion, Adriana Leal, Humberto Lopez, Jordan Mashos, Natalie Melendez, Jemy Mendoza, Manuel Perez, Jocelyn Rodriguez Garcia, Brigitte Schmidt.

IN BRIEF

Park music features local duo

The outdoor Music in the Parks concert series continues Monday with 98% Angels.

The free concert begins at 7 p.m. at Irrigon Marina Park. Concessions will be available for purchase.

People are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the music, which is presented by a local duo of Marie Rose and Renate Meakins. They sing a mixture of tunes from the Big Band swing era, hits from the '50s and '60s and popular contemporary and country songs.

The concert series alternates each Monday between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. It runs through Aug. 22. For more information, call Tami Sherer at 541-571-0844 or Renee Couchman at 922-1560.

City starts summer feeding program

A Summer Feeding Program offered through the city of Hermiston and USDA runs through Aug. 12 at Hermiston-area parks (no service on July 4).

All children and youths up to age 18 may have a free lunch at no cost. The meals are provided Monday through Fridays. The times and locations are:

- 11:30 a.m. to noon at Sunset Park, 1100 N.E. Fourth St.
- 12:15-12:45 p.m. at Butte Park, 1245 N.W. Seventh St.
- 12:15-12:45 p.m. at Hermiston Family Aquatic Center, 879 W. Elm St.
- 12:15-12:45 p.m. at Victory Square Park, 145 S.W. 10th St.
- 1-1:30 p.m. at Newport Park, 515 E. Newport St.

All meals are on a first-come, first-served basis and must be eaten on-site. For more information, call 541-667-5018.

Toastmasters club hosts open house

The fear of public speaking ranks high for many people — Toastmasters International offers help.

Toastmasters groups provide its members with opportunities to improve leadership and communication skills. In Hermiston, Tumbleweed Toastmasters offers its members a chance to get over nervousness, while improving speaking and listening skills.

An open house is planned Thursday at 6:45 a.m. in Room 134 at the Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. People are encouraged to attend and learn more about the program.

For more information about the Hermiston group, call Gary Luisi at 541-567-3360. For more on Toastmasters International, visit www.toastmasters.org.

Food program includes fun activities

The Summer Food Program through Umatilla Morrow Head Start is underway.

The lunch program is free for children from infants to age 18. It's held Monday through Fridays through Aug. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lawn area on the east side of the Head Start administrative office, 110 E. Fourth St., Hermiston. Each day also features fun activities or educational offerings.

On Wednesday, kids can eat and meet with Hermiston Mayor Dave Drotzmann. Parents can get information about nutrition and receive a free dental screening on Wednesday, June 22, and a free car seat check on Thursday, June 23. Kids can learn about public safety when police officers come for lunch on Thursday, June 30.

For details, call Amy Hendrix at 541-564-6878.