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Fair announces parade winners

HERMISTON HERALD

Walchli Farms won the overall sweepstakes award and the best business float during the Umatilla County Fair parade.

The event, which was held Aug. 6, kicked off fair week in Hermiston. Also, Hermiston Drug & Gift won the fair theme award, which depicts Traditions and Transitions.

The parade drew 145 entries and 11 received first place ribbons in different categories. Those included:

Youth Band: Hermiston High School Marching Band; Youth Dance Group:

All American Gymnastics and Cheer; Adult Equestrian Group: Ixtapa Family Mexican Restaurant; Youth Equestrian Group: Contreras Family; Non-Profit Float: Umatilla & Morrow County Child Welfare Program; Motorized Group: Cub Scouts Pack No. 645; Single Motorized: Don Waters; Business Non-Float: First Community Credit Union; Non-Profit Non-Float: OSU HAREC 1942 Dodge; and Royalty: Happy Canyon Princesses.

For other fair results, visit www.co.umatilla.or.us/fair or call 541-567-6121.

Stanfield class of '66 holds 50-year reunion



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Members of the Stanfield High School class of 1966 recently held a 50-year reunion. Classmates met July 30 at Bard Park in Stanfield. Front row, Ed Haigh, John Otis, Sharone McCann, Linda (Brown) Nelson, Libby (Davis) Thompson. Back row, John Slater, Aaron Sutton, Doug Myers, Donna Raynalds, Tom Tucker, Margaret (Brown) Nelson, Lynn Duke, Dennis Haigh, Margo (Jordan) Herd. (Not pictured: Rick Walls).



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The Hermiston High School Marching Band marches in the Umatilla County Fair Kick-Off parade on Saturday, Aug. 6.

IN BRIEF

Dietitian intern presents free cooking demo

An upcoming cooking demonstration will feature prizes and food samples.

Alfredo Alvarez-Frias will present Lunch and Learn: Anti-Inflammatory Foods Thursday at noon in Conference Center 2 at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. People are invited to bring their lunch and enjoy the presentation. Alvarez-Frias is a student doing his internship to become a dietitian.

For more information, contact Juli Gregory at jgregory@gshealth.org or 541-667-3506.

Harvest Festival seeks vendors

The Morrow County Harvest Festival is seeking vendors.

The event is Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Also, the Boardman Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Harvest Festival Car Show during the event.

The cost for vendor booths is \$35, which includes two passes for the vendor breakfast. Vendors will be set up on the mezzanine and produce vendors will be outside the front entry of the SAGE Center. Vendors must register by Friday, Aug. 26. People can register at www.visitsage.com.

For more information, call 541-481-7243, 541-481-3014 or stop by the SAGE Center or chamber office.

Girl Scouts offer tech support

Local Girl Scouts are offering technology and software classes for the area's senior citizens.

The first session is Saturday, Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will cover social media, technology classes, Facebook, Skype, email, One Drive and Word basics. The second class is Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9-11 a.m. and will focus solely on more advanced Word program skills, including how to formulate contact lists and mailing addresses.

Stay-cation results in home-grown fun

I recently took a couple of days off and hung around Hermiston for a long weekend.

I rarely do stay-cations. However, that may change in the future — it's a great way to get away from work for a bit without your pocketbook taking a major hit. I got to spend time with some of my favorite people (and canines) doing fun things.

Thanks to a lucky draw at work, I won tickets to Thursday night's Farm-City Pro Rodeo. My husband, John, and I even got hospitality tent passes for a free dinner.

I've been to a number of rodeos over the years, including that one in Pendleton. And, all I gotta say is Farm-City is the best — hands down! There's nothing quite like being in a box seat so close to the action that dirt from the arena flies into your lap.

John and I took our German shepherds, Lucifer and the General, to the river Friday morning. We had great fun taking a dip in the water and pretty much had the beach to ourselves.

I do have a shiner below my left eye. In his exuberance, the General rammed my sunglasses into my face. I think the goofy guy thought I was hiding from him (we often play hide-and-seek) and ran smack dab into me.

Although the reason for the event was a somber one, Ron's Pink Memorial Party was

one crazy gathering. Held Friday night in the Let'er Buck Room, it celebrated the life of a guy I knew through my previous job with Umatilla County.

Ron Fisher died Aug. 4 in a freak car wreck in Baker City. The shindig was pretty wild with most everyone wearing pink. In addition, the officiant was a drag queen — with great legs, I might add.

The thing that struck me is how cool it was that his family and close friends threw the type of party Ron would have loved to attend. Ron wasn't a stuffed shirt type of guy — neither was the farewell gathering held in his honor.

On Saturday, John and I enjoyed looking at exhibits at the Umatilla County Fair.

Oh, and sampling some fine huckleberry desserts.

In the evening, we headed to Hermiston Super Oval for the School Bus Trailer Races. I even got to ride in one of the buses. It was before the actual bus races and was supposed to be for kids (and their accompanying parents). I sort of nonchalantly got in line and climbed aboard. I'm a kid at heart.

After watching the homets and legends race, the grand finale featured full-sized school buses dragging trailers and racing through the figure-8.

Seriously, take a moment and visualize that. Sparks flew and trailers were destroyed! The last bus with a trailer still attached was declared the winner. I laughed. I laughed a lot.

Sunday provided some much-needed girlfriend time. I went golfing with my besties, Carol Greene and Deana Cordell.

With our busy schedules, it's been awhile since the three of us have shared face-to-face time together. In addition to taking selfies, posting on Facebook and making plans for our annual fall trip to the coast, we also swung our clubs a few times.

I returned to work Monday morning — reading emails, making phone calls and typing some words. I think I need another stay-cation.

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