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IN BRIEF

Grange event features food, crafts

A craft sale, flea market and breakfast are planned at the Columbia Grange.

The event, which features holiday items, baked goods, candy, towels, flower arrangements and more, is Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the grange hall, 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. Vendor tables are $8 each. Proceeds benefits the Words for Thirds program, which provides dictionaries for area third grade students.

For more information, call Pat at 541-567-5706 or Doris at 541-567-8663.

Veterans breakfast requires RSVP

A free breakfast event is planned for Veterans Day at the Hermiston Conference Center.

Open to all veterans, service members and their families, the meal and program is free but reservations are required. The event is Friday, Nov. 11, at 8 a.m. at the conference center, 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston.

The program includes the American Legion and VFW Honor Guard, Dance Unlimited presentation and special speakers.

For more information or to RSVP, contact 541-567-6151 or info@hermistonchamber.com.

Hermiston Elks take reservations for veterans dinner

The Hermiston Elks Lodge invites veterans and their spouses to enjoy a free barbecue steak dinner as a way to express appreciation for their service.

Due to limited seating, those planning to attend need to RSVP as soon as possible. The meal is Friday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the lodge, 480 E. Main St., Hermiston.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 541-561-6972.

Hospital auxiliary hosts Collective Goods sale

Merchandise from Collective Goods, formerly known as "Books Are Fun," is featured in a sale by the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary.

June Rosenberg, the auxiliary's publicity chairwoman, said there will be a unique offering of affordable Christmas gifts and ideas. The Collective Goods Sale is Wednesday, Nov. 9, and Thursday, Nov. 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital's pharmacy lobby, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston

Money raised from the event will be used to support scholarships for those pursuing a medical career and medical equipment for Good Shepherd.

For more information, contact juner1942@gmail.com.

Willow Creek Symphony opens season

The preparatory orchestra of the Inland Northwest Musicians will perform season-opening concerts this weekend.

The Willow Creek Symphony features strings, brass, woodwinds and percussionists. It includes youths and less experienced musicians of all ages.

The performances are Saturday at 4 p.m. at McNary Heights Elementary School, 120 Columbia St. Umatilla; and Sunday at 4 p.m. at Ione Community School, 445 Spring St. There is no admission charge, although donations are accepted. Audience members can greet musicians during receptions following each concert.

Formed in 1999 to perform classical music, Inland Northwest Musicians believes that music contributes to health, well-being and quality of life. All musicians are provided an opportunity to develop their talent. Anyone interested in playing is invited to participate — no auditions are required.

For more information, contact 541-289-4696, inwm@machmedia.net or visit www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com.

Driving course cruises into Hermiston

An AARP Smart Driver course is being offered in Hermiston.

The class helps drivers stay safe, educated and confident behind the wheel. Participants learn defensive driving skills, safety strategies and how to manage common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time.

The class is geared for those 50-and-older, but all drivers are welcome to attend. Participants may be eligible for insurance discounts and are encouraged to contact their insurance carrier. No tests are required.

The course, which costs $15 for AARP members or $20 for non-members, is Thursday, Nov. 17, at 11 a.m. at Bob Shannon Safety Center, 330 S. First St., Hermiston. For more information, call 541-667-5092.

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Open house introduces new doctors

Area residents have an opportunity to meet the newest physicians joining Good Shepherd Health Care System.

The Fall Harvest Open House Meet-and-Greet is Thursday, Nov. 17, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the main lobby at the hospital's medical plaza, 620 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. The event includes hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

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The physicians include, Dr. Daniel Buck, emergency room; Dr. Jennifer Poste, internal medicine and endocrinology; Dr. Allison Khavkin, obstetrics and gynecology; and Dr. Daniel Canal, pediatrics.

"It has been a boon year for physicians joining Good Shepherd Medical Group and our Emergency Services team," said Dennis Burke, president and CEO.

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Sisters Andrea and Sofia Gispert Tello of Hermiston are pictured with Sandra Vandever, their Girl Scouts Gold Award project mentor.

HERMISTON SISTERS SHINE WITH GOLD AWARD

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A pair of recent Hermiston High School graduates recently received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the organization's highest recognition.

Twin sisters Andrea and Sofia Gispert Tello, daughters of Gabino Gispert and Rosario Tello of Hermiston, designed and led classes at Blue Mountain Community College in Hermiston. The sessions featured basic computer and social media skills information for older citizens.

The award, Michelle Kane said, is achieved by fewer than one of every 100 girls in the program. The accomplishment requires putting together the leadership and communication skills they have acquired through Girl Scout activities to plan, organize and lead a service project that addresses an unfilled need in the community or beyond.

"In the Olympics, to "go for the gold" means to work hard to be the best in your chosen sport. The same can be said in Girl Scouts," Kane said, who is the volunteer service unit co-manager for the Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The sisters created Seniors Get Techie because they recognized a need for members of the older generation to learn more about technology. In addition, the classes are available as a PowerPoint presentation on a CD that can be checked out at the Hermiston Public Library.

Several scholarship awards provided each of the girls with options for furthering their education. Sofia is currently studying Japanese at Whitman College in Walla Walla and plans to enter law school in the future. Andrea is at New York University Shanghai where she intends to major in neuroscience.

For more information about the Girl Scouts, contact Sarah Miller at 503-977-6861, 800-626-6543 or smiller@girlscoutsosw.org.

Making a difference: DHS offers foster training

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People interested in making a difference in the life of children who are in state custody are needed.

Offered through the Department of Human Services Child Welfare Program, free training sessions that focus on foster care and adoptive resources is provided. Participants must attend all four classes.

People of all races, cultural identity and ethnicity are needed to help children grow with a strong sense of racial and cultural identity. In addition, applicants are considered regardless of gender, religion, sexual orientation or marital status.

"We value our diverse providers meeting the needs of our children. We need single, couples, LGBTQ and retired community members wanting to make a difference in the lives of children," said Jody Frost, foster and adoptions supervisor in Umatilla and Morrow counties

The Spanish Foundations class is the third Saturday of each month at the Hermiston DHS office, 950 S.E. Columbia Drive. People can join at anytime, as the topics rotate in a four-week cycle. For more information, call Irma DeAnda at 541-564-4493.

The next regular Foundations class will be held in January in Hermiston. Additional details will be provided as the date gets closer.

For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/dhs.

Umatilla County Fair seeks court applicants

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The Umatilla County Fair is seeking applicants for the 2017 court.

The program is open to Umatilla County students enrolled in ninth through 12th grade, who are between the ages of 14 and 19.

This is a great opportunity for young people to represent Umatilla County not only during the week of fair in August, but at parades and other functions throughout Eastern Oregon and Washington in 2017, said Angie McNalley, administrative assistant.

Fair court applications are due Friday, Nov. 18, by 5 p.m. at the fair office. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Fair staff will contact all accepted applicants to schedule interviews.

Applications are available at the fair office, 515 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston, and under "Forms" at www.umatillacounty.net/fair.

For additional information, contact the Fair Office at 541-567-6121 or angie.mcnalley@umatillacounty.net.

Hermiston business owner receives new certification

Danita Smith, of Third Day Creations, LLC, Hermiston, recently earned the certification administered by Promotional Products Association International.

Individuals with the certification are considered industry leaders, who have attained a higher standard of professional competence, knowledge and experience. Those attaining the status have completed a combination of required classes, demonstrated years of employment in the industry, education, industry contributions and a successful demonstration of expertise.

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