

Fishing derby reels in family fun

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife provides an opportunity to introduce youths to the fun of fishing through Family Fishing Days.

The first local event of the season is the Kid's Fishing Derby, which is sponsored by Tom Denchel Ford Country. The free event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the McNary Ponds, located near McNary Lock and Dam.

The Family Fishing Events take place at stocked ponds throughout the state. ODFW staff and volunteers provide equipment, teach youths how to bait and cast, and help kids reel in their catch. Adults can get tips on basic rigging, fish identification and casting.

The program provides a unique opportunity for families to learn

how to fish together and discover just how much fun it can be! Licenses are required for anyone 12 years and older and are not available at the events. Fishing licenses can be purchased from licensed sales agents or at www.dfw.state.or.us.

For more information about the Family Fishing Days, call William Duke at 541-276-2344.

Local grant provides musical opportunity

Hermiston Herald

Choir students at Armand Larive Middle School will attend a live music performance thanks to a grant from the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition.

The grant award covers the cost of tickets for 50 students to see the Restless Vocal Band. The group will perform Saturday, April 15 at Hermiston

High School, as part of Desert Arts Council spring lineup.

Music teacher Brooke Baker said the students are grateful to the coalition for their generous support.

"This gives kids the unique opportunity to see high caliber performances they many never get to have again," Baker said. "The award is the second grant we have received

from Umatilla County Cultural Coalition. They have been an amazing support for students' exposure to the arts."

The Umatilla County Cultural Coalition is made up of individuals representing the arts, heritage and humanities in Umatilla County. The group strives to increase awareness of cultural organizations and activities in the county.

Through their grant program, the coalition provides funding to support goals in the Umatilla County Cultural Plan. The coalition is funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust.

To make a donation or learn more about the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition or Oregon Cultural Trust, visit www.umatillacountyculture.org or www.culturaltrust.org.

Donation sprouts at Hermiston Senior Center

Hermiston Herald

The Hermiston Senior Center recently received a surprise donation from the Hermiston Garden Club.

Members of the garden club visited the senior center March 7 and presented a check to the center for \$500.

The Hermiston Senior Center appreciates this generous donation, which helps in supporting its efforts to serve area seniors.

The Hermiston Senior Center is located at 435 W. Orchard Ave. For more information, call 541-567-3582.



Irene Miller, Virginia Beebe, Barbara Chadwick and Diane Gallo celebrate a March 7 donation to the Hermiston Senior Center from the Hermiston Garden Club.

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Prison program rides away with donations

People can donate used bicycles for the Two Rivers Correctional Institutions Cycles of Hope program.

The Cycles of Hope program repairs donated bicycles and delivers them to local charities. Adults in custody at TRCI's minimum facility learn

valuable skills along with an opportunity to give back to the community. Scott and Steve Cimmiyotti from Scott's Cycle in Hermiston volunteer to train inmates in bicycle repair.

People can drop off donations Friday and Saturday at Java Junkies, 1510

Sixth St., Umatilla. A trailer will be on site to accept the bikes and individuals making a donation will receive a coupon for half off any beverage.

For more information on Cycles of Hope or bicycle donations, call Sgt. Kevin Hodges at 541-922-2100.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

BABY & ME LEARN & PLAY, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library back entrance, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Engaging children and getting them excited about music, improving motor skills and sparking creativity while supporting early literacy development. For children ages newborn to 4 years and parent/guardian. (541-567-2882)

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to Senior Center by donation. (541-567-3582)

SENSORY STORY TIME, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

YARN CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

FIDDLERS NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

VFW BINGO, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 7-10 a.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Costs \$5 for full breakfast/\$3 for light meal. (541-449-1332)

ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY, 9 a.m., Smitty's Ace Hardware parking lot, 1845 N. First St., Hermiston. Annual tree giveaway features Red Maple, Serviceberry, River Birch, Green Ash, Tulip Tree, Quaking Aspen, European Mountain Ash, Bald Cypress and Japanese Zelkova. First-come, first served and trees go fast. Free. (541-667-5018)

YARN CLUB, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

ORIGAMI CLUB FOR ADULTS, 1-4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Classic Japanese paper craft for adults only. (Jodi Hansen 541-567-2882)

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

HYMNINSPIRATION, 5-6 p.m., Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St., Hermiston. Food, fun and fellowship, and singing great old hymns with old and new friends. Free. (Chris Finley 541-571-2516)

MONDAY, APRIL 3

MOMENTUM WORSHIP EVENT, 7-8:30 p.m., Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. The New Hope Christian College's touring team presents worship through music, dance, drama and technical arts. Everyone welcome. Free (541-567-3677)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)

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BINGO, 5 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-3582)

INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigation Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigation. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)

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HERMISTON HISTORY

25 YEARS AGO

MARCH 24, 1992

The reservoirs behind Lower Granite and Little Goose dams will be refilled more quickly than they were emptied, said Army Corps of Engineer spokeswoman Carol Wolff. During a month-long drawdown test to see if releasing water from dams will increase river flows and help salmon, reservoirs behind the two Snake River dams were dropped up to two feet per day. They will refill at rates between 4 and 9 feet per day.

During drawdown testing, marinas along the reservoirs were left bone dry, barge traffic was halted, fish ladders were inoperable, fish were stranded in puddles and died, and smelly mudflats developed on each side of the river.

Local government and irrigation officials toured the scene two weeks ago and came back horrified.

During the drawdowns, officials of the Army Corps, the agency that operates federal dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers, have been testing impacts on river flow, power production, and the structure of the dam and nearby riverbanks and roads.

In Echo, city officials will be going door to door next week to implement a water rationing program in the city. "As part of our water conservation plan we are going door to door asking people to only irrigate on two days," said Diane Berry, Echo city administrator. "We're giving them the choice of which two days." The conservation effort comes in an attempt to keep the city from running out of water later this year.

50 YEARS AGO

MARCH 23, 1967

The Hermiston High School baseball team has a smaller turnout of players so far this season, according to coach Arnold Owens with about 25 players, 11 of whom are returning letterman.

Hermiston's No. 2 well pump has been pulled and will be lowered 80 feet. The work is being done now and the pump will be installed this week. The city would like for everyone to wait until the end of the week before doing any irrigating when it is planned to have the pump installed and working again. It is hoped with the lowering of the pump it would remedy the water situation.

75 YEARS AGO

MARCH 26, 1942

With the deadline for filing for the May 15 primaries on March 30, political lines

in Umatilla County are pretty well drawn up. The only real race for the county office is the commissioners post left vacant by the recent passing of W.H. (Bill) Switzler. Five men have made their intentions known as seeking this post. Other offices coming up for election all have filings but in most races they are running unopposed.

John Anthony Soto, 17, who last September committed a triple murder three miles west of Hermiston, died in the Oregon gas chamber in Salem on Friday. Soto, a fugitive from a Sonoma, California state home, died five seconds after the gas fumes reached his face. Prison officials said it was the quickest execution on record. Soto appeared indifferent to the end and smoked a cigar up to the moment he entered the death chamber. He asked, just before entering the execution chamber, to be "remembered to my folks."

100 YEARS AGO

MARCH 24, 1917

Thursday afternoon one of the Post Office burglars was captured by Sheriff Til Taylor and a deputy near Juniper. There were two men and the second escaped after an exchange of shots with the officers.

The chase was kept up until dark and resumed early Friday morning. The man was then headed west and is believed to have spent the night northeast of Cold Springs reservoir. He is a young man about 28 years old and weighing 155 pounds. The man caught is about 40 years of age, an expert at safe cracking and admits having done the work here while the younger man watched. He was taken to Pendleton. With him was secured all the stamps, about half the money and a watch belonging to J.H. Williams which was also in the safe.

Last Saturday The Jackson brothers, E.L. and C.M., shipped a car of hogs that brought the largest returns of any car ever shipped out of Hermiston. The hogs were sold to the Pendleton Meat Co., and netted \$3,112.92

There were 97 hogs in the car with the average weight about 235 pounds. They were 7 to 9 months old. George Strohm had a few head in the car, but most of them were raised by the Jackson brothers. The hogs were raised on alfalfa pasture with a few artichokes. This was the only feed until the finishing when for about 35 days they were put on shorts, barley and corn.

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