

NEW IN BRIEF

Hermiston chamber hosts receipt contest

Local residents need to dig into their pockets and dresser drawers and pull out receipts made for purchases at businesses that are members of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is holding a Summer Receipt Reward Contest for a chance to win a Body Champ Cardio Dual Trainer from Big 5 Sporting Goods, which is valued at \$299.99.

Purchases must be made between June 1-30. For a list of eligible businesses, review the chamber membership directory at www.hermistonchamber.com.

Receipts, which people can keep, need to be taken to the chamber for verification by Friday, June 30. Every \$50 spent equals one entry. The office is open Monday through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395.

The drawing will be announced Saturday, July 8 during Hermiston FunFest. The winner doesn't need to be present.

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

Elfering to share State of Umatilla County

Umatilla County Commissioner Bill Elfering is the special speaker for an upcoming lunch event in Hermiston.

Elfering will share the State of Umatilla County during the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Luncheon. The

no-host event is June 27, at 11:55 a.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. The cost is \$10 for chamber members and \$13 for non-members.

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Introducing Nichoelle Wall, PA-C

Nichoelle Wall earned her Master of Physician Assistant Studies from Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. She has worked as an EMT and PA-C and has experience in emergency medicine, urgent care, and family practice. Her hobbies include staying healthy through running, activities with her family, and chasing her children through their various sports and activities.

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Students pedal away with perfect attendance

HERMISTON HERALD

Rogers Toyota of Hermiston helped get kids out of bed and off to school this past year.

In its first year of offering the PASS (Perfect Attendance Spells Success) Program in Hermiston, 18 local middle school students rode away with brand new bicycles. Students and their families were invited to a special event Saturday at the dealership. The group enjoyed a family-style barbecue, which was put on by staff at Rogers Toyota.

"Many of the recipients this year stated that they had never had perfect attendance before, and that this program was a huge motivator for them," said Misty Davison, Rogers Toyota administrative assistant. "Parents thanked us for making it easier for them to



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MISTY DAVISON

The family of Sandstone Middle School student Cody Adams participate in a PASS (Perfect Attendance Spells Success) Program barbecue Saturday at Rogers Toyota of Hermiston.

get their kids out the door in the morning."

The purpose of the program, Davison said, is to teach kids that excellent attendance isn't just important while in school, but it also will be valuable in their future as working adults. Now is the perfect time to start great behaviors.

General manager Glenn

Silaski congratulated each of the recipients, presenting them with a certificate, a bike helmet and a bicycle.

The PASS Program originated in the Rogers Motors store in Lewiston in 2006, giving away 14 bikes in its inaugural year. This year, 110 students received bicycles through the program in Lewiston.

In Hermiston, all sixth

graders at Armand Larive and Sandstone middle schools were eligible for the program. While this was the first year of the PASS Program for the Rogers Toyota of Hermiston store, it won't be the last, Davison said.

"We will be growing the program next year, so look for it at a school near you," she added.

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