

IN BRIEF

FFA, Les Schwab to 'Drive Away Hunger'

An initiative to combat hunger across the state is being coordinated by Oregon FFA and Les Schwab Tire Centers.

During the month of October, food donations will be collected from local communities through "Drive Away Hunger." More than 6,000 FFA members from 105 chapters are partnering with 107 Les Schwab centers and 13 Wilco Farm Stores, to help in collecting donations for the Oregon Food Bank.

Collection bags were recently distributed to subscribers of the *Hermiston Herald*, *East Oregonian* and other EO Media Group publications. Donations can be dropped off at any Les Schwab, Wilco or FFA chapter. Additional bags are available at collection sites. Donations will be distributed to local food pantries and by the Oregon Food Bank.

FFA groups also are seeking donations from local farms and ranches. For more information, email Kevin White, Oregon FFA Foundation executive director, at kwhite@oregonffa.com or contact any FFA chapter.

Warming station announces training

With fall in the air and the mercury edging closer to freezing, organizers of the Hermiston Warming Station are gearing up for the winter months.

Volunteers are needed to help in keeping the doors open to offer a warm place for those who are homeless. New and returning volunteers must complete one training session. Training sessions are available at 1075 S. Highway 395, Hermiston, on the following days:

- Friday, Oct. 13 from 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 14 from

9-11 a.m.

- Sunday, Oct. 15 from 2-4 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 22 from 2-4 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 23 from 7-9 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 26 from 7-9 p.m.

Organizers are hoping to have all volunteers trained by Wednesday, Nov. 1. To meet staffing goals, 200 volunteers are needed. The plan is to have the warming station open each night from Nov. 20 through Feb. 28.

The cost for a background check is \$10. For more information, to register or if assistance is needed to pay for the background check, call Amber or Trish at 541-289-2150.

Training offers help to nonprofits

Board members, staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations are invited to a training that highlights roles and responsibilities of board members, understanding financial information, risk management and successful program evaluations.

Sponsored by the Center for Nonprofit Stewardship, the workshop is Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. The cost is \$95, which includes lunch and materials.

Presenters include Rosalie Westenskow, attorney with Center for Nonprofit Law; Leslie Witt, certified professional accountant with Witt Consulting; and JoAnne Bunnage of SharedVision, LLC. For more than 14 years, the Center for Nonprofit Stewardship has been helping nonprofit groups solve legal, financial, fundraising and leadership issues by educating board members and staff.

To register, visit www.nonprofitsteward.org or call Heidi Henry at 541-230-1036.

Inland chorale sets fall performances

Fall Fantasia, an eight-piece performance by the Inland Northwest Chorale will feature such familiar tunes as "Shenandoah," an American folk song, and "Goin' Home" from the Largo of the New World Symphony by Anton Dvorak.

An ensemble of the Inland Northwest Musicians, a pair of free shows are Saturday at 4 p.m. at Umatilla High School, and Sunday at 4 p.m. at Pilot Rock Elementary School. Receptions follow each of the concerts.

The performance also features "Great Day," featuring soloists Ra Niel Dun of Hermiston, and Phil Rudd and Harvey Foreman, both of Pendleton; "Soon-a Will Be Done," with soloists Becky Henshaw of Pendleton and Salli Ketchersid of Hermiston; and "The Heavens Are Telling," with Arlene Thompson of Pendleton, and Phil Hector and Dean Mason, both of Hermiston.

Ensembles of the Inland Northwest Musicians provide free live performances throughout Eastern Oregon and southeast Washington. The group is open to all interested musicians and doesn't hold auditions.

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

Library group hosts fall book sale

The Friends of Irrigon Library will hold their bi-annual book sale Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main Ave.

A wide variety of books, including children's selections, cookbooks, history, romance, westerns, biographies, religious, mystery and more will be offered. Also, a

bake sale features all kinds of homemade goodies.

For more information, call FOIL president Loa Heideman at 541-922-0683.

Chamber tour features Croatia trip

Adventure awaits in Croatia!

Join the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Travel Club Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 4 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395, to learn about a nine-day trip that includes round-trip airfare from Portland, first-class hotel accommodations, 12 meals, a professional tour director, motorcoach transportation, admission per itinerary, comprehensive sightseeing and baggage handling.

Participants will visit Old Dubrovnik, Zagreb-Zadar Split and Plitvice. The trip begins Oct. 30, 2018.

For more information, contact Debbie Pedro at 541-567-6151 or debbie@hermistonchamber.com.

Workshop presents suicide intervention

An interactive two-day workshop that teaches participants to recognize individuals at risk for suicide, perform a suicide intervention and develop a plan for safety is coming to Pendleton.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training presents a scientifically proven intervention model.

The workshop is Nov. 1-2 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The cost is \$75. Space is limited and participants must register by Monday, Oct. 16 at www.livingworks.net/training-and-trainers/find-a-training-workshop/view/11552.

For more information, contact Amanda Walsborn at 541-278-5432 or amanda.walsborn@umatilla-county.net.



John Lauck and his wife, Nancy, enjoy the 2016 Altrusa Oktoberfest. Nancy was co-chair for the 2016 auction.

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Altrusa cooks up Oktoberfest fun

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COMMUNITY EDITOR

Authentic German food is featured during the Altrusa International of Hermiston's annual auction and Oktoberfest dinner.

Catered by Dinner Thyme, the menu includes beer cheese fondue with rye and wheat bread (for dipping), German meatballs with spaetzle and sauce, creamed cabbage and creamed cucumbers. Be sure to save room for dessert, as the meal crescendos with apfel kuchen (apple cake).

The cost is \$30 per person. Those who don't want to enjoy the meal are invited to come to the auction and place bids. All money raised helps Altrusa in giving back to the community and supporting various local causes.

The event is Saturday, Oct. 14, with the doors opening at 4 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. and the live auction starts at 7 p.m. The silent auction runs throughout the evening. In addition, a \$2,000 Visa gift card will be raffled off. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold, which are \$10 each.

Items up for bid includes a two-night stay at the Round Rock House in Yachats. Connie Ferranti, event chairwoman, said it's always a popular item. The beach-front cottage has two bedrooms and a loft, as well as a fully equipped kitchen, a TV with a DVD player, and a washer and dryer. The winner must use the trip by May 1, 2018.

"That's a really fun one," Ferranti said. "It's a great place at the beach and people seem to like it."

Other auction items include a Farm-City Pro Rodeo package, a Pendleton Round-Up/Happy Canyon package, a \$500 air compressor from John Deere and a gift basket overflowing with Barhyte products. There are many more items up for grabs, Ferranti said.

"Our community is so giving and supportive," she said. "We get a great turnout, so we're happy for that. And, we do good things with the money that's raised."

Tickets can be purchased from any member of Hermiston Altrusa or at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 415 S. Highway 395. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/altrusainternationalofhermiston.

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to everyone who made the 2017 Umatilla County Fair a fun event for the whole family!

and to the many volunteers who gave of their valuable time to help make the 2017 Umatilla County Fair such a success. Volunteering takes a sheer selfless sense of wanting to give back to their community. We don't know how we would have done it without you! Volunteers do not donate for the fame. They do not donate for the popularity. They do not want anything in return. They are the best people in this world, and you are very appreciated.

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