

IN BRIEF

EOU Preview Day highlights STEM

A hands on experiment featuring color-changing crystals is one of the highlights during the annual STEM Preview Day at Eastern Oregon University.

Organizers invite high school and transfer students to spend the day touring campus, learning about financial aid and interacting with current students — all with a special focus on science, technology and math. Faculty members and students will coordinate an interactive session, engaging visitors with an experiment that explores the interaction of light and liquid crystals.

The event begins Saturday at 8:30 a.m. on the university's La Grande campus. Those planning to attend need to pre-register.

The event is open to all prospective students. Exclusive scholarships are available for those who attend a Preview Day event and later enroll at EOU.

For more information or to pre-register, visit www.eou.edu/admissions/preview-days. For questions, contact 541-962-3393 or campusvisit@eou.edu.

Congressional candidate to visit Hermiston

Jim Crary, a candidate for Oregon's 2nd Congressional District, is coming to Hermiston to meet with several target audiences.

A pair of town hall meetings and a gathering for veterans are planned:

- Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 3-4:30 p.m. at Agape House, 500 Harper Road, Hermiston for administrators and employees of assisted living facilities.
- Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Agape House for care provider union members.
- Thursday, Nov. 16 from 1-2:30 p.m. at VFW Desert Post No. 4750, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. A veteran himself, Crary wants to hear from Umatilla County veterans regarding their concerns and ideas.

A Democrat from Ashland, Crary is running for Greg Walden's seat. Crary has a law degree from the University of San Diego. In addition, he lived and worked in Anchorage for many years.

For more information about the Hermiston events, contact Bernie Sanderson at cln42da87@yahoo.com or 541-626-9189.

Columbia Grange hosts breakfast, craft sale

A breakfast, pre-holiday craft sale and flea market is planned this weekend at the Columbia Grange.

The event is Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the grange hall, 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. The breakfast includes French toast, waffles, pancakes, hash browns, sausage, ham, eggs and a drink for \$6. In addition, take-out orders are available. Also, the event will feature extra value grab bags for \$5 to help local charities.

People can rent vendor tables for \$8. For more information, call Doris at 541-567-8663 or Pat at 541-567-5706.

Traveling Lantern introduces King Arthur

A young boy stumbles upon an unusual friend in a beloved sorcerer named Merlin in a presentation by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company.

"The Sword in the Stone" tells the story of Young Wart, who will grow up to become King Arthur. The performance is Monday, Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. The free program is open to the public and is suitable for the whole family.

Based in Portland, Traveling Lantern combines education and entertainment while bringing live theater to schools, libraries, parks and courtyards. An interactive process, audience members are invited on-stage to perform with the presenters.

For questions about the local performance, call 541-567-2882. For more about the theatre company, visit www.travelinglantern.com.

Workshop focuses on fair housing laws

A workshop for property owners, property managers and realtors provides an introduction and overview of fair housing laws.

The session is Wednesday,

Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Oregon and Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation, there is no registration fee.

For more information, contact Karen Kendall at karen.kendall@geodc.net or 541-276-6745.

Barreto and Hansell holding joint town halls

Rep. Greg Barreto and Sen. Bill Hansell will be holding a series of meetings with constituents this week in conjunction with local chambers of commerce.

The state legislators will be in Echo on Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Buttercreek Coffeehouse and Mercantile, 201 W Main St. to meet with Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce members and area constituents.

Barreto represents District 58 while Hansell represents District 29.

Red Kettle campaign rings in with fundraiser

With the holiday season just around the corner, The Salvation Army is kicking off the Red Kettle Campaign with a fundraising dinner.

The event is Saturday, Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. In addition to dinner, the evening includes an auction. Tickets are \$25.

The Red Kettle Campaign helps ensure that children get a toy for Christmas, families have food on the table and people receive assistance to keep a roof over their head. Bell ringers accept donations that help raise money for year-around programs to help the needy that are served by The Salvation Army. For more information, contact 541-276-3369 or darcy.coleman@usw.salvationarmy.org.



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Diane McClure, Hermiston Cub Scout Pack 645's project leader for collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, carries boxes during last year's collection effort. The public is invited to join them in donating gifts for needy children across the globe.

Scouts reach out to needy children

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Hermiston Cub Scout Pack 645 is gearing up to help ensure needy children across the globe receive toys, school supplies, hygiene items and other gifts during the holiday season.

The local Scouts are collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for Operation Christmas Child. The project is an outreach ministry of the international Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse. Last year, the local Scout pack contributed 50 boxes and is aiming to donate 60 this holiday season.

Many other individuals, groups and local businesses participate in the annual project. In 2016, the total number of boxes collected from Umatilla and Morrow counties was approximately 1,700, said Barb Wattenburger, drop-off team leader in the Hermiston area.

Anyone can join the effort to help spread Christmas cheer.

In the Hermiston area, New Hope Community Church serves as a drop-off location for shoebox gift donations. People can take donations to the church at 1350 S. Highway 395. Enter through the east entrance:

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Monday, Nov. 13 through Saturday, Nov. 18; and Monday, Nov. 20

- 5-7 p.m. — Tuesday, Nov. 14; and Thursday, Nov. 16

- Noon to 2 p.m. — Sunday, Nov. 19

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Since 1993, the project has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 146 million children in more than 160 countries and ter-

ritories. This year's goal is to send gifts to 12 million children worldwide.

Due to customs regulations, some items can't be sent. Gift suggestions are available on the organization's website. In addition, people who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse the site to select gifts to create a virtual gift box. Also, they may add a photo or personal note of encouragement to the recipient.

To help offset shipping costs, participants are asked to donate \$9 per shoebox gift. They will receive a tracking label, enabling them to learn the destination of their package.

For more information, including guidelines for shoebox gifts and an online option, visit www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ. For questions, call 541-626-3159.

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