

BRIEFS

Library district changes meeting times

The Oregon Trail Library District has changed the time for its monthly board meetings.

The new time is 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, unless there is a scheduling conflict. The venue rotates between the libraries in Irrigon (July, October, January 2019, April 2019), Hepner (August, November, February 2019, May 2019) and Boardman (September, December, March 2019, June 2019).

For more information, contact library director Kathy Street at kstreet@otld.org, 541-481-3365, visit <http://oregon-trail.ploud.net> or search Facebook.

Ladies to lavish in lavender

Tips on growing and uses for lavender are featured during a program sponsored by the Hermiston Nazarene Church Women's Ministries.

All Things Lavender is Tuesday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the church's ministry center, 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Greg and Bettina Senter, owners of The Lavender Egg in Pendleton, are the presenters. There is no admission fee.

For more information, Melody Finn-Kinswa at 541-567-3677, melody.hermnaz@gmail.com or visit www.hermistonnazarene.org.

Traveling Lantern shares 'Life of Mozart'

History will be brought to life as the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents "The Life of Mozart."

The play is described as a frolicsome, gleeful and historically accurate. Full of

Mozart's music, the presentation is especially designed to introduce children to the vibrancy of history, the joy of music and the true story of the composer's life.

The program will be presented free of charge Monday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m. at the Echo Public Library, 20 Bonanza St.; and 4 p.m. at the Umatilla Public Library, 700 Sixth St. 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 onstage to perform with the presenters.

For more about the theatre company, visit www.travelinglantern.com. For questions about the local presentations or other Summer Reading Program activities, call 541-376-8411 or 541-922-5704.

Park series revs up with Cruise Control

A Tri-Cities band will crank up the sound during the upcoming Music in the Parks.

The free show features Cruise Control, an oldies rock and roll band, who also revs up with country hits from the 1950s to the 1970s — as well as a few tunes from the 1980s. The concert is Monday, July 16 at 7 p.m. at Irrigon Marina Park. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane.

People are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair. In addition, those attending are welcome to bring a picnic and beverages to enjoy while listening to the music.

Music in the Parks alternates each Monday through Aug. 13 between Irrigon and Boardman marina parks. For more information, contact Jackie McCauley at utility.clerk@cityofboardman.com, 541-720-1289 or 541-481-9252.

Deadline looms for fair parade

The Umatilla County Fair is gearing up to "Stir-up Some Fun!"

The deadline for registering for the fair parade is Friday, July 27. Winners can pick up their ribbons after Aug. 12 at the fair office at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston. Those who live out of the area may request to have theirs mailed.

The parade is Saturday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Participants may begin the check-in process for instructions at 4 p.m. on South First Street in front of Hermiston High School. Parade entrants must be in the line-up by 6 p.m.

Registration forms are available at www.umatillacounty.net/fair. For questions, contact 541-567-6121, fair@umatillacounty.net or stop by the fair office.

Fundraiser rolls on for Domestic Violence Services

The public is invited to roll a strike during a bowling event to raise money for a local nonprofit organization.

In its fifth year, the Domestic Violence Services Bowl-A-Thon is Saturday, July 21 from 6-8 p.m. at Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. The cost is \$30 per bowler or \$120 for a team of four. The fee includes three games and shoe rental. It's open to all ages, and prizes will be given. In addition, raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 for some great prizes.

The annual fundraiser helps support the organization's efforts in giving victims of stalking and domestic, dating and sexual violence the support and resources to become survivors.

For more information or to register, call 541-276-3322 or visit www.dvs-or.org.

Hermiston puts fun in the festival

Funfest includes Festival Street celebration

By TAMMY MALGESINI
COMMUNITY EDITOR

A highlight of this year's Hermiston Funfest is the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Hermiston's Festival Street.

"It's the grand opening, which is really exciting," said Debbie Pedro, Hermiston Chamber of Commerce executive director. "We want everyone to come out and celebrate what's great about Hermiston."

In its 13th year, Funfest kicks off Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. in downtown Hermiston. The Festival Street ceremony takes place at 1 p.m. Free ice cream will be served up to the first 500 people.

With the completion of the project, Pedro said the event's main stage will now be situated on Northeast Second Street. A huge canopy tent and bleacher seating will provide protection from the sun. Entertainment will take the stage throughout the day.

Also, as the sun heats up, several activities offer a way to cool down, including a fire hose fountain. And, for a splashing good time, enter Splash and Dash 2018. Mobile racing bathtubs are provided. There's no entry fee, but teams need to register Friday by 4 p.m. at Hermiston City Hall. Participants must be at least 18 years old and the driver is required to wear a helmet. Warning — you WILL get wet!

Other festival highlights, Pedro said, are the Outlaw Lawn Dragsters. She said the souped-up mowing machines will tear up Main Street in front of the *Hermiston Herald* office.



STAFF PHOTO BY TAMMY MALGESINI

Kids reach out to high-five drivers during the Outlaw Lawn Dragsters races during the 2016 Hermiston Funfest. This year's event kicks off Saturday in downtown Hermiston.

"It's really unique and people love them," Pedro said.

Also returning is Bear in the Box, featuring chainsaw artists. They will be showing off their skills and selling unique wooden creations, including a 2 p.m. auction.

The festival also features children's activities, arts and crafts vendor booths and lots of food and beverages choices. Also, adults won't want to miss a chance to enter the Cash Machine for a chance to grab some money.

Eastern Oregon Art Show

Showcasing the work of regional artists, the Eastern Oregon Art Show runs Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church. Presented by Desert Arts Council, it offers \$1,500 in cash prizes, including a \$250 people's choice award.

It's open to amateur and professional artists as well as youths in a special teen category. People may enter up to two works in any medium. Entries must be submitted Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hermiston City Hall. The per piece entry fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for teens. Information and a form is available

at www.desertartscouncil.com.

Cool Rides Car Show

Be sure to cruise on over to McKenzie Park for the 23rd annual Cool Rides Car Show. Vehicle registration begins Saturday at 7 a.m. The show starts at 9 a.m. and finishes up with the awards presentation at 3 p.m.

Activities rev up Friday for registered participants. A poker run starts at 5 p.m. at the park. Pulled pork sandwiches and water, which is provided by the Hermiston Classics Car Club, will be served when everyone returns from the poker run. Club president Larry Storment said those not entering vehicles in the show can participate for \$5.

Registration is \$25, which includes a dash plaque raffle ticket, event T-shirt and the Friday evening activities. Vendors, live music and food will be available at the park. Spectators can participate in a poker walk for \$5.

Awards will be presented in more than a dozen classes, including motorcycles. Also, prizes will be given for Best of Show, Andy Anderson Memorial, Mike Monroe Memorial, longest distance traveled and "I Built My Car."

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