

# Benefit dinner boosts education

Fundraiser features all-you-can-eat crab

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
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A meal featuring crab and grilled steak kabobs will be served during the Hermiston Education Foundation Benefit.

Formerly known as Beach & Beef Fundraiser, the event is in its 10th year. Money raised by the non-profit foundation will be used to help enhance the educational experience of students throughout the Hermiston School District.

With a theme of "Follow Your Art," the benefit dinner and auction is Saturday with the doors opening at 5 p.m. for silent auction viewing at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., with the live auction following. Tickets are \$40 and are available at the Hermiston School District office, 305 S.W. 11th St.; Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite 111; and via [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

Some of the items on the auction block include tickets and a parking pass for a Seattle Seahawks game, a dinner package at Anthony's Restaurant in the Tri-Cities and a "Stay & Play" package at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, which includes a



Prior to last year's Hermiston Education Foundation Benefit, students in Kendra Scott's ABLE class at Rocky Heights Elementary School created decorations for the event. This year's fundraising dinner and auction is Saturday at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center.

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one-night accommodations, golfing, movie passes and dinner.

Karen Sherman, HEF co-president, said the board has been busy the past few months. While involved in planning for the annual benefit dinner, they also took on organizing last month's Dancing with the Hermiston Stars.

Phil Scheuers, who joined the HEF board in October, said the change of venue provides better logistics for the event. Having some extra space, he said,

will reduce the bottleneck of people trying to pay for auction items while others are leaving the event.

In addition to assisting with preparation and creating some of the artwork for decorations, district students will be selling raffle tickets.

"They will move around the venue and rally up support for the fundraiser," Scheuers said.

Proceeds from the benefit are used to award grants twice a year to district staff for projects, equipment or

activities that aren't available through the district's budget. Since 2003, the foundation has disbursed more than \$300,000 in grants.

In addition, a scholarship program was established in the spring of 2017. Each year, eligible graduating seniors can apply for \$2,500 scholarships.

For more information about the Hermiston Education Foundation, visit [www.hermistoneducation-foundation.org](http://www.hermistoneducation-foundation.org) or search Facebook.

# Local United Way to make changes

By HERMISTON HERALD

The United Way of Umatilla and Morrow counties recently announced it will merge with the United Way of Walla Walla and Columbia counties.

The change, which will create the United Way of the Blue Mountains, coincides with the retirement of Cricket Nicholson this summer. Nicholson has been the executive director of the United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties for 12 years. Christy Lieuellen, who is the current executive director of United Way of Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, will lead the regional nonprofit.

"We feel confident the time is right," Nicholson said. "More importantly, Umatilla and Morrow counties will benefit from the continued local presence and focus, with

the added capabilities and support that United Way of Walla Walla County brings."

Lieuellen stressed that local presence in both markets will be a priority. The organization, she said, will continue to seek local stakeholders and community involvement throughout the region, including a new regional board of directors. Merging the two operations benefits the respective communities by streamlining operations, creating efficiencies and reducing duplication of efforts, she said.

"What won't change are those things that make United Way such a vital resource in our local communities," she said. "As always, monies raised will be invested within the community where they were donated."



Cricket Nicholson

## BRIEFS

### American Legion meets monthly in Hermiston

Hermiston American Legion Post #37 invites area veterans to join them for monthly meetings.

Incorporated by Congress in 1919, membership to the American Legion is open to all honorably discharged or retired veterans, and active duty military personnel. A nonprofit and nonpartisan organization, it advocates for fellow service members and veterans. In addition the American Legion supports patriotism, promotes national security and is committed to mentoring youths and sponsoring wholesome programs in the community.

The group meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. For more information, contact Gary Hartinger at 541-571-0820 or [bhart125@msn.com](mailto:bhart125@msn.com).

### Fees for Fido increases in Stanfield

The Stanfield Police Department reminds residents that the city ordinance was recently amended regarding the licensing of dogs.

The fee is \$5 per year for spayed or neutered dogs and \$20 for unaltered dogs. Also, proof of a current rabies vaccination is required to license your dog.

Dog licenses are valid from July 1 through June 30

of each year. Residents can license their dogs at Stanfield City Hall, 160 S. Main St.

For more information, visit [www.cityofstanfield.com](http://www.cityofstanfield.com) or call 541-449-3831.

### Stanfield library sets Food for Fines

People with library overdue fees at the Stanfield Public Library can have their debt forgiven.

Food for Fines will forgive \$1 in fines for each non-perishable food item donated, up to \$5. People can stop by the library between Feb. 1-16 to take advantage of the program. Food collected will be donated to the local food bank to be distributed to those in need in the community.

The Stanfield Public Library is located at 180 W. Coe Ave. For more information, call 541-449-1254.

### Conference encourages men to be leaders

An upcoming faith-based conference offers encouragement to men as leaders at home, at church, on the job and in their communities.

The No Regrets Men's Conference is a one-day live-streamed event from southeastern Wisconsin. Area men are invited to attend Saturday, Feb. 2 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. The cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Breakfast and lunch

are included. Men who don't have a church home are invited to attend free of charge.

Steve Sonderman, president and founder of No Regrets Men's Ministries, is passionate about local churches developing their men's ministries. In addition to serving as executive pastor of ministries at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin, Sonderman regularly speaks at conferences and serves as chaplain for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Featured speakers include Rod Hairston, who served as chaplain for more than a decade with the Baltimore Ravens; Stuart Briscoe, a pastor and the author of more than 40 books; Gordon MacDonald, chancellor of Denver Seminary; and more.

For more information or to register, visit [www.newhopeon395.com](http://www.newhopeon395.com). For questions, contact 541-567-8441 or [office@newhopeon395.com](mailto:office@newhopeon395.com).

### Vespers service includes gospel folk music

An evening of music, prayer and the sharing of scriptures is planned during a vespers service in Irrigon.

Doug Diamond will perform folk gospel during the free event. The public is invited Friday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church, 205 Tumbleweed Blvd., Irrigon.

For more information, call 541-922-3895 or visit [www.facebook.com/IrrigonSDA](http://www.facebook.com/IrrigonSDA).



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