



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

One of artist Laura Gable's paintings sits on display at Wild Goose Design in Hermiston. Gable will be visiting the shop on June 6.

Wild Goose Designs to host winning artist

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Wild Goose Design in downtown Hermiston is hosting artist Laura Gable on June 6.

Shoppers can meet the Kennewick-based artist and browse her work for sale from 4:30-7:30 p.m. as part of June's First Thursday event downtown. Wild Goose Design is located at 215 E. Main St.

A collection of Gable's oil paintings won first place at the Hermiston Art Festival on May 18, and her work has been shown in public galleries and private collections throughout the country. Her paintings of life in Eastern Washington have made their way into various national magazines, including the cover of SkyWest.

Wild Goose Design owner Bonnie Greiner said she is excited to host Gable.

Bonnie and her husband Glenn Greiner opened their Main Street storefront a few months ago. The shop features home decor, furniture, art, jewelry, soap, greeting cards, clothing, garden decorations, food and more made in Oregon and Washington.

Much of the store's

offerings, including jewelry and furniture, are made in Hermiston by the couple. Bonnie said Glenn is a "fabulous carpenter" who makes pieces from scratch and refurbishes vintage items.

"We do a lot of custom work," she said.

While the Main Street storefront is new, the Greiners are no strangers to the business. They have been in Hermiston for more than 48 years — raising five daughters in the Hermiston school system along the way — and have had various businesses in the past.

For years they have brought their wares to trade shows and sold them to gift shops and furniture stores, but Bonnie said they are pleased to be back to selling directly to Hermiston residents.

"We are excited about being in Hermiston," she said. "There are a lot of exciting things going on for a small town."

She said they hope people will realize the value of buying something custom-made by a local business instead of mass-produced in China.

For more information call 509-528-7121 or visit @wildgoosedesign215 on Instagram.

Hermiston Downtown Association kicks off 'summer series' with art show

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The Hermiston Downtown District is kicking things into high gear this summer with a full slate of events.

In addition to its First Thursday events — featuring special deals at downtown businesses the first Thursday of every month — this year the group of downtown business owners is also partnering with the city of Hermiston and Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce on a new slate of activities meant to draw more visitors downtown.

The first of those events took place on May 18, with an art festival that offered up live entertainment, food and classes for painting, floral arranging and cookie decorating. Local artists' work was also featured, and prizes were awarded in the professional and high school divisions (see glance box).

"We thought it turned out really well," Hermiston Downtown District president Judy Pederson said.

Hermiston artist Mary Corp said the juror for the



Photo contributed by Judy Pederson

A child works on a painting project at this year's Hermiston Art Festival.

event remarked to her that there was "a lot of quality art" to be found there.

"I was happy with the amount of participation we had," she said. "I would always love to see more, but we had a strong group of artists."

She said she would encourage local artists to plan ahead to join next year's festival.

The event was centered around Hermiston's festival street that opened in June 2018 next to city hall. The festival street will play host to other events this summer, including a brand new Cork and Barrel event

Art festival winners
Winners of the Hermiston Art Festival on May 18 were:
Professional division:
Laura Gable, first place
Michelle Walchli, second place
Pam Sharp, third place,
Justin Stark, honorable mention
Andrea Eiden, people's choice

High school gold star winners:
Ashley Cameron
Kamryn Aldred
Jasmine Lei
Hermalinda Ledesma
Jamin Zamudio
Araceli Medina
Kyra Gomez
Bryon Bonifer
Anniston McGraw

on June 29 featuring locally sourced appetizers, craft brews and wines.

July 13 will be Spudfest, a family-friendly activity day previously known as Funfest. Pederson said the downtown association is taking the lead on the event this year, instead of the chamber, and decided to return to the name by which it was known decades ago.

On Aug. 3 the association will host a "pre-party" downtown prior to the Umatilla County Fair parade.

After the fair, on Aug. 17, the downtown district is launching a new

event known as Melon-fest, which will celebrate all things watermelon. It will include bathtub races in tubs painted like watermelon, a watermelon costume contest, seed-spitting contest and more.

Other events planned for the summer include a "Farm to Junk" antique/vintage shopping event and a Harvest Fest in September.

"We've got a great summer lineup," Pederson said.

She said the district will be looking for vendors and volunteers for each event. For more information call 541-667-5026.

Yo Country moves frozen yogurt shop downtown

By JADE MCDOWELL
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If the secret to real estate is "location, location, location" then Yo Country Frozen Yogurt is sitting pretty.

The Hermiston business recently moved downtown after years behind Cottage Flowers, hidden from view of the surrounding roads.

"We didn't get the exposure like we will here," owner Terry Journot said.

The new location, which opened this week, is at 130 S.E. Third St. in a former law office.

The storefront offers frozen yogurt and toppings by the ounce, as well as kombucha. Journot said they will be adding some more products in the



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Owners Tricia and Terry Journot

upcoming months after getting settled.

Terry and his wife Tricia Journot bought the business in 2017 from its previous owners.

"I had been working at a power plant for 17 years and just needed something different," Terry said.

The location at the back of another business was "really bad," Tricia said, but they used social media to try and spread the word. They also used the old ambulance they had inherited from the previous owners to go mobile and bring their product to community events.

Now they are open on the corner of Third Street and Hurlburt Avenue, with their own ADA-accessible restroom and outdoor seating. They are still working to add more permanent concrete seating, an LED sign, landscaping and new paint with the help of a facade grant from the city.

"We're not done, we just wanted to make sure we had the product available for customers now," Tricia said.

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