# LETTER

# Hermiston a patriotic town

To the editor: By way of introduction, I purchased Universal Realty in October of 2018, which we now operate the John L Scott Real Estate Franchise in the same location.

A few weeks ago I was touring an out of state investor who was looking for land to help address the lack of affordable housing in the area. As we were touring the sites, the investor said,

# ing at an American flag in the yard of a resident. As we drove through the city of Hermiston, he would say, "and there is another one, and another one, and another one." Finally, he stated, "You just do not see that kind of patriotism in California." I was so proud to hear that statement, I wanted to share it with you. This is one of many reasons we live in rural America and do business in Hermiston. A proud patriotic commu-

"Look at that." He was look-

nity that shares our same values is why we specifically choose the Hermiston community and do business here. Therefore, I wanted to share that your patriotism is recognized by others as they visit. It is an act all of Hermiston can be proud of. This is one many demonstrations by the community which we at John L. Scott Real Estate are so proud to be a part of your/our community.

> **Dennis Gisi** Walla Walla

# BRIEFS

# **McKenzie** Park offers free flicks

Movies in the Park continues to heat up on Friday nights in Hermiston.

The free flicks are Aug. 2 with a showing of "Aquaman," a PG-13 rated action adventure; and Aug. 9 features "Smallfoot," an animated adventure comedy that's rated PG. The portable screen will light up at dusk at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. People are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, a blanket and their favorite snacks.

For more information, contact Hermiston Parks & Recreation at 541-667-5018 or visit www.hermistonrecreation.com.

# **Fun run benefits** Made to Thrive

People are invited to walk, jog or run — and then enjoy some regional craft beers during an event to benefit Made to Thrive.

As part of the Oregon Brewery Running Series, the casual, untimed fun run is Saturday, Aug. 17 beginning at 10 a.m. at Ordnance Brewing, 405 N. Olson Road, Boardman. The registration fee is \$30. For an event T-shirt and race entry (\$40),

people must register by Sunday, Aug. 11. Also, volunteers are still needed - they will receive a beer, T-shirt, a swag item and registration for a future run.

Based in Hermiston, Made to Thrive is a nonprofit organization that aims to stop the cycle of child abuse and neglect.

After the fun run, people are invited to enjoy live entertainment. participate in giveaways and activities with partners and sponsors, and purchase food and drinks.

For more information or to register, visit www.eventbrite.com. For questions, contact Nathan Freeburg at nathan@breweryrunningseries.com.



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The city of Hermiston wants to build a skate park across South First Street from the building housing Hermiston Police Department and Umatilla County Fire District.

# Skate park plans delayed

# **HERMISTON HERALD**

Parks and recreation director Larry Fetter had hoped to build a skate park in Hermiston next year, but the project will be delayed at least a year after the city failed to get a grant that would have funded the first phase of the project.

"It's a big disappointment," Fetter said.

He said the city is still committed to creating the "teen adventure park," which includes a skate park in the first phase and a second phase that would add a BMX bike track, parkour station, climbing rock and more. It will be located on South First Place across the street from the police station and fire station.

The original plan was to use a \$250,000 grant from state lottery funds to build the first phase next spring, then win a second grant next year to build the second phase. Now, the city will have to look for alternate funding sources.

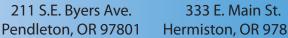
Fetter said there are two grants he can apply for next spring that could be used as matching dollars against each other. If the city gets those grants, it could start construction of the teen adventure park during the fall of 2020. Fetter said depending on funding, both phases may be built at the same time.



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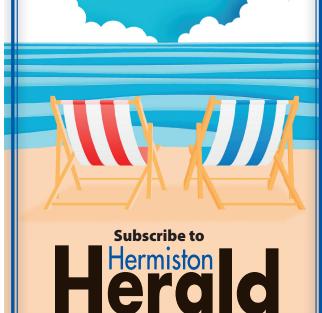
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