Nazarene church prepares to dash for diapers

Fun runs of 5k and 10k are set March 7 through Riverfront Park to help collect diapers

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People are encouraged to start collecting packages of diapers in anticipation of the Diaper Dash.

The Hermiston Church of the Nazarene is hosting the event for the sixth year as a way to provide a basic need for parents in the community.

The Diaper Dash is Saturday, March 7 at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. — the "fee" is a package of diapers.

Dawn Kennison-Kerrigan said the unique event was created after a group of teens approached the church's pastor, Rev. Eric Fritz, inquiring about ways they could help people in the community.

Somehow, the idea of diapers came up — and the Diaper Dash was born.

Providing diapers, Kennison-Kerrigan said, is a practical way to help ease a burden in times of need. They are distributed to single moms and dads, parents, grandparents and local agencies.

The 5K and 10K fun run/walk begins and ends at the church, at 1520 W. Orchard Ave. The route goes through Riverfront Park, along the Oxbow Trail and down 11th Street.

A goal of 15,000 diapers has been set — last year's event was just shy of the 10,000 mark.

Donations will be distributed through various organizations throughout the year.

Also, organizers indicate that sizes 4-6 are the greatest need, as well as some pull-ups.

For more information, contact 541-567-3677, hermistonnaz@gmail.com, visit www.hermistonnazarene.org or search Facebook.

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Nearly 10,000 diapers were collected during the 2019 Diaper Dash at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene. In its sixth year, organizers are hoping to collect 15,000 diapers during the March 7 event.

BRIEFS

Brass Fire offers sizzling Valentine's performance

A sweet evening of music will feature the sounds of Brass Fire on Valentine's Day.

Fronted by Hermiston's Brad Rozema, the regional horn band will serve up Big Band Era music as well as blues, soul, rock and a few special "love songs" for Valentine's Day. The group will play Friday from 7-10 p.m. at the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. There is no cover charge. Also, two dance floors offer plenty of room to get up and move to the music.

The musicians perform everything from Elvis and Chicago to Santana and Earth Wind & Fire. The band features saxophones, trumpets, trombone, piano, bass, guitar and drums. In addition, members of the group share the mic for vocal renderings.

For more information about Brass Fire, email brassfireband@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/brassfire.

Community center hosts family night, holiday activity

An evening of family fun is available on Valentine's Day at the Hermiston Community Center.

Presented by Hermiston Parks & Recreation, Family Friday Night is Feb. 14 from 4-7 p.m. at 415 S. Highway 395. The event features bouncy houses, a bungee run and a variety of games, including cornhole, ping pong, Mario Kart and more. The cost is $5 per person.

Also, No School Monday Madness is offered Monday, Feb. 17 (President's Day) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., also at the community center. Open to students 10 and older, parents can check their kids in and head to work. Indoor activities provide opportunities for safe fun during the holiday from school. The entry fee is $5 per student for the all day play event.

Concessions are available with cash purchases at both events. Also, pre-registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call 541-667-5018 or visit www.hermiston.or.us/parks-recreation/home. Additional information is available at www.facebook.com/hermistonrec.

ArtWORKz seeks youth art for show, contest

Artists from throughout the region who are 18 and under are encouraged to enter an art show and competition that includes prizes and awards in several age groups.

The entry deadline for 2020 ArtWORKz Junior Art Show & Competition is Saturday at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, off Interstate 84 at Exit 216, Mission. In addition to showing their work in a professional gallery setting, participants may offer their works for sale during the show. Each artist will set their own price and Tamástslikt will collect a 30% commission on artwork sold.

All art media forms are welcome. Submissions may be an individual's work or the result of a collaborative effort. For group pieces, all artists are to be identified and must be under the age of 19.

The show runs Feb. 22 through April 4. Admission to the exhibit is free on the opening day. The artists' reception, which includes awards presentations, is Saturday, March 14 at 1 p.m.

For more information, including ArtWORKz entry forms, visit www.tamastslikt.org. For questions, contact Randy Melton, collections curator, at 541-429-7700 or randall.melton@tamastslikt.org.

Former pastors to speak at Christian center

A pair of familiar faces will serve as guest speakers this weekend at the Hermiston Christian Center.

Former pastors Mike and Tami Johnson will share during the Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. at the church, 1825 W. Highland Ave. The couple served at Hermiston Christian Center during the mid-1990s.

For more information, call the church office at 541-567-3480 or email Holly Pixton at hpixton@machmedia.net.

Boardman hosts Daddy Daughter Dance

Recognizing the bonds between daughters and their fathers, Boardman has plans for a special dance.

In its third year, the Daddy Daughter Dance is Saturday, Feb. 15 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Boardman Pool & Recreation Center, 311 N. Olson Road. Tickets are $30 per couple and $10 for each additional daughter.

The special night offers dads and their daughters, ages 3 and up, a chance to enjoy each other's company while listening to DJ music and eating snacks. In addition, portraits will be taken and a special craft project features making a photo frame to help preserve memories of the evening.

For more information, call 541-616-1050 or visit www.boardmanpool.com.

Workshop deals in problem gambling prevention

Rather than merely rolling the dice, people are encouraged to learn safe gambling tips and recognize signs that may indicate a problem.

As part of its "Lunch and Learn" series, Good Shepherd Medical Center will present Problem Gambling Prevention. The free event is Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 at the hospital, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. While the session and meal are free, registration is required.

For more information or to register, contact 541-667-3509 or healthinfo@gshealth.org.

Veterans' affairs to expand volunteer program

Volunteers interested in working with aging veterans to help them access benefits and resources are needed throughout Oregon.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is expanding its Veteran Volunteer Program across the state after a successful pilot project in three counties. The goal of the program is to equip volunteers with information so they can help educate and connect veterans — primarily, seniors in care home facilities — to their earned benefits and other potential resources. A phased rollout of the project is planned across the state over the next few years.

"I hear from a lot of people who want to thank our veterans in a tangible way, and this is one way volunteers can have a lasting, positive impact on a veteran's life," said Veteran Volunteer Coordinator Mark Newell.

The volunteer program is open to those 18 or older. People who enjoy working with the aging population and want to make a difference in the lives of veterans are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Newell at 503-373-2057, veteranvolunteer@odva.state.or.us or visit www.oregonvetvolunteer.com. Also, for the Hermiston veteran services office, call 541-667-3125 and in Morrow County, call 541-922-6420.

Hermiston library hopes for author visit

The Hermiston Public Library is hoping to win a visit from beloved children's author Jan Brett.

Known for her colorful, detailed depictions of animals and human cultures, Brett's best-known titles include "The Mitten," "The Hat" and "Gingerbread Baby." This is the 10th year the author has held a contest to visit a school or public library.

Brett will visit the library that has the most supporters who enter the contest. Also, the second to 10th place prizes will be 10 of the author's books and 11-100th place will receive an autographed Jan Brett poster. The contest ends Monday, April 20.

To enter, fill out the form at www.janbrett.com. A person may only enter with their email address one time, and children under 13 must use their parent's email address to enter

For more information, stop by the library at 235 E. Gladys Ave., call 541-567-2882 or visit www.hermistonlibrary.us.

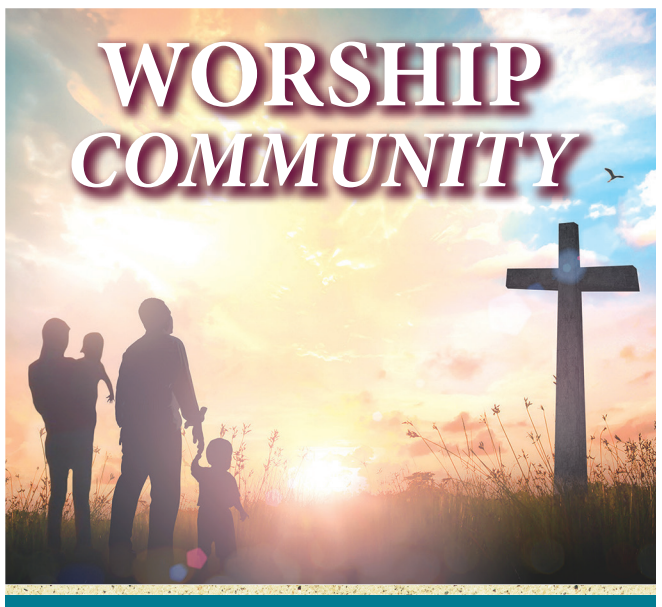
Celebration of love serves spaghetti dinner

An Italian-themed dinner event is planned as a celebration of love — both for each other and for God — at the Hermiston First Christian Church.

That's Amore! is Sunday from 4-5:30 p.m. at 775 W. Highland Ave. The meal features spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Also, the evening includes entertainment in the form of a couple's game. Patterned after "The Newlywed Game," a long running game show, spouses will be asked questions to determine how much they know about one another.

There is a suggested donation of $5 per person. Money raised will go toward finishing the nursery project.

For more information, call 541-567-3013 or visit www.hermistonfcc.com.



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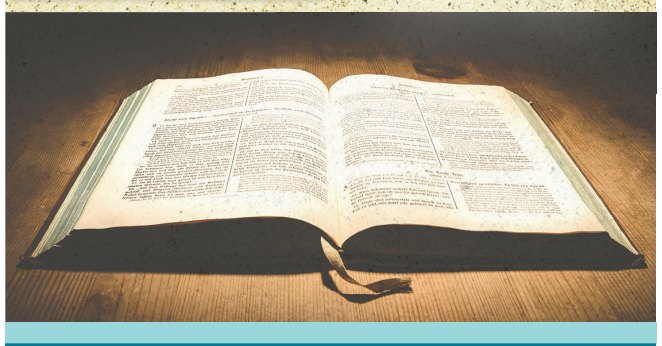

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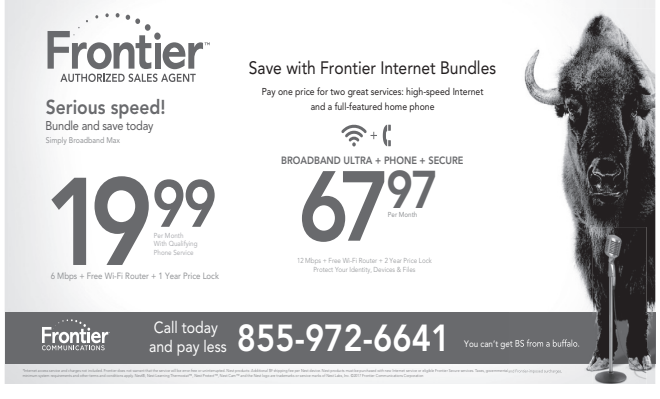
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