

# Organizers seek registrations for art festival

Hermiston Downtown District to host May 16 event

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The Hermiston Downtown District is seeking entries for its 2020 Art Festival.

The show is open to all professional artists from across the region, ages 18 and older. Also, there will be space reserved to display the artwork of students from Hermiston High School.

As people are practicing social distancing due to concerns about coronavirus, this might be the perfect time to focus some time and energy on creative outlets through various art projects.

Only original work that is designed and created by the artist will be exhibited and for sale during the event. Works will be accepted in any media, including two or three dimensional paintings, sculpture, jewelry, wood carving, airbrush, mixed media, drawings, photography, printmaking, metal sculpture and ceramics. With a family-friendly focus, the Hermiston Downtown District reserves the right to refuse



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Artwork filled downtown businesses during a past art festival in Hermiston. The Hermiston Downtown District is seeking artists from across the region for its 2020 Art Festival. The event, which also features space for Hermiston High School student art, is planned for May 16 in downtown Hermiston.

work that is deemed inappropriate for the audience.

The registration fee is \$25 per artist. The registration is open as long as space is available.

Forms may be delivered or mailed to Lucky Endz Gifts, 239 E. Main St. To be included in advance show publicity, the registration form must be submitted or postmarked by Wednesday, April 15.

Registrations will continue to be accepted as long as display space is available.

## Libraries close in Boardman, Heppner, Irrigon

Online services still available

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All branches of the Oregon Trail Library District — Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon — are closed until further notice.

Kathy Street, OTLD director, said while the physical buildings are closed, patrons may still access digital content — including

downloadable magazines, eBooks and audiobooks — with the use of their library card.

Library cards are free to people who live within the library district. Others can purchase one for \$25.

As a precautionary measure, Street said only one staff person would be on site at a time in each branch library. They will be available via phone or email during regular business hours, including to issue library cards.

"We don't know when we will reopen," Street said. "It's all a fluid situation."

Street said her staff and the library board are committed to finding ways to offer access to information and materials as well as stimulating activities for people. While people are isolated at home with social distancing, she said it's important to find things "to keep your mind and spirit engaged."

Also, the library district is extending holds and

due dates during the closure. People with materials that are due while the facilities are closed may keep them until libraries reopen or return them at the book drops.

Street said late fines will be suspended during the closure.

For more information, visit <https://oregontrail.ploud.net>.

In addition, information and resources will be posted to the district's Facebook and Twitter pages.



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### BRIEFS

#### HEF scholarship committee postpones deadline

Due to the current school closure, the Hermiston Education Foundation's scholarship deadline is on hold.

HEF plans to award scholarships of \$2,500 each to eight 2020 Hermiston High School seniors. The evaluation of applicants includes academic scholarship, extra-curricular activities, community service, leadership and financial need.

George Clough, of the scholarship committee, said the education foundation will determine a new deadline when school is in session again. For questions, write HEF, P.O. Box 1096, Hermiston, OR 97838. For more about the education foundation, visit [www.hermistoneducationfoundation.org](http://www.hermistoneducationfoundation.org).

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#### Hospital auxiliary offers medical scholarships

Students pursuing higher education in the medical field are invited to apply for \$2,000 scholarships for the 2020-21 school year.

To be eligible for the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary scholarships, applicants must have successfully completed at least one year of study in the field of medicine at a college or university. Also, the student's home residence must be within the areas served by Good Shepherd Health Care System. Those communities include Hermiston, Boardman, Echo, Irrigon, Stanfield and Umatilla.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, April 30. Appli-

cation forms are available at the hospital gift shop, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, or by contacting the director of volunteer services at 541-667-3690 or [cschaan@ghealth.org](mailto:cschaan@ghealth.org).

#### Sun Terrace cancels cancer center presentation

HERMISTON — As a precautionary measure due to coronavirus, the Thursday, March 19 Tri-Cities Cancer Center presentation at Sun Terrace Hermiston has been canceled.

Pam Carrier said after the precautions are lifted, they will reschedule.

For more information, contact Carrier at [pcarrier@regency-pacific.com](mailto:pcarrier@regency-pacific.com) or call Sun Terrace at 541-564-2595.

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#### Ham radio enthusiasts meet monthly in Hermiston

The Hermiston Amateur Radio Club seeks to promote radio knowledge, camaraderie and individual operating efficiency.

The club meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Agape House, 500 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. Anyone that's interested in amateur radios is invited to attend a meeting — both those who are licensed or interested in obtaining an amateur radio license.

For more information, email [hermistonarc@gmail.com](mailto:hermistonarc@gmail.com) or visit [www.ai7ho.org](http://www.ai7ho.org).

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