

# Charitable foundation awards \$10,000 in grants

HERMISTON HERALD

The Greater Hermiston Community Foundation awarded its first grants last week, totaling \$10,000.

The charitable foundation was established in 2018, gathering donations from people and businesses to be used on projects for the betterment of western Umatilla County communities.

The founders planned to begin giving out grants from interest on the fund once it reached \$200,000, which it did in mid-2019.

After taking applications in January, the foundation is awarding grants to six local nonprofits and cities.

“Today is a special day for the Foundation and all the donors who have contributed to the endowment

fund,” Greg Harris, president of the Greater Hermiston Community Foundation, said in a statement. “With their help, in just over two years, we are now able to assist many great projects in the greater Hermiston community.”

The grants were:

- Domestic Violence Services received \$3,500 toward sheltering vic-

tims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

- City of Echo received \$2,500 for a structure and reader board to increase awareness of community activities and services.

- Eastern Oregon Mission received \$1,500 in support of Martha’s House, a Hermis-

ton shelter for families experiencing temporary homelessness.

- The committee to rebuild Funland playground received \$1,000 toward rebuilding the Hermiston playground that burned down in 2019.

- City of Stanfield received \$1,000 to install an 18-hole disc golf

course around the city.

- TruCare Pregnancy Resources, which works to create a “culture of life” by supporting expectant mothers in Hermiston, received \$1,000.

Donations to the foundation are tax-deductible.

For more information, including donation options, visit [www.GreaterHermiston.com](http://www.GreaterHermiston.com).

# FFA plant sale moves online

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The annual plant sale organized by Hermiston High School FFA students has moved to an online ordering format due to social distancing protocols.

The agriculture students are offering the same variety of flowering plants, herbs, vegetables and hanging baskets, but all ordering will be done online, and orders will be delivered curbside at the high school’s greenhouse, which is next to the school’s modular buildings at 600 S. First St. in Hermiston.

To place an order, visit the FFA’s website at <https://hhsplantsale.square.site/> and click “Shop Now” to make selections and pay by credit or debit card.

Due to social distancing guidelines, the public



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The Hermiston FFA Chapter offers a variety of flowers and vegetables during its annual plant sale. Customers can order plants for curbside pickup at the sale, set April 30 and May 1.

will not be allowed inside the greenhouse. Curbside pickups can be scheduled on Thursday, April 30 from

9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m., or Friday, May 1 from 9-11 a.m.

The plant sale is a major

fundraiser for the HHS FFA program. For more information, contact Brianna Gilman at [Gilman@hermiston.org](mailto:Gilman@hermiston.org).

# Lions offer grants

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The Hermiston Lions Club, a 501(c)3 organization, has allocated emergency funding to support charities in the communities of Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman. The Emergency Response Grant Program was established to provide support during COVID-19.

The grants are from \$500 to \$2,000 each. The Lions intend these funds to be used to meet needs

in local support programs, such as food banks, child care programs, medical assistance or other needs.

Applications should be sent to Bill Kuhn, club president, at [wjk.kuhn-lawoffices.com](mailto:wjk.kuhn-lawoffices.com). In that email should be a description of the need, how much is needed and contact information.

The club also encourages tax deductible donations to support these grants. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 1690, Hermiston, OR 97838.

## BRIEFS

### Pomeroy Ranger District seeks summer teen employees

The Pomeroy Ranger District is still recruiting four to six students between the ages of 15 and 18 for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). The program will last six to eight weeks and is expected to start June 28. Applications are due April 30. The Pomeroy Ranger District intends to hire a YCC crew for the summer but may adjust the program based on the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic and Washington state’s executive order. If current stay home orders are still in effect, the Forest Service will defer the crew’s start date until restrictions are lifted or cancel the program.

Youths are paid the Washington state minimum wage rate of \$13.50 per hour. No housing or transportation to and from Pomeroy Ranger District is provided.

No previous experience is required. Work may consist of noxious weed removal, fence removal and construction, recreation and trail maintenance, fuel monitoring and vegetation surveys on the Pomeroy Ranger District.

- Applicants must:
- Be at least 15 years old

on selection date, and not reach the age of 19 during the term of employment in the program.

- Have a Social Security number, or have submitted an application to obtain one, and

- Obtain parental or legal guardian consent to enroll in the program.

Applications are available online at <https://www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/ycc-application-english-v2-exp-1-31-2020.pdf> or in the Pomeroy High School drop box. Completed applications can be emailed to [tara.hanger@usda.gov](mailto:tara.hanger@usda.gov) or placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the drop box.

Applicants will be notified by phone of their selection status by May 15.

For information about the YCC program, contact the Pomeroy Ranger District at 509-843-1891. For information about the Umatilla National Forest go to [www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/).

### Music Hall of Fame offers scholarships

College scholarship applications through the Oregon Music Hall of Fame are now available. Thanks to generous contributions, four scholarships of \$2,500 each were awarded in 2019.

Each applicant should

be a student studying music with instrument or voice, graduating spring 2020 from an Oregon high school, and continuing their collegiate academics as a major or minor in music at any college or university in the country. OMHOF scholarships provide assistance with college expenses.

Any questions may be emailed to [info@omhof.org](mailto:info@omhof.org), or applicants can go to <http://www.omhof.org> for an application.

All items must be mailed together, in order to qualify: Oregon Music Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 82173, Portland, OR 97282. The application deadline is May 23, 2020.

# Hermiston Altrusa awards scholarships

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Altrusa International of Hermiston announces three recipients of the Dorothy Juve Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded each year in the spring. The total amount budgeted for this scholarship was \$3,500, and is the main function of the Vocational Services Committee of Altrusa.

The first recipient is Kami Wagoner, who will complete her online study at Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in sociology. Her long-term goal is to continue as a surgical technician at Precision Surgery Center in Hermiston. Her projected graduation date is May 2021.

Kellie Zepeda attends Oregon State University this year as a major in kinesiology. A Hermiston High School graduate, she was awarded funds to complete her degree with a graduation target of June 2021. Her ultimate goal is to become a

physical therapist in a rural town.

Trenton Dixon, a student at Blue Mountain Community College, is majoring in nursing, and plans to graduate in June 2020, and then continue his education at Oregon Health & Science University. His goal is to become a family nurse practitioner in Umatilla County.

Altrusa International of Hermiston budgets for two scholarships. The first is the Dorothy Juve Memorial Scholarship, for which the deadline to apply is March 11. The second scholarship is the Linda Gilleese Memorial Scholarship, with a deadline of October 1. Both scholarships require applicants to be a member of west Umatilla County or north Morrow County, be two-thirds completed with their post-high school program, and be currently enrolled in that program.

For more information, send inquiries to [hermiston-altrusa@gmail.com](mailto:hermiston-altrusa@gmail.com).

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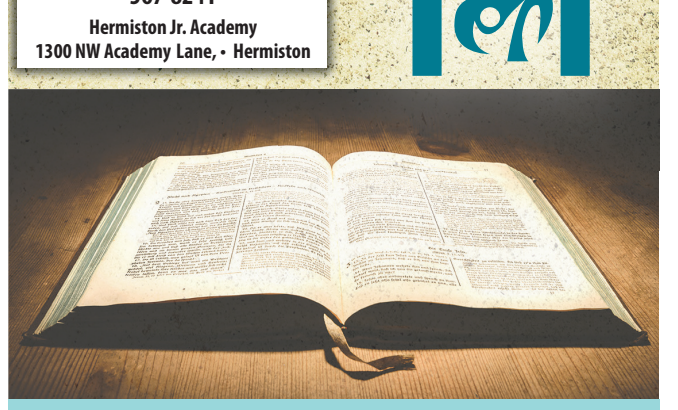
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