

Agape House food programs receive donation for COVID-19 relief

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Eastern Oregon Mission recently received a generous donation for COVID-19 relief from Huawei Technologies USA. The donation will be used to help increase food distribution through the Agape House family food box and school backpack programs.

Even in the world's greatest food-producing nation, children and adults face poverty and hunger in every

county across America, especially during times of a global pandemic. Eastern Oregon Mission reaches the elderly, children, the working poor, single-parent families, the homeless, and the newly unemployed.

"These are unprecedented times, and our volunteers and community partners are stepping up to make sure every person and family has food on the table," said Cathy Putnam, interim executive director of East-

ern Oregon Mission. "This donation from Huawei Technologies USA will help us increase our ability to provide food for anyone who asks as the need grows."

Huawei Technologies USA learned about Eastern Oregon Mission through the connection of Joseph Franell, the president of Eastern Oregon Telecom. Support from community leaders and businesses will ensure that Eastern Oregon Mission can continue to

serve the needs of families during this global pandemic.

Agape House and Martha's House are ministries of Eastern Oregon Mission, a nonprofit opened in 1986 to provide for the needs of the greater Hermiston community. A volunteer-driven organization, and through partnerships with local businesses, churches, and individuals, the mission provides food, housing, life skills, and other necessities for those in need.

Hermiston High marching band could play in national 4th of July parade in 2021

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Hermiston High School Marching Band Director Sean McClanahan received notification last week that the HHS Band was nominated by Gov. Kate Brown to march as a representative of Oregon in the 2021 National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C., on July 4, 2021.

The governor's recommendation was directed to Rep. Greg Walden, and the band will find out at a later date whether they were selected from the pool of nominees.

Marching bands are selected based on overall quality and geographical, ethnic, and stylistic diversity, according to a news release from the district. The nomination process assists to ensure representation from all parts of the United States.

The national selection committee strives to have at least one band or unit represent each of the 50 states.

"What a unique opportunity and terrific distinction for Hermiston High School's marching band," HHS Principal Tom Spoo said in a statement. "... We



Photo contributed by Hermiston School District

The Hermiston High School marching band has been nominated to perform in the national 4th of July parade in Washington, D.C., in 2021.

have outstanding marching band students and a phenomenal band director; I am glad that their work has been recognized."

The National Park Service hosts the parade and contracts with Music Celebrations International to produce the event. MCI is responsible for selecting and providing arrange-

ments for the bands marching in the parade. Kick-off starts at 8:45 a.m. PST and proceeds on Constitution Avenue between Seventh and 17th streets.

Aside from marching bands, the parade includes fife and drum corps, floats, military, and specialty units, giant balloons, equestrian, drill teams,

VIPs, national dignitaries, and celebrity participants.

Following the parade, participants join the audience of the PBS Concert at the Capitol Building, which features the National Symphony Orchestra and one of the nation's largest fireworks displays.

HHS senior named Oregon FFA vice president



Photo contributed by Hermiston School District

Jenna Wallace, a senior at Hermiston High School, was recently selected to serve as vice president on the 2020-21 FFA state board. She joins president Grace Adams of Dayton, Washington; secretary Raimy Brown of Baker City; treasurer Cinch Anderson of Grant Union; reporter Alivia Robbins of Burns; and sentinel Colby Fairbairn of Roseburg.

Mosquito control district to begin spray operations

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The West Umatilla Mosquito Control District will soon begin spraying for mosquitoes throughout western Umatilla County, the district announced in a press release on Tuesday.

The district, which covers a 525-square-mile area that includes Hermiston, Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo, reports that large bodies of water will be sprayed using a helicopter while smaller areas will be treated by hand. The district will also use "truck mounted ultra low volume sprayers" to control adult

mosquitoes. Aerial and truck mounted spraying will be done in the early evening just after sunset.

Of the 45 species of mosquitoes found in Oregon, the district commonly sees 12 species of mosquitoes including two that are possible carriers of West Nile virus.

As a result of COVID-19, the district offices will be closed to the public, all communication with the public will be done via phone. If residents do not wish to have their property sprayed, call the district at 541-567-5201 and ask to be placed on the no-spray list.

PET OF THE WEEK

Little Meno is approx 1 1/2 years old, he is blind and weighs only 4.8 pounds. He needs a home with little to no stairs, and no small children due to his size. He does love to have a small dog companion to play with. He enjoys cuddling and being carried around. He needs someone who is experienced with blind dogs.



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