Community garden opens for 2020

By JADE MCDOWELL **NEWS EDITOR**

After a pandemic-induced delay, Hermiston's Lovin' Spadefuls community garden is open for the 2020 season.

Registration is open at the garden, located on the Elm Avenue side of the Good Shepherd Health Care System Campus, May 26-28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eighty plots are available for \$10 apiece.

"We're about three weeks behind schedule, but I think it's certainly still feasible for everyone to still garden," organizer Chelle Hankinson said.

The garden got a late start while visitors were prohibited from Good Shepherd's campus under COVID-19 restrictions, but the hospital has given the garden the go-ahead. Participants are asked to stay 6 feet apart from people not in their household and to wear masks. Gloves are encouraged when touching shared items, such as the water spigot.

Overall, however, Hankinson said the garden should be a fairly safe family activity, given the nature of each family or individual having their own plot to work at on their own schedule, and the outdoor environment.

"It's so freeing," she said. "It's kind of a sense of therapy, especially after people have been locked up.'

The garden will be getting a greenhouse partway through the summer donated by Head Start. Hankinson said she also still has donated seeds left for people to use.

She said there is a lot of weed cover in the garden right now because volunteers haven't been able to get in to get them cleared out, but they have been working hard the last few days to make up for lost time.



HH file photo

A zinnia blooms at the Hermiston Community Garden in 2019.



The Hermiston Community Garden is located at the base of Hermiston Butte on property owned by the Good Shepherd Medical Center.

IN BRIEF

Hermiston library resumes partial on-site services

The Hermiston Public Library resumed limited services on May 26 and will begin lending physical materials in June.

The library is accepting returned items that were checked out before the library's closure in April. Borrowed materials may be dropped at the north side of the library into the labeled receptacles under the eaves of the building near the bench. The drive-up, stainless-steel drop will not be used for now, allowing library staff to safely receive and quarantine returned items. Returns

will be received between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

On June 1, library staff will begin offering curbside service for the checkout of library materials. Phone requests and online holds will open on Friday.

"We are excited to begin lending and sharing physical materials, including books, audio and video," library director Mark Rose said. "We look forward to a full reopening as soon as it is safe to do

There is no set date for the public to enter the library, and library programming will continue via electronic means throughout the summer. Library staff are planning a Summer Reading Program and will provide additional information before its launch.

You can count on us to help you plan a personal, lasting tribute to your loved one. We'll carefully guide you through the many decisions that must be made during this

challenging time. Family owned and operated since 1946.

BURNS MORTUARY of Hermiston & **Hermiston Crematory** 685 W. Hermiston Ave. Hermiston, Oregon (541) 567-6474



May 26th-31st



Simply Noelle **Spring Clothing!**

Bulk Loose Leaf Tea



Bulk Granola

\$1.00 OFF Take & Bake Pizzas



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

Sharron Reis, 90, waves from the window of Avamere at Hermiston during a drive-thru birthday party in her honor on May 19, 2020.

Celebrating 90

HERMISTON HERALD

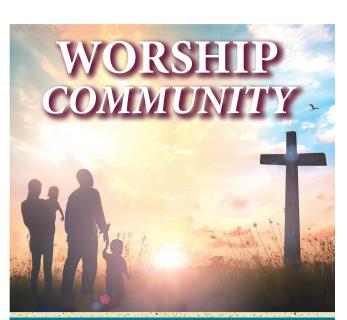
The family of Sharron Reis wanted a safe and fun way to celebrate her 90th birthday at the Avamere at Hermiston assisted living facility, so they created a small parade of cars to drive past her window.

Reis has been at Avamere for about a year and has lived in Hermiston for

more than four decades, according to her daughter Nolan Quinn. She has four children, lived through the Great Depression, and is a polio survivor.

Quinn said her mother felt like queen for a day during her social distancing birthday celebration on May 19.

"She had a ball," she said. "She thought it was the most fun."





Join Us On Our Journey With Jesus. Scripture, Tradition and Reason Family service 9am Sunday N.E. Gladys Ave & 7th, Hermiston

PH: 567-6672

We are an all inclusive Church who welcomes all.



English 7:00 am Spanish 6:00 pm SATURDAY: English 5:00 pm Spanish 7:00 pm SUNDAY: English 9:00 am .Bilingual 11:00 am .Spanish 1:00 pm

First Christian Church Hope, Living the Gospel of Love'

> Sunday School...9:15 am Worship Service... 10:30 am Children's Church 10:45 am

567-3013

775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston

LANDMARK BAPTIST **CHURCH**

125 E. Beech Ave. • 567-3232 Pastor David Dever

Sun. Bible Classes.. .10:00am Sun. Worship Service.. .11:00am ...6:00pm

Sun. Evening Worship.. Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:00pm www.hermistonlmbc.com

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Pastor J.C. Barnett

NEW BEGINNINGS

Children's Church & Nursery Available 700 West Orchard Avenue Hermiston, Oregon

541-289-4774



Sabbath School......9:30 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. **English & Spanish Services**

567-8241 Hermiston Jr. Academy





To share your worship times call 541-278-2678



Affordable Care in Eastern Oregon since 1991 TROY STEWART **Licensed Denturist** UMATILLA, OR: 1300 6th St., Suite G

BAKER CITY, OR: 2194 Court Ave. 541-519-4696 · 541-523-4752

URGENT CARE HERMISTON FAMILY MEDICINE & URGENT CARE Family Care • Minor Injuries

Sports Physicals • Minor Surgeries We accept Medicare & some Advantage Medicare plans

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY 541-567-1137 236 E. Newport, Hermiston

Hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-7:00pm

A Better Way to Oral Health DESERTDENTAL 541.567.8161 995 Orchard Ave.. Hermiston, OR RYAN M. WIESELER,

<u>ww.desertdentalsmiles.com</u>

 Confidential & Professional Care CRISIS PHONE: 866-343-4473 HERMISTON: 595 NW 11th St. • 541-567-2536 PENDLETON: 331 SE 2nd St. • 541-276-6207 WWW.LIFEWAYS.ORG





To advertise in the Medical Directory, please call Jeanne at 541-564-4531 or email jjewett@hermistonherald.com