

Rotary continues mission locally, across the globe

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Guidelines imposed because of COVID-19 have altered how people work, socialize and participate in recreational activities. Stay home orders, social distancing and restrictions on group gatherings have also changed how people engage in service organizations and volunteer activities. This series in the *Hermiston Herald* highlights how area service clubs and groups have responded to the pandemic.

Despite a global pandemic, the Hermiston Rotary Club is looking forward to continuing to serve in the local community and around the world.

In response to COVID-19, club president Jeremy Larson said the local group initially only met virtually. He called it “a new experience” but said it was nice to



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Members of the Hermiston Rotary Club's Satellite Club and Noon Club pose for a photo on July 28, 2020, after completing a service project.

have some interactions with others during Gov. Kate Brown's stay-home orders. The club, Larson said, added a virtual element to its regular noon meeting on Thursdays, which allows for additional engagement during

these challenging times. “Now that we can meet in person and provide a virtual component, we have seen better attendance and participation,” he said. “We are so grateful for the camaraderie that our club can provide.”

Rotary International was started in 1905 to provide professionals with diverse backgrounds an avenue to exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Over time, its focus and vision extended to include humanitarian service. The Hermiston Rotary Club, Larson said, is made up of men and women of all ages and professional backgrounds who use their talents, skills, and energy to improve the lives of people in local communities and across the globe.

“We are so appreciative of the support of the Hermiston community and all the amazing work that happens every day by men and women of all walks of life,” Larson said.

Direction from Rotary International during the pandemic, Larson said, has been to follow local and state guidelines. That has resulted in some changes in regards

to regular fundraisers, projects and programs.

The Arbor Day tree giveaway, which was held in April, was altered to feature drive-thru service. And the annual rose sale was pushed back from April to October. The club's annual Cowboy Breakfast, which is held in conjunction with the Umatilla County Fair, was canceled. Larson said the club is now pondering moving its annual fall youth exchange golf tournament to the spring of 2021. Also, the pandemic forced the youth exchange program to be shortened from 10 months to about 6 months, he said.

Hermiston Rotary will again be offering scholarships in the spring for high school seniors and college/tech school students. The most recent scholarship cycle provided a total of \$11,000, which was distributed to 13 students. Anyone who is interested can make a

donation for the scholarship program.

“Promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies, supporting the environment are the areas of focus we will continue to strive to improve,” Larson said.

The Hermiston Rotary Club is currently gearing up for World Polio Day, which is Saturday, Oct. 24. Larson invites people to join Rotarians for the event, which features global health experts and partners sharing progress on the road to polio eradication. For more information, visit the Rotary International Facebook page to watch with other end polio supporters.

For more information about Rotary, visit www.hermistonrotaryclub.com or www.rotary.org.

BRIEFS

Lecture discusses dinosaurs and the Bible

Do fossilized dinosaur bones disprove the Bible's account of a recent creation? If you knew that many dinosaur bones, upon being unearthed, exude a rotten odor, what might that tell you? Those questions and more will be explored on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church, 855 W. Highland Ave.

Kent Knight, who has degrees in behavioral science with an emphasis on anthropology, will lecture on “Dead But Dangerous Dinosaurs: Dinosaurs, Science and the Bible.”

All are welcome to attend the free lecture. For more information, contact Knight at 541-701-0394.

Local student initiated into Phi Kappa Phi

Veronica Coria of Stanfield, a student at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

She is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10% of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

DEA offers Drug Take Back Day

The DEA National Drug Take Back Day, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Hermiston Police Department, 330 S. First St., allows residents to turn in old prescription or over-the-counter medications at no charge, with no questions asked.

The drop-off event is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents can drop off solid and liquid prescription and over-the-counter medications, and vape pens and e-cigarette products only if the batteries have been removed. Products not accepted include intravenous solutions, injectables, inhalers, syringes, chemotherapy medications, vaping devices that have non-removable batteries, or medical waste.

To find a Take Back collection site nearest you if you live outside the Hermiston area, visit https://apps2.deadvision.usdoj.gov/NTBI/ntbi.do?_flowId=public-lite-flow.

Hermiston Altrusa will give books to youth

Since 1992, the fourth Saturday of October has been designated as Make a Difference Day. Altrusa International of Hermiston will observe the day by distributing free books to children.

The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 1-2 p.m. Gently used books will be available at three sites: Sunset Playground on Northeast Fourth Street, Belt Park on Southwest Seventh Street, and Greenwood Park at the corner of Northwest Spruce Street and West Beech Avenue. Books will be available for all age groups, from toddlers to young adults. Each child will also receive an ice cream sandwich, while supplies last, courtesy of Meadow Gold Dairy.

All applicable safety practices will be observed. Children selecting a book will be asked to wear a mask, if appropriate.

Altrusa maintains a Little Free Library at each of the parks. Community members are encouraged to use the libraries to share books with their neighborhood.

For questions or more information, email hermistonltrusa@gmail.com.

Treats on Main moves to convention center

Hermiston's annual Treats on Main trick-or-treating event has been altered in deference to COVID-19 regulations on gatherings and social distancing. On Saturday, Oct. 31, from 4-6 p.m., a drive-thru Treats on Main and Beyond will be held at the Hermiston Community Center parking lot, 415 S. Highway 395. No trick-or-treat activities are planned on Main Street for 2020.

To participate in the trick-or-treating event, drive south on Third Street and enter the parking lot on the north side of the center. Follow the route through the parking lot and exit on the south onto Tamarack Street. No access will be allowed from Highway 395 or Second Street. All participants must wear a mask or face covering and observe social distancing by staying in their vehicles.

Businesses and organizations will hand out candy from booths set up in the convention center parking lot. Anyone wanting a booth to hand out treats at the event can sign up at bit.ly/treatsonmain2020. Donations of candy for businesses to hand out can also be dropped off at ahead of time at the Hermiston Community Center.

The Hermiston Parks & Recreation Department also is hosting a pumpkin carv-

ing contest for area residents. Anyone wanting to enter a carved or painted pumpkin should drop their entry off at the community center on Thursday or Friday, Oct. 29-30. Pumpkins entered will be displayed during Treats on Main and Beyond event, but will not be returned to entrants.

Treats on Main and Beyond is sponsored by Rogers Toyota, the city of Hermiston and local businesses.

Republican women set Trump rally and parade

The Umatilla County Republican Party is staging a Trump Back the Blue rally and parade on Saturday, Oct. 24, beginning in Milton-Freewater and proceeding through Umatilla County, ending in Umatilla.

Staging begins at 8:30 a.m. in Milton-Freewater at North Main Street and Northwest Eighth Avenue. Trump flags, hats and signs will be available for purchase.

The rally begins at 10 a.m. Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and join the parade route, which will end at West Park in Umatilla.

A picnic lunch also will be available for purchase, including chicken, a side, garlic toast and a cookie for \$8.50.

For more information, visit the Greater Hermiston Republican Women's Facebook page or RSVP to ghrw2020@gmail.com.

Sale day in Hermiston



Jade McDowell/Hermiston Herald

Customers look through boxes of books at the Friends of the Hermiston Public Library sale on the festival street in Hermiston on Friday, Oct. 16. Behind them, the city of Hermiston's surplus sale of unwanted tools, furniture and other items goes on at the same time.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Community Worship

Featured this Week:

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Worship Service 10:30 AM
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SATURDAY.....English 5:00pm
.....Spanish 7:00pm
SUNDAY.....English 9:00am
.....Spanish 11:00am
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565 W. HERMISTON AVE.
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Martes a Viernes.....Español 6:00pm
SABADO.....Inglés 5:00pm
.....Español 7:00pm
DOMINGO.....Inglés 9:00am
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Worship Service...10:30 am

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775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston

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Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
English & Spanish Services

567-8241
Hermiston Jr. Academy
1300 NW Academy Lane, • Hermiston

The Full Gospel Home Church
235 SW 3rd
Phone 567-7678
Rev. Ed Baker - Rev. Nina Baker

Sunday:
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Worship.....11:00 am
Evening Service.....7:00 pm
Wednesday Service...7:00 pm
“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”
1 Pet. 5:7

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If you are not able to adopt, but would like to foster or donate, visit fuzzballrescue.com or you can mail in donations to Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue, PO Box 580, Hermiston, OR 97838