

Family reflects on a somber anniversary

Candlelight vigil marks one-year anniversary of Graciela Garcia's disappearance

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Family and friends of Graciela Garcia gathered at McKenzie Park in Hermiston on Saturday, Nov. 8, to mark the one-year anniversary of her disappearance.

Garcia, 50, grew up in the area, graduating from Umatilla High School and eventually starting Careyes Beauty Salon, which she operated out of her home in Hermiston.

She was last seen on Nov. 8, 2019, by her husband, according to police, who have described her disappearance as "extremely suspicious." She was reported missing Nov. 11, 2019.

During the vigil friends and family described Garcia as a fun-loving person who stayed positive in the face of adversity. They joined in prayer for answers and for her safe return, and lit candles in her honor.

After the time for prayer,



Graciela Garcia's friends and family talk about her disappearance at a vigil on Nov. 8, 2020, in McKenzie Park in Hermiston, marking the one-year anniversary of the Hermiston woman's disappearance.

they made their way to the Hermiston Police Department's headquarters, where they laid down painted

stones with the message "#FindGracielaGarcia" on the lawn. They then made their way to Garcia's home

nearby and took turns laying red roses in her yard before spending time holding up signs with her information



Participants hold candles at McKenzie Park during a vigil on Nov. 8, 2020, marking the one-year anniversary of Graciela Garcia's disappearance in Hermiston. Below, stones with messages asking police to find Graciela Garcia were laid on the front lawn of the Hermiston police station during the vigil.

along Highway 395.

Garcia is 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs approximately 140 pounds.

Anyone with any information pertaining to Garcia's disappearance is encouraged to contact Hermiston Police Department at 541-567-5519.



Hermiston church to host youth conference

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The Game Changer Youth Conference for students ages 10-21 is coming to New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, beginning Friday, Nov. 13. It is free to attend, and no registration is required.

Sponsored by the Fellow-

ship of Christian Athletes, and featuring John Kopta of the Power Team and rap artist George Moss, the conference aims to promote student success by providing strategies to win with academics and athletics.

Four sessions are offered: Friday, Nov. 13 from 6-7:15 p.m. or 7:45-

9:15 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10:30 a.m. to noon; Saturday from 1:30-3 p.m.; and Saturday from 6-7:15 p.m. or 7:45-9 p.m. All those attending must wear a face covering at all times and socially distance. Each session is limited to 100 participants.

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament is available as part

of the conference, and will be played at Eastside basketball courts, 582 E. Main St., on Saturday beginning at 3 p.m. Those interested in competing must have a team put together and attend either Friday night session to sign up.

For information, call Rod Bragato at 541-720-8104.

Echo School veterans celebration altered

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ECHO — Echo School's annual Veterans Celebration scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 11, has been altered due to the governor's "pause" on gatherings.

The Veterans Assembly will kick off the event at 10 a.m. at the Echo School

football field, 600 Gerone St., as planned, but will only be livestreamed on the Echo School District Facebook page. Only those directly involved in the assembly will be attending in person.

For more information, contact Billie Parker at bjparker@echosd5.org or 541-376-8436.

Hermiston Altrusa awards scholarships

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Altrusa International of Hermiston has announced four recipients of the Linda Gilleese Memorial Scholarship.

Cristal Artz, a third grade teacher at Desert View Elementary School in Hermiston, received \$1,000. Artz subbed in Hermiston for two years before being hired. She attends Western Governors University, working toward her Masters in Teaching degree.

Savannah Torres wants

to return to Hermiston, after graduating from Oregon Health & Science University, to work as a medical/surgical nurse. She has worked at a local flower shop, Sun Terrace and Good Shepherd Medical Center, as well as being a CNA at Regency. Torres received \$1,000.

Kelly De La Cruz also attends Western Governors University, where she is working towards a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is a graduate of Hermiston High School, where she became interested in

accounting and is hoping to be hired by a local firm. She said her goal is to be a role model for her young daughter and her brother, whom she is raising by herself after her mom died of cancer. De La Cruz received \$500.

Mariana Macias also attended HHS, as well as Blue Mountain Community College. She is a senior at Portland State University with a major in accounting and a minor in Spanish. She is attending school and working full-time to cover all of her living and school

expenses. After graduating and interning in an accounting firm, Macias hopes to open her own accounting firm. She received \$500.

Next spring brings more opportunity for Altrusa scholarships, as the Dorothy Juve Scholarship will be available. Applicants should be enrolled in a post-high school program and be two-thirds finished with the program. Applicants are asked to provide a cover letter with information about their goals, work history, and need. They may reapply.

Catholic Daughters celebrate 65-year member



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of Angels Court #1692, presented Arlene Burns, seated front, with a 65-year anniversary pin on Nov. 5, 2020, at her home.

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Arlene Burns, 92, the only surviving charter member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of Angels Court #1692, was presented with her 65-year membership pin on Nov. 5 at her home in Hermiston.

Father Skip Thompson offered a special blessing prior to the group enjoying dessert to celebrate Burns' accomplishment.

The 65-year anniversary for the court was on April 17, 2020, but due to coronavirus precautions the presentation was delayed.



Thank you for your support.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to those who voted for me and supported my campaign for County Commissioner. I'm honored to have earned your trust and blessed by your words of encouragement.

DAN DORRAN
UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSIONER #3



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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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125 E. Beech Ave. • 567-3232
Pastor David Dever
Sun. Bible Classes.....10:00am
Sun. Worship Service.....11:00am
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541-289-4774

First Christian Church
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Sunday School...9:00 am
Worship Service...10:30 am
567-3013
775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston

St. Johns Episcopal Church
Join Us
On Our Journey With Jesus.
Join us on ZOOM 9:00 AM Sunday
Email: chuckb@eotnet.net for link
N.E. Gladys Ave & 7th, Hermiston
PH: 567-6672
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Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church
565 W. HERMISTON AVE.
MASS SCHEDULES
Monday-Friday.....English 8:00am
Tuesday-Friday.....Spanish 6:00pm
SATURDAY.....English 5:00pm
.....Spanish 7:00pm
SUNDAY.....English 9:00am
.....Spanish 11:00am
.....Spanish 1:00pm
.....Spanish 6:00pm
Parish Office.....541-567-5812

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora de los Angeles
565 W. HERMISTON AVE.
HORARIOS DE MISAS
Lunes a Viernes.....Inglés 8:00am
Martes a Viernes.....Español 6:00pm
SABADO.....Inglés 5:00pm
.....Español 7:00pm
DOMINGO.....Inglés 9:00am
.....Español 11:00am
.....Español 1:00pm
.....Español 6:00pm
Oficina Parroquial.....541-567-5812

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541-564-4538 or email aworkman@eastoregonian.com

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Saturdays
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
English & Spanish Services
567-8241
Hermiston Jr. Academy
1300 NW Academy Lane, Hermiston