

# Easter brings free community activities

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The world was on lockdown last Easter, but this year churches and other community organizations are looking forward to celebrating with more in-person opportunities as Easter approaches on Sunday, April 4.

The following are a list of some of the free local events in the area. As per Oregon law, masks and social distancing are required to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

## St. John's Episcopal Church

After a yearlong hiatus on in-person worship because of COVID-19, Rev. Chuck Barnes said St. John's Episcopal Church is reopening.

The church will welcome people for the celebration of Eucharist and liturgy for Easter. The service is Sunday, April 4, at 9 a.m. at 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Everyone is welcome. Current Umatilla County COVID-19 guidelines, including masks, social dis-



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**Children hunt for Easter eggs at McNary Dam West Park in 2016.**

tancing and enhanced cleaning, will be in place.

For those who are homebound or are not yet comfortable with worshipping in person, the church will continue to livestream its services on Zoom or Facebook. For questions, call Barnes at 541-567-6674, text 541-571-5563 or email chuckb@eotnet.net.

## City of Hermiston

Hermiston Parks and Recreation is holding its annual flashlight Easter egg hunt on Friday, April 2, at 8 p.m. at Butte Park.

The event, which will feature a field of 8,000 plastic eggs, is open to children ages 10 and under. The event is free and no registration is required, just bring a flash-

light and basket.

## Hermiston Christian Center

Hermiston Christian Center's Easter celebration includes a morning hike to the Hermiston Butte on Sunday, April 4.

Participants are encouraged to meet at 6 a.m. at the Umatilla Electric Cooperative parking lot across from Butte Park for a hike to the top of the Hermiston Butte to watch the sun rise while joining together in prayer and worship.

The church is also providing a continental breakfast at Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., at 9 a.m. followed by a worship service at 10 a.m., and an Easter egg hunt following the service.

## Rekindle Church

Families can pick up free Easter egg hunt kits on Saturday, April 3, at Victory Square Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., provided by Rekindle Church on a first-come, first-served basis. The pickup period will then be followed by a worship service in the park at 1 p.m.

## Sun Terrace

Sun Terrace Assisted Living, located at 1550 N.W. 11th St. in Hermiston, is hosting a parade of vehicles decorated for Easter for its residents on Friday, April 2, at 2 p.m.

Available spots in the parade are limited, and participants must register for a spot by Thursday, April 1, by calling 541-564-2595. Participants will receive a bag of goodies at the end of the route.

## City of Umatilla

The city of Umatilla is holding a flashlight Easter egg hunt for Umatilla children on Friday, April 2, at 8 p.m. at Nugent Park.

No preregistration is required. The hunting areas will be divided into three age groups for children ages 0-4, ages 5-7 and ages 8 and up. Bring a flashlight and a basket for collecting eggs.

## City of Stanfield

Stanfield kids ages 12 and under are invited to a community Easter egg hunt at Coe Park on West Coe Avenue on Saturday, April

3, at 10 a.m.

The event is coordinated by Stanfield Moose Lodge #920, the event features lots of eggs and some "special prizes." For more information, call 541-449-3304.

## City of Irrigon

Irrigon will host a Community EGGtravaganza at Irrigon Marina Park, 430 Eighth Street N.E., on Saturday, April 3, at 11 a.m. Easter activities will be offered for infants and children. For more information call 541-922-3054.

## Irrigon Moose Lodge

Irrigon Moose Lodge 2486 & Chapter 2144 are hosting a drive-by Easter event at the Irrigon Moose Lodge on Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. until noon or until supplies run out.

The lodge is located at 220 N.E. Third St. Children age 12 and under are encouraged to swing by with their parents to pick up a bag of candy-filled Easter eggs. Also, some lucky kids will find a special prize ticket. For more information call 541-922-1802.

## BRIEFS

### Boardman library offers artist displays

Local artists' work is on display on a monthly basis at the Boardman Public Library.

The March display is Bryce Southerland, an Irrigon-based artist who works mostly with oil paints. According to a biography provided by the library, he taught himself to paint by watching Bob Ross tutorials starting in 2018.

"A principle theme of his work is nature and time, and he is very passionate about sharing his work with the surrounding communities," the biography stated. "Bryce not only paints a moment in time with his art, he captures emotion in every brush stroke."

April's display will be Kim Keel, a local artist who creates mandala art. According to information about her display, the mandala art form is a spiritual and ritual symbol in Hinduism and Buddhism, with circular designs that represent the universe and the concept that life is never ending.

Hermiston artist Mary Corp is scheduled for May's display, and origami artist Jamie Bunch is scheduled for June.

Exhibits are open during regular library hours, and can be viewed without entering the library.

### Local officers graduate from academy

Three local law enforcement officers recently completed requirements for the Basic Police Class through the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

Among the Basic Police Class 405 participants were Shawnee Rodriguez and Jared Zumwalt, both police officers at the Hermiston Police Department, and Anthony Scott, a deputy sheriff at the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. They will graduate during a private ceremony Thursday, April 1 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. For more information, visit [www.oregon.gov/dpsst](http://www.oregon.gov/dpsst).

### Bloom with the spring reading challenge

Prizes will be awarded for the Bookworms Spring Reading Challenge in Beanstack.

Hosted by the Hermiston Public Library, the event runs through Monday, May 31. People are encouraged to open their books and get reading! Also, be sure to log your minutes and complete fun at-home activities for a chance to win a prize.

For more information, call the library at 541-567-2882, visit

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**Bryce Southerland adds oil paint to a tree line in a painting that he completed in his brother's dining room on Tuesday Nov. 19, 2019. The painting, which features a vibrant nature scene, took Southerland roughly 15 minutes to complete.**

ton.or.us/library or stop by the library at 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

### OSEA seeks scholarship applicants

The deadline for a pair of scholarships that Chapter 10 of the Oregon School Employee Association (OSEA) offers annually is Tuesday, April 20.

Both scholarships are for \$500 each. The Hermiston chapter encourages all members of OSEA Chapter 10 who plan to further their education by the fall of 2022 to apply for the OSEA Member Scholarship. The High School Senior Scholarship the chapter offers is for any graduating high school senior residing in the United States who is related to an OSEA Chapter 10 member in good standing.

Completed applications should be sent to Michelle Kane, scholarship chair, at Desert View Elementary School in Hermiston. For an application or more information, contact Kane at [michelle.kane@hermiston.sdsd.org](mailto:michelle.kane@hermiston.sdsd.org).

### In Her Shoes supports Domestic Violence Services

An experiential awareness event that helps raise money returns for the seventh year to help Domestic Violence Services.

"In Her Shoes" is Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon on the walking path at Good Shepherd Health Care System, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Online registration opened Monday, March 29, at [www.dvs-or.org](http://www.dvs-or.org). The registration fee is \$15, which includes a T-shirt. The first 20 people to sign up will receive a mystery goodie bag.

The activity helps provide insight as to what victims of domestic violence and sexual assault go through. Participants can learn about barriers they face and what kinds of decisions they would make in situations. Advocates will be on hand to talk to people.

Domestic Violence Services has served Umatilla and Morrow counties for more than 40 years. The nonprofit organization has shelters in Hermiston and

Pendleton. Its mission is to provide help to all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition to the shelters, the agency maintains a 24-hour crisis line (800-833-1161) and offers safety planning, peer groups, parenting classes and other support services.

For more information, call 541-567-0424, 541-276-3322 or visit [www.dvs-or.org](http://www.dvs-or.org).

### BMCC receives Grow Your Own teacher grant

Blue Mountain Community College has been awarded a Grow Your Own grant to develop a Teacher Pathway Partnership for future Latinx teachers.

The objective of the Grow Your Own project is to work toward closing the demographic divide between students and teachers, according to a news release. The GYO Teacher Pathway focuses on retaining community members from diverse populations who are interested in becoming teachers and to work in their local community. Communities partnering with the grant include Stanfield, Boardman and Milton-Freewater.

BMCC will utilize the grant money to conduct a three-day virtual workshop, May 14-16, called the 2-Teach Institute. BMCC has partnered with local high schools to recruit students for this pathway. Participants will be introduced to the field of education, as well as foster teaching practices in alignment with the Oregon Department of Education's Equity Initiatives.

Students will also have the opportunity to network with faculty from BMCC's education program and

learn more about continuing their educational path at BMCC. Tammy Short, director of early childhood education at BMCC, said the GYO program contributes to BMCC's mission of providing responsive and high quality innovative educational programs that serve the local communities.

"Through this opportunity, we will be able to remove barriers for students who are interested in pursuing a degree in the field of education," she said in a statement.

The BMCC 2-Teach Institute, which is open to

25 participants, is free. Students will receive a laptop and other distance learning tools. Upon successful completion, participants will receive three BMCC credits. The program provides an opportunity to assist students in taking steps toward achieving an academic goal toward teaching and motivation to move forward in the pathway as a future educator in rural Oregon communities.

For more information, contact Short at 541-278-5941, [tshort@bluecc.edu](mailto:tshort@bluecc.edu) or visit [www.bluecc.edu/education](http://www.bluecc.edu/education).

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Community Worship

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**Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.**  
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**Hermiston, OR 97838**

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 Sun. Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
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