

Hermiston students selected for capital tour

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A pair of Hermiston High School students is going to the nation's capital, thanks to a Umatilla Electric Cooperative program.

"I'm stoked," Hailey Gardner said about the opportunity. She and a fellow Hermiston High School junior, Elizabeth Doherty, are going on the 2022 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Leaving in June, Gardner and Doherty will enjoy an all-expenses-paid, week-long trip. In Washington, they will join more than 1,500 other students from across the country. They will visit famous historical sites, meet with Oregon's congressional leaders and learn leadership skills, according to Weston Putman, UEC manager of public relations. The students also will create podcasts and digital photo projects as they learn about electric cooperatives and current issues in energy and climate change legislation.

The Youth Tour had been suspended for two years because of the pandemic. Robert Echenrode, CEO and general manager



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Hailey Gardner demonstrates the use of a 3-D printer April 13, 2022, at Hermiston High School. The Umatilla Electric Cooperative selected her to be a youth ambassador to Washington, D.C., this June.

of Umatilla Electric stated in a press release it's a program UEC holds in high regard.

Gardner looks to gain experience

Gardner said the coming trip will be a lot of fun and she looks forward to the experience.

A youth advisor for the city of Hermiston, Gardner attends Hermiston committee meetings and provides feedback on city decisions. As such, she is interested in government. She said she looks forward to meeting

political leaders in Washington. Meeting the president would be especially interesting, she said.

The architecture and history of the capital are exciting to her, too, she said.

"It really spikes my interest," she said.

She said the Lincoln Memorial tops her list of fascinating sights. The grandeur of the statue, combined with her appreciation for Lincoln, makes the memorial inspiring, she said.

Gardner is a varsity girl's swim team captain and track team member



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Elizabeth Doherty speaks at a Hermiston City Council meeting April 11, 2022. A Hermiston High School student, she will be going to Washington, D.C., this June on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

and also is in the National Honor Society and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. She said her school participation is probably the reason why she was selected to go to Washington.

Doherty hopes to be inspired

Doherty said she wants to get something special out of the trip. Active in school with FFA and busy at home with her family farm, she participates wherever she can, she said.

"I'm very excited about being selected to be one of

the youth ambassadors," she said. "It is a great honor, and I think it's going to be a great place to develop leadership."

She said she is looking forward to meeting other ambassadors as well as government officials.

Having once served as a page for Bill Hansell, Oregon state senator, she is no stranger to leaders in government. She has met other officials, too, as her grandfather, Dennis Doherty, is a former Umatilla County commissioner. And she said she has met Oregon U.S.

Sen. Ron Wyden.

"They spurred my interest in politics," she said, "because they mainly portrayed it as a public service, rather than something to benefit themselves."

In Washington, she said she looks forward to meeting Oregon representatives on a visit to the White House. She added it would be "really cool" to meet the president.

The Jefferson Memorial and other monuments will be interesting and educational, too, she said.

Like Gardner, Doherty is on Hermiston's Youth Advisory Committee. She is one of the select three advisers who sits alongside the city council. She said she is enjoying it, and she is becoming more comfortable as she learns "the language of it all."

Doherty said she hopes to return from Washington with confidence and understanding that will make her more vocal at city council meetings.

"It is a leadership conference," she said of the upcoming tour. "I'm assuming it will help develop my public-speaking ability, as well as other leadership skills."

IN BRIEF

Deadline nears for Kiwanis scholarship

The Hermiston Noon Kiwanis Club is accepting scholarship applications from Hermiston High School seniors or graduates attending colleges and universities in academic programs.

Scholarships are for \$1,000. Important factors in the evaluation of applicants include scholarship, community service, leadership and financial need.

The Perry Johnson and Russell Dorran Post-Secondary Education Scholarship applications are available in the Hermiston High School counseling office.

The scholarship committee must receive all applications by April 22 to schedule interviews with applicants. Children of Hermiston Kiwanis Club members are not eligible for these scholarships.

For additional information, contact Jeff Kelso, scholarship committee chair, by calling/texting 971-217-1763 or emailing jeffrey_kelso@hotmail.com.

Golf tourney tees off for Hermiston High teams

The Hermiston High School Golf Association will host a two-person scramble on April 23 at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla.

The fee to play is \$60 for adults and \$40 for students. Entries can be made at Big River Golf Course. Carts are not included. If players would like a cart, they need to reserve one by April 16 by calling BRGC at 541-922-3006.

There will be a biscuits and gravy breakfast from 7:30-8:45 a.m., and a barbecue lunch will follow the tournament.

There also will be raffle prizes and a silent auction. Local businesses have stepped up as hole sponsors, and there's still room to add your name.

For questions, or to register, contact Pat Kerrigan at 541-571-0166 or Josh Browning at 541-701-9363.

The tournament helps support the Hermiston High School boys and girls golf programs.

Talent show tunes up with HHS Band Boosters

For a chance to hear your friends and neighbors perform, be sure and attend the Community Talent Show. Organized by the Hermiston High School Band Boosters, all ages and all forms of talent will be showcased.

The performance is Saturday, April 23, 6 p.m. in the school's fine arts auditorium., 600 S. First St. The cost is \$5 a person or \$20 for a family.

A fundraiser for the HHS Band Boosters, audience members can make donations on behalf of their favorite acts. The top three acts will receive prizes.

For more information, email Mike Kellison at michael.kellison@hermistonhsd.org or search/send a message via www.facebook.com/hermistonbandboosters.

Contest seeks sizzlin' backyard grillers

The Buckaroo BBQ Challenge, which is Saturday, April 30 during Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend, is seeking competitors.

The popular event is heating up with a larger purse than ever — \$5,000 in prize money is up for grabs. This year's contest is sanctioned by the Pacific Northwest BBQ Association.

Teams can show off their sizzling skills with chicken, tri-tip and baby back pork ribs. In addition to competing for first through sixth place in each meat category, an overall reserve grand champion will pocket \$750 and the grand champion will take home \$1,025.

Also, the coveted People's Choice Award will be voted on by the general public. Additional cash prizes for first through third place will be awarded.

Competitors grill in a designated area in the Pendleton Convention Center parking lot. The Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub hosts a beer garden during the grilling contest.

The registration deadline is Saturday, April 23. The team fee is \$100. For more information or to register, visit www.pnwba.com/event-4748782.

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OSU announces winter 2022 honor roll

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Names of students who have made the scholastic honor roll for winter 2022 have been announced by Oregon State University. A total of 7,732 earned a 3.5 GPA or better while completing at least 12 credits.

Local students on the honor roll, including their year and field of study, are:

HERMISTON: **Nicole M. Breshears**, junior, human development and family science; **Gideon W. Fritz**, junior, natural resources; **Noah E. Roberts**, junior, electrical and computer engineering; **Douglas Stoddard**, senior, psychology; **Halee M. Stubbs**, sophomore, accountancy; **Hannah L. Walker**, senior, animal sciences; **Dylan**

J. Westfall, junior, natural resources.

STANFIELD: **Amanda M. Carrillo**, senior, apparel design; **Ricardo M. Carrillo**, sophomore, university exploratory studies; **Uriel C. Carrillo**, sophomore, business administration; **Caleb M. Walker**, senior, electrical and computer engineering.

UMATILLA: **Kylara L. Lewis**, senior, psychology; **Jonathan M. Macias**, senior, computer science; **Marlene Mendoza**, junior, university exploratory studies.

Based in Corvallis, Oregon State University attracts students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries across the globe. For more information, visit www.oregonstate.edu.

Altrusa awards trio of scholarships

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Altrusa International of Hermiston recently announced the recipients of its Dorothy Juve Memorial Scholarship. Each of the three individuals will receive \$1000 toward their college education.

The scholarship is awarded each spring to worthy applicants who are approximately ¾ finished with their college education.

Josie Goodrich attends school at Washington State University, where she is pursuing a double major in multimedia journalism and criminal justice and criminology. She plans to be a news reporter for the WSU school paper. A member of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, Goodrich would like to conduct interviews at rodeos, ultimately interviewing for the Cowboy Channel.

Ericka Wells attends school at Eastern Oregon University, where she is an English

writing major with a minor in anthropology. She would ultimately like to get an endorsement in English for Speakers of other Languages and a Spanish degree. Wells has already written a book series and published a column about suicide prevention in the Hermiston Herald. Her goal is to become a full-time published writer.

Ray Agosto, who attends Oregon State University, is working on a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a major in graphic design and a minor in photography. His goal is to join a marketing team with an athletic company. His dream job would be to work for Nike where he would design apparel, banners and more.

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