

# EOTEC hosts Cinco de Mayo celebration

Free event returns Sunday, May 1, after pandemic hiatus

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
Hermiston Herald

The Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center is again rolling out the red carpet for the Hermiston Cinco de Mayo celebration. After hosting the event for two years — it outgrew several previous venues — EOTEC General Manager Al Davis is thrilled to bring the festival back after pandemic restrictions put the brakes on large gatherings in 2020 and 2021.

The family-friendly event is Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at EOTEC, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston.

There is no admission charge. “Half of it’s inside and half outside,” Davis said. “It’s contingent, depending on Hermiston weather.”

Davis is excited about the community stage. In addition to several Latino bands — including La Senal DeOaxaca, La Orden de Mexico and Sentencia — the stage entertainment will feature local groups.

He said time slots are still available for dance groups, bands, choirs or other forms of entertainment who are interested in performing.

“We want to invite everyone,” Davis said. “They don’t have to be a Hispanic group — it’s a community celebration.”

Also, Davis said about 15-20 vendor booths have confirmed — and there is

room for more. In addition, food and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase.

While there’s no carnival this year, Davis said they will have plenty of inflatables provided by Cottage Event Rentals. In addition, he said there will be a variety of games.

The Hispanic Advisory Committee, Davis said, has provided support for the event.

In addition, he said Amazon Web Services is one of the major sponsors.

“We want people to come out and have fun,” he said. “We’re really hoping to grow the event and make it a Hermiston tradition.”

For more information, call 541-289-9800 or search [www.facebook.com/eotechermistonor](http://www.facebook.com/eotechermistonor).



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Employees of Fruteria Piqui put together meals at a booth on May 4, 2019, during Hermiston’s Cinco de Mayo celebration. The 2022 event is Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center.



Kristi Smalley/Contributed Photo  
Hermiston bowlers pose for a photo at Desert Lanes Family Fun Center on Friday, April 22, 2022.

## Special Olympics bowlers gather to raise nearly 10K with wrap-up event

By KRISTI SMALLEY  
Special to the Hermiston Herald

More than 60 Special Olympics athletes wrapped up their first in-person bowling season since the beginning of the pandemic.

The athletes, along with volunteer coaches, brought the six-week season to a close with a Bowlathon Fundraising Event.

The Hermiston bowlers participated at Desert Lanes Family Fun Center on April 22, while the Pendleton bowlers com-

pleted their Bowlathon at Wildhorse Resort & Casino on April 23.

The athletes raised almost \$10,000 in donations.

“We were blown out of the water by the amount of money our athletes were able to raise in a very short time period,” Angela Schneider, local program coordinator, said.

Coach Doris Boatright was among the donors, as she gave quarters for each spare or strike.

Next season will include

golf, bocce and track and field events. Signups are Monday, May 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at The Arc of Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave. Hermiston.

Athletes can obtain the paperwork necessary for participation in Special Olympics training and competition at [soor.org](http://soor.org), or by attending the sign-up event.

The next sports season will begin mid-May.

For more information, contact Schneider at 541-314-0166.

## Jackpot Rodeo rides into 74th year

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The Arlington Jackpot Rodeo is wrangling in food and fun as it prepares for its 74th year.

The event gets rolling Saturday, April 30, at 10 a.m. with a parade in downtown Arlington. The rodeo starts at 12:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Rodeo tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 12 and under. Two-day pass prices are \$9 and \$6, respectively.

Arena action features traditional rodeo events, including bull riding and ranch bronc riding. Money will be added each day, except for specialty events. The Arlington Saddle Club will present a \$500 gas card to the all-around cowboy or cowgirl. Among the specialty events is the fan-favorite mutton bustin’, as well as junior and pee wee barrel racing, buddy barrels and mini bulls.

Bringing a hearty appetite, as the cook shack will be open both days. And for a chance to kick up your heels, a cowboy dance is Saturday evening, 8 p.m. to midnight at the River’s

Edge Deli, in the Gronquist Building, 11650 Railroad Ave. Also, a cowboy breakfast is Sunday, 7-10 a.m. at the Arlington Masonic Lodge, 50 Shane Drive.

The Queen’s Luncheon immediately follows the parade at the Arlington Fire Department Hall, 1500 Railroad Ave. Serving as the 2022 Arlington Saddle Club queen is Leilani Weiser of Arlington.

The 15-year-old daughter of Jimbo and Tina Weiser, she has grown up around the Arlington Rodeo, both as a competitor and assisting where needed. For her appearances throughout Oregon and Washington, she will ride Dekker, her 20-year-old gelding.

A freshman at Arlington Charter High School, Weiser participates in volleyball, basketball, choir and student council. Also, she has competed in dance, 4-H, rodeo and is an active member of her church.

The Arlington Saddle Club officers include Melody Tucker, president; Jim Rucker, vice president; Jodie Gentry, secretary; Sarah Rucker, treasurer; and Shania Drinkwine, queen advisor. For more information, call 256-438-0572.



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## IMAC serves up hearty breakfast

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The monthly Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center fundraising breakfast is this weekend.

The meal is served Saturday, April 30, 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon. The cost is \$5 per person.

The group is dedicated to preserving Irrigon’s 1921 school building and developing a regional art venue. For more information, call Peggy Price at 541-561-1737.

## SDA pastor to share lesson from I Peter

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Pastor Kent Knight invites people to join him as he presents a lesson from I Peter 3:18-22, which refers to Christ preaching to “the spirits in prison.”

The free event is Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Seventh-day

Adventist Church, 855 W. Highland Ave.

A question and answer period will follow. Those in attendance also are invited to stay for lunch.

Knight holds a master of divinity and a bachelor’s degree in behavioral science with an emphasis on anthropology.

He will share what the passage means to Seventh-day Adventist Christians who believe the dead are truly dead — body, mind and spirit — until Jesus returns.

For more information, email Knight at [bjknight@hotmail.com](mailto:bjknight@hotmail.com) or call the church at 541-567-8241.

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