

National Night Out connects people-police

Area towns plan community activities

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National Night Out is an initiative developed to encourage people to get out to meet their neighbors. In addition, its mission is to help promote police-community partnerships.

NNO helps create safer communities as residents become familiar with what's happening in their neighborhoods, said Cpl. Tim Mears, training officer/evidence custodian with the Hermiston Police Department. The event provides a relaxed atmosphere to interact with law enforcement personnel and other first responders.

Jerry Carlson, city of Stanfield finance director, said NNO is a great way to meet local first responders in a relaxed environment. Because Stanfield also provides police services in Echo, the Stanfield celebration will be Monday, Aug. 1.

National Night Out (www.natw.org) is officially Tuesday, Aug. 2. For more than two decades, the Hermiston Police Department has kicked off its festivities in advance with a treasure hunt. The Hermiston resident who finds the golden medallion, which is hidden in a small wooden chest, will win a block party.

Police personnel and city officials will serve ice cream during the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 2 in the winner's neighborhood.

Available personnel also hope to visit other gatherings throughout town.

Hermiston community members are encouraged to organize neighborhood events, cookouts or parties on National



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Left: Brothers, Jackson Ince, 6, and Dallez Ince, 7, check out the Hermiston Police Department's sport utility vehicle on Aug. 3, 2021, during a National Night Out block party at Highland Park in Hermiston. The event was hosted in the youngsters' neighborhood after their family found the hidden medallion as part of Hermiston's annual treasure hunt. NNO festivities for 2022 are Tuesday, Aug. 2. **Right:** Eldon Marcum, assistant volunteer chief for Umatilla County Fire District No. 1, flips hamburgers while cooking food on Aug. 1, 2017, during the National Night Out party in Stanfield.



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Night Out. Those planning a gathering are encouraged to give time and location information to Mears.

The treasure hunt, he said, is a great way to get people excited leading up to National Night Out. In his fifth year of heading up the treasure hunt, Mears likes to hide the medallion in a place that makes it fun for people to search.

To read treasure hunt rules, grab a copy of the Saturday, July 23 East Oregonian or view it online at www.eastoregonian.com. The first clue appeared in the Tuesday, July 26 EO. The second clue is printed on this page. A bonus clue will be posted by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27 on the EO website and the third clue will be printed in the EO on Thursday, July 28. If the treasure hasn't been found by Friday morning, log onto the EO website for additional clues.

If you find the medallion, take it immediately to the Hermiston Police Department, 330 S. First St. If it's found after 5 p.m., leave a voicemail for

NNO treasure hunt — due two

HERMISTON HERALD

Where are you looking — what part of town?

A councilor-elect resides in this ward.

Stop and look both ways and be sure to look down.

You might find inspiration near the board.

The annual National Night Out treasure hunt is underway in Hermiston. The rules were printed in the Saturday, July 23 East Oregonian (which is available at www.eastoregonian.com). For more information about past and future clues, read the National Night Out story on this page.

The Hermiston resident who finds the golden medallion (hidden inside a small treasure



Tim Mears/Contributed Photo

Cpl. Tim Mears of the Hermiston Police Department hid a small treasure chest that contains a golden medallion. The Hermiston resident who finds it will win an ice cream block party as part of National Night Out on Aug. 2, 2022, in Hermiston.

chest) will win an ice cream social block party Tuesday, Aug. 2 as part of Hermiston's National Night Out festivities.

Mears at 541-667-5112 or send an email via tmears@hermiston.or.us.

Other National Night Out activities:

ner, bingo with prizes, a bike rodeo for youths of all ages (bikes, trikes and training wheels all welcome) and free raffle drawings (no tickets to purchase, just a smiling face).

QUESTIONS: 541-449-3245

STANFIELD

WHEN: Monday, Aug. 1

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bard Park

WHAT: A free sizzling neighborhood barbecue, a bike rodeo for kids and raffle prizes. Residents are encouraged to come out and enjoy the family-oriented community event.

QUESTIONS: 541-449-3245

UMATILLA

WHEN: Tuesday, Aug. 2

TIME: 6-8 p.m.

WHERE: Village Square Park

WHAT: Music, hot dogs, bounce houses, games and family fun. Area residents are invited to connect with local police officers in an effort to help make the community a safer place to live and work.

QUESTIONS: 541-922-3226

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

National Bowling Day rolls into Desert Lanes

Desert Lanes Family Fun Center is gearing up for a National Bowling Day.

The event begins with a parking lot sale on Aug. 6, 8 a.m. to noon at 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. People can rent space (\$25) to sell their wares — fees will go to support local junior scholarship programs.

And families can register to bowl for free during 90-minute time slots between 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (reservations required). The only cost is shoe rental, if you don't have your own.

For questions about renting vendor space or to register for free bowling, call Ray at 541-567-6364. For more information, visit www.bowl-desertlanes.com.

Inland musicians starts strings program

A strings instruction program is starting up for musicians in the Hermiston and surrounding area.

The Inland Northwest Musicians will head up the sessions for anyone interested in playing. An instrument demonstration and information night is Tuesday, Aug. 2, 6 p.m. at The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. The instruction is open to ages 10 and up.

Founded in 1999, the classical music organization features several ensembles, including a full symphony orchestra, a chorale and a youth/preparatory orchestra. For more information, contact 541-289-4696, search Facebook or visit www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com.

STUDENT HONORS

Middleton graduates from Kansas State

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A 2018 Hermiston High School graduate was among the more than 3,100 students who completed degree requirements from Kansas State University for the spring 2022 commencement. **Reed Middleton** received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Secondary Major — her focus included agricultural economics and global food systems leadership with minors in Spanish and leadership studies.

In addition, Middleton was among four students chosen by the school's agricultural economics department for a 2022 Agricultural Economics Outstanding Senior Award. She served as a College of Agriculture Ambassador, a member of Kappa Delta sorority, a teaching assistant for Barry Flinchbaugh and student coordinator for Food Security Scholars. According to a press release from Kansas State, Middleton will begin a master's program in food economics and marketing at the University of Reading in England this fall.

"The ag economics department has given me so much," Middleton said. "It has served as a place to be curious and encourages me to take ownership of my own learning."

Founded in 1863, Kansas State University is based in Manhattan, Kansas. For more information, visit www.k-state.edu.

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Colette Westing, a second grader at Sunset Elementary School, Hermiston, stands with members of Hermiston Masonic Lodge No. 138 after they presented her with the bicycle she won earlier this month for participating in the annual Bikes for Books program, which the Masons sponsor.

Miranda Hunt/
Contributed Photo



Reading nets Hermiston elementary students bikes

Hermiston Herald

There are a fair number of Hermiston youths who are pedaling through their neighborhoods on new bicycles thanks to a program that also encouraged them to read.

Miranda Hunt, a librarian with the Hermiston School District, said the district partnered with the Hermiston Masonic Lodge No. 138 on the program. It is, she said, a partnership that has existed for several years.

"Each year, the Masons donate five bikes to each elementary school," she said. "At the end of the school year, we award the kids the bikes based on a reading competition."

The bicycles went to second through fifth graders, as done in previous years.

Hunt credited fellow librarian Alyxandra Rowe for adding a bit more fun to this year's contest. Rowe, Hunt said, organized a scavenger hunt that was part

of the reading contest. Students were tasked with finding books, reading them and then taking comprehension tests on the books.

When the schoolchildren passed reading tests, they entered their names into drawings for free bicycles.

In total, according to Hunt, a couple hundred students were involved in the contest. Each of the winners, she added, each read at least four books.

Hunt spoke of the generosity of the Masons, but she added they were not alone in their kindness. The Hermiston Police Department, too, helped out, she said, as the police donated money for bicycles helmets.

"Every kid who won not only got a bike, they got a helmet as well," Hunt said. "We not only promoted reading, but safety, too."

The librarian called the competition a success, and she said

National conference gives special chance to Hermiston students

BY ERICK PETERSON

Hermiston Herald

Three Hermiston High School students won high honors at a national conference in San Diego, California, but they obtained even more than trophies, according to their adviser.

"There was a lot of development of their career-related skills," Angie Treadwell said. "Their confidence, their leadership and their networking ability were improved. And they got to see a bigger picture of the world."

In total, 7,100 students, advisers and guests attended the National Leadership Conference, June 29 to July 3, according to the event organizer. The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America puts on the event. This organization promotes itself for "making a difference in their families, careers, and communities by addressing important personal, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education," according to its website, fcclainc.org. Angie Treadwell, Hermiston High School Hospitality Program instructor and FCCLA Adviser, boasted of the three of her students to San Diego for this year's conference. They all performed very well, she said.

Her daughter, Ashley Treadwell, was a top-10 national finalist and won a gold medal. Andrea Sanchez-Garavito won a silver medal and Vicky Franco won a bronze medal.

These three students qualified in March at a state competition. Each of them gave presentations on particular topics.

Gaining the opportunity to perform at the national conference in San Diego is a great honor and an amazing opportunity, according to the adviser. Not only do they get to compete, they also take part in workshops, elections, networking opportunities and more.

"It's awesome," Angie Treadwell said.

She added that Ashley Treadwell presented on career investigations, Sanchez-Garavito spoke on professional presentations and Franco competed in nutrition and wellness.

Each student went through a planning process, completed a presentation and submitted it for evaluation. For Ashley Treadwell, this was a good opportunity to explore her future. She



Angie Treadwell/Contributed Photo

Andrea Sanchez Garavito, Ashley Treadwell and Vicky Franco smile for the camera after taking a seat for the FCCLA National Leadership Conference, June 29 to July 3, 2022, in San Diego, California.

wants to be a registered nurse, and her presentation was on this career. For her presentation, she interviewed nurses and even assessed her own ability to pursue this career.

Judges evaluated her on the organization, appearance, thoroughness and various other components of the presentation.

This was a big deal for the 17-year-old student, according to her adviser. The girl has been visiting nursing programs at different colleges, and the National Leadership Conference gave her the opportunity to further consider her future.

Sanchez-Garavito, according to Angie Treadwell, stood out at the conference, too. Her presentation included info graphics that wowed the judges "It was very professional, and a lot of people were impressed," she said.

Angie Treadwell stated that Franco also benefited from the conference, as she obtained professional experience. Presenting on nutrition and wellness, she assessed the diet and exercise routines of a subject. Then, she made recommendations and a report.

"It was very interesting," the teacher said. "She chose something that was very meaningful to her. Franco evaluated a close family member and her medical issues, and then explored ways nutrition and exercise could help that person."

"That was an excellent project," Angie Treadwell said.

The adviser said she was very proud of these students. They all have brilliant futures ahead of them, and they are sure to do well in life, she said.

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