COMMUNITY

HSD K-8 students to receive free breakfast, lunch

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Beginning this fall, all Hermiston School District students enrolled at the elementary and middle schools may eat breakfast and lunch at no charge.

As part of The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, the Community Eligibility Provision, allows the nation's highest poverty districts and/or schools to serve all students free meals without submitting household income information or completing an application. No action is required by families for their students to eat breakfast and/or lunch at the schools.

According to a press release from the school district, the provision eliminates the possible stigma associated with free or reduced price status because all students will receive the meals free of charge. Also, by offering all students a nutritious breakfast and lunch, more students will come to class well-nourished and ready to learn.

In addition, the program streamlines administrative requirements, saving the district time and money. While Hermiston High School didn't qualify for the program, the district can reapply next year. Students enrolled at the high school are eligible for one free breakfast per day. In addition, students may be eligible for the traditional free or reduced price lunch program by completing a family application or via direct certification. Students not qualifying for the traditional program will pay \$3.50 for lunch.

For more information about the program, contact Briana Cortaberria, district communications officer, at 541-667-6010 or briana.cortaberria@hermistonsd.org. For questions about free or reduced price meals, contact Naomi Lopez-Navarrete in food services at naomi.lopez-navarrete@ hermistonsd.org or 541-667-6026.



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Ramon Quirarte and Joel Varela enjoy breakfast before class in September 2018 at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston. Starting this fall, all Hermiston School District students enrolled for the 2022-23 school year at the elementary and middle schools may eat breakfast and lunch at no charge.

IN BRIEF

'The Little Mermaid' to splashdown in Hermiston

A pair of performances presented by the Missoula Children's Theatre are planned in Hermiston.

Professional actors with the traveling troupe are in town this week working with local youths to stage "The Little Mermaid." The shows are Friday, Aug. 26 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395. Admission is free.

For more information, call Hermiston Parks and Recreation at 541-667-5018. For more about MCT, visit www. mctinc.org.

IMAC serves up hearty breakfast in Irrigon

The monthly Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center fundraising breakfast features hotcakes, ham or sausage patties, eggs, hash browns and biscuits with country gravy.

The meal is served Saturday, Aug. 27, 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 Donna Eppenbach at 541-922-3197.

Old Nicks Restaurant gears up with car show

Trucks, low riders, import cars and hot rods are invited to enter the Al Estilo Throwdown.

Held in conjunction with the grand opening celebration at Old Nicks Restaurant + Lounge, the event is Saturday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. in the parking lot at 610 Sixth St., Umatilla. Vehicles should roll in between 8-9 a.m. There is no registration fee. Awards will be presented for first through third place, as well as best of class. In addition to the car show, the family-friendly event features \$1 hotdogs, \$2 burgers and a bouncy house for the kids. Also, there will be live music, as well as food and drink specials for adults. For more information, search Facebook for "Old Nicks." For questions, call 541-922-3896.



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Topher Warren, a tour actor/director with Missoula Children's Theatre, rehearses with local youths on Feb. 20, 2017, for a production in Hermiston. The professional troupe will stage "The Little Mermaid" on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, Hermiston.

81236 N. Highway 395.

Day 1 features Oregon's Speedweek, Betteral 100 Pro Lates, Inland Sprints, modifieds and mini stocks. And Day 2 brings the Atomic 125 Northwest Super Late Model Series, the Inex Legends Regional Qualifier, bombers, hornets and Bettarel Hobby Stocks. Both days include street stocks and AMCA.

Day 1 tickets are \$20/general admission, \$15/teens, \$12/ children, \$17/special (seniors, military, veterans) or \$60/family pass (two adults, three kids). Day 2 tickets are \$25/general, \$17/teens, \$12/children, \$20/ special or \$70/family.

Also, two-day combo passes are \$40/general, \$28/teens, \$20/ children, \$35/special or \$100/ family. In addition, Speedy's Grill offers a variety of food and beverages. Advance tickets are available via www.hermistonraceway. com. For questions, contact 509-845-5510 or info@hermistonraceway.com.

3-5 p.m., also at Stanfield Baptist.

Scott Zielke, Stanfield Baptist's congregational care pastor, said each lesson is self-contained. The format allows participants to gain regardless of when they start attending.

The sessions, Zielke said, include video seminars with grief recovery experts, small discussion groups and personal study through a workbook. The nondenominational program features biblical principles and offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. A free workbook is provided. For more information or to

register for either program, call Zielke at 541-571-6886.

Buildogs plan early 1970s joint class reunion

Local students on EOU spring honor roll

Eastern Oregon University named 570 students to the dean's list for the 2022 spring term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework. Local students receiving recognition include:

HERMISTON: Ryne Andreason, Daneli Atilano, Jiliane Dawson, Jennifer Fuentes, Daniel Gossler, Martin Heredia, Callie Ann Hoeft, Naxely Jaime, Andrew James, Madelyn Juul, Hayden Larson, Kylee McClure, Anani Medina, Joshua Roberts, Aaron Roman, Ashley Seibel, Ericka Wells, Evan Yzaguirre.

BOARDMAN: Veronica Alvarez Frias, Ana Barajas, Alondra Caldera, Jose Puerta, Johana Sepulveda Vieyra; **ECHO**: Natalee

Oregon Cultural Trust awards record amount in grant funds

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Three Umatilla County nonprofit organizations are among the 138 arts, heritage and humanities organizations across the state to receive a share of \$3.4 million in grant awards disbursed by the Oregon Cultural Trust. The grants are made possible by Oregonians who invested a record \$5.7 million in the Cultural Tax Credit in the 2022 fiscal year.

Local recipients, the grant award and purpose:

• \$30,285 to Tamastslikt Cultural Institute to support culturally appropriate, artistic outdoor gateway signage. The new signage will be installed on Highway 331 to direct visitors to the museum. Gateway signage and a front-of-facility sign linked by periodic art on the landscape will invite visitors and community members.

•\$30,285 to the Umatilla County Historical Society to support the remodel of the Heritage Station Museum entryway, lobby and gift shop so that a single staff member or volunteer can greet and welcome visitors while also staffing the gift shop. • \$11,604 to the Arts Council of Pendleton to support increased access to arts education for youths in rural Eastern Oregon through a robust menu of free arts education and experiences at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

In addition, Friends of the Elgin Opera House was a firsttime recipient of an Oregon Cultural Trust grant, receiving \$12,599. The award will be used to support specialized training for its actors by inviting acting coaches, vocal instructors, choreographers and visual artists to work with the community theater.

This year's awards bring the cumulative total of Oregon Cultural Trust grants to nearly \$40 million since its founding in 2001. Each year, 60% of the money goes directly to cultural organizations and agencies in the form of grants, while the remaining 40% helps grow a permanent fund for culture.

For more information, visit www.CulturalTrust.org. For questions, contact Carrie Kikel, communications manager, at carrie.kikel@biz.oregon.gov or 503-480-5360.



Labor Day Spectacular revs up in Hermiston

Racing action returns to Hermiston with a two-day event. The Labor Day Spectacular is Saturday, Sept. 3 and Sunday, Sept. 4. The gates open both days at 4 p.m. and racing starts at 6 p.m. at Hermiston Raceway,

Grief support programs start in September

People experiencing loss are encouraged to mark their calendars for upcoming programs through GriefShare.

A special one-time session, Loss of a Spouse, is Sunday, Sept. 11, 3-5 p.m. at Stanfield Baptist Church, 310 E. Wheeler Ave. Those grieving the death of a spouse are encouraged to attend the free seminar.

Also, a 13-week GriefShare support group offers participants additional tools as they navigate the loss of a loved one. The free faith-based program begins Sunday, Sept. 18, The Hermiston High School class of 1972 says, "the more the merrier." Bulldogs who graduated in 1970 through 1973 are invited to a joint Dawg reunion.

The event begins with a meet and greet on Sept. 30, 5 p.m. at Midway Bar & Grill, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston. This is a no-host gathering with no entry fee.

The fun and memories continue on Oct. 1, 3-9 p.m. at Bennett Botanical Gardens, 32632 E. Punkin Center Road, Hermiston. No-host food and drinks will be available for purchase. The cost is \$15 at the gate.

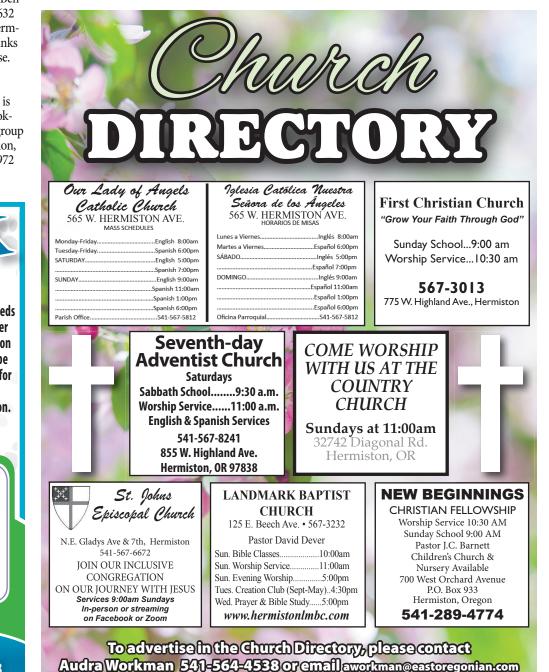
In addition to food and fun, musical entertainment is planned. Organizers are looking for a volunteer to take group photos. For more information, search for "HHS Class of 1972 Reunion" on Facebook. Sherbahn; **HEPPNER**: Hunter Nichols; **IRRIGON**: Ashley Aguilera, Kimberly Renteria Montes; **UMATILLA**: Chantal Lemus, Daisy Nava, Leah Yarbrough.

EOU congratulates each of the students and acknowledges their dedication to academic excellence. For more information, contact the office of University Advancement at 541-962-3740 or ua@eou.edu.

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Camp Director Addison Schulberg gives musical advice to the band Popcornado on Aug. 11, 2022, during Rock & Roll Camp in Pendleton. The Arts Council of Pendleton recently received an Oregon Cultural Trust grant, which will be used to support free arts education, experiences and programs for youths at Pendleton Center for the Arts.





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