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Courtesy photo

Orem Mayor Richard Brunst reads to children at Kids On The Move for the National Headstart Association's anniversary.

Kids On The Move gets new paint, special visit from mayor

Sherwin-Williams donated its supplies and time to Kids On The Move by painting multiple rooms and hallways.

In addition to the time and effort of its employees, Sherwin-Williams donated Paint Shield Microbicidal Interior Latex Paint, a special type of paint used to help fight bacteria and prevent the spread of germs. This paint was used in common play areas such as the main KOTM Motor room.

Orem Mayor Richard Brunst also stopped by to read to children in celebration of the 52nd anniversary of the National Head Start Association.

Operation Homefront collecting messages of thanks for military

May 31 is the last day to send messages of thanks to U.S. military service members and to their families through Operation Homefront's 2017 #Mission2Honor initiative.

To show appreciation, visit OperationHomefront.org/Mission2honor through the end of May. Another way to express gratitude to the troops this month is by sharing #Mission2Honor with family and friends.

Springville Library to host used book sale featuring collectables

The Springville Library will be hosting their used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on June 6-9 in the library's upper floors.

While there will be the usual assortment of books, they will also be selling a collection of collectable books that include titles from the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew series in addition to some books published before World War II.

Those with questions about the sale can call the library at (801) 489-2720.

Live Your Dream to award six scholarships to single mothers

Live Your Dream will award six, \$2,000 scholarships to single mothers who are widowed or divorced in Utah. The scholarships will be awarded to Blythe Stewart, Angie Milbourn, Leslie Orton, Carine Henderson, Naomi Brickey and Sandy Cook.

Katie Bunnell, along with her family, created the Live Your Dream Foundation in 2010 to support single, struggling mothers who have aspirations for higher education. Bunnell's husband passed away unexpectedly in 2005, leaving her to provide for herself and infant daughter.

She completed her bachelor's degree in integrated studies, with an emphasis in business and psychology in 2.5 years. After experiencing the hardships of attending school as a single mother, Bunnell recognized the need to help other single mothers in her situation.

Two Nebo educators honored for their excellence in education

A teacher from Spanish Fork Junior High and a teacher from Springville High School were recently honored by the Huntsman Awards for Excellence in Education.

J. Merrill Hallam, a science/math/biology teacher at Spanish Fork Junior High, has been educating students for 35 years.

While Hallam currently teaches science, he has also served as a school counselor and math teacher.

Hallam has also worked with the Board of Education, district and school administrators, as well as teachers to procure funding to build new greenhouses, an auto body facility, and renovate and build new animal raising facilities. He contributed both his time and talents to re-invent these facilities while saving the district thousands of dollars.

Monica Giffing, an agriculture and biology teacher at Springville High School, has spent 13 years educating others.

Starting as a part-time agriculture teacher at Maple Mountain High School and Springville High School, Giffing built the program to full-time teaching positions within her first two years as a teacher. Under her direction, the program now includes three full-time agriculture teachers.

Under Giffing's direction, students sell their produce grown in student gardens at farmers markets. All proceeds from the market are retained to help students offset school and project expenses. Leftover produce is donated to the local food pantry.

Giffing began teaching students with severe disabilities at the Oakridge School about the art of agriculture. This program has grown from the Oakridge students participating in her greenhouse growing classes to twelve students raising show pigs for competition.

Provo Bicycle Collective donates refurbished kids bikes to groups

With two giveaways on May 6 and May 16, Provo Bicycle Collective gave away 70 refurbished kids bikes to Utah Foster Care and Boys and Girls Club of Utah County, who will then distribute them to children who otherwise wouldn't have access to them.

The staff at Provo Bicycle Collective would like to thank the more than 100 volunteers who helped fix these bikes up over the past two weeks.

Edgemont Elementary students say goodbye to old school, principal

Edgemont Elementary students will be saying goodbye to their school and their principal in a special assembly at 9 and 9:30 a.m. on May 26.

The Provo elementary school will be torn down and students will be moving into a new building on the school's property in the fall.

During the assembly, the students will help assemble a time capsule and use markers or paint to sign tiles or walls in the old school building.

TRUCE to hold panel, screen documentary on medical cannabis

Together for Responsible Use and Cannabis Education will be hosting a screening of the documentary "The Scientist" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday at 550 N University Ave in Provo.

"The Scientist" is a documentary about Dr. Raphael Mechoulam and his historic research of the cannabis plant, its functions, and purposes.

Following the film, there will be a panel there to answer questions and discuss issues related to medical cannabis in Utah and on a national level.

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