

Communities celebrate Veterans Day

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Veterans Day provides an opportunity to express appreciation to those who have served in our country's military. Several groups and organizations are planning special events or meals to honor those who served our country. In addition, several area schools are planning Thursday programs to honor veterans.

THURSDAY

Area veterans are invited to a number of local schools for special recognition. The programs are also open to the public:

- Echo School District at 10 a.m. A parade starts at the school, 600 Gerome St. It will be followed by an assembly at 1 p.m.

- Heppner High School at 10 a.m. Rep. Greg Smith is the guest speaker during an assembly at the school, 710 Morgan St. (A free luncheon for veterans and a guest follows. RSVP is requested via kanepsweeney@gmail.com or 541-676-9138).

- Sam Boardman Elementary School at 10 a.m. Assembly honors veterans with patriotic songs performed by students at the school, 301 Wilson Lane, Boardman.

- Pilot Rock High School at 10 a.m. An assembly in the high school gym will feature patriotic musical selections from students in grades K-12. The Pilot Rock School District also invites all military veterans, retired and active duty, to a free breakfast for themselves and a guest prior to the assembly in the high school cafeteria. To RSVP, call 541-443-2671.

- Stanfield Secondary School at 3 p.m. A Veterans Day assembly at the high school, 1120 N. Main St.



Stanfield class of 2015 graduate Pfc. Payton Wright of the U.S. Marine Corps talks about missing his hair with former classmates during a 2015 Veterans Day ceremony at Stanfield Secondary School.



Harvey Sample Jr., a veteran of three wars, waves to the crowds during the 2014 Veterans Day parade in Milton-Freewater.

FRIDAY

Area veterans and others are invited to celebrate those who have served during Veterans Day events:

- Hermiston Conference Center at 8 a.m. Free breakfast and program for veterans, service members and their families at 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. (RSVP required via

541-567-6151 or info@hermistonchamber.com).

- Traditions Buffet from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A free Traditions Veterans Day buffet for those who present their military identification or show up in uniform at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, located off Interstate 84 Exit 216 at Mission. The buffet costs \$16.95 for non-military guests.

- Main Street, Milton-Freewater at 11 a.m. A Veterans Day parade will honor those who have served. Line-up begins at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot at Freewater School, 17 N.W. Eighth Ave. at Main Street. For more information, call 541-938-3633.

- Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop at 11 a.m. Program honoring veterans at 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

- Chuckwagon Cafe from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A free Veterans Day S.O.S. Lunch for all active and retired veterans and immediate Gold Star family members at 81027 N. Highway 395, Hermiston. Transport staff for veterans can dine for half price. Bring medals, photos, memorabilia and stories to share.

- Hermiston Elks Lodge at 6 p.m. Reservations required via 541-561-6972 for free steak dinner for veterans and their spouse at 480 E. Main St., Hermiston.

PENDLETON

City discusses building knowledge on building codes

By ANTONIO SIERRA
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— John Lindstrom, Pendleton building official

Pendleton building official John Lindstrom said he tries his best to balance business interests with the city's building code when evaluating new developments, but that doesn't prevent conflict.

Lindstrom explained some the nuances of the building code to the Pendleton City Council at a workshop Tuesday and discussed how the city could help developers meet the code without being cost prohibitive.

Lindstrom said much of the city's building code is prescribed by state statute, meaning he doesn't have the

leeway to lower the safety requirements.

"We are typically obligated to follow state law," city manager Robb Corbett said. "If we want to be more stringent than the state law is we're allowed to do that. It seems like it's uncommon for us to be less restrictive than what the state (has)."

City councilor Tom Young said it's typical of

novice entrepreneurs to underestimate how much it costs to open a business, including the money it takes to meet building codes.

"Quite frankly, if they don't have the capital to do it right, they shouldn't be in business," he said.

Since the rules can't be changed at a local level, Chrisman said the city needed to educate prospective busi-

ness owners on the demands of the building code, to the agreement of Lindstrom.

"Each city needs someone to help walk these projects through the process so the guys doing the work can get the work done," Lindstrom said.

Several meeting attendees suggested the city talk with the Small Business Administration about filling such a role. Lindstrom said he also wanted to create a wider public outreach program to teach residents some of the basics about the code.

Contact Antonio Sierra at asierra@eastoregonian.com or 541-966-0836.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 10 TUMBLEWEED TOASTMASTERS, 6:45 a.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center room 134, 975 S.E. Columbia Dr., Hermiston. Visitors welcome. (541-567-3360).

PENDLETON KIWANIS CLUB, 7 a.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton. Guests welcome. ((541-278-5785).

ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM THE DRY SIDE, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., basement of Assembly of God Church, 730 East Hurburt Ave., Hermiston. Use the Seventh Street entrance. (541-567-4446).

GOOD SHEPHERD MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY, 9:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference rooms 1&2, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. New members and junior auxiliary members welcome. (Cindy Schaan 541-667-3690).

UMATILLA DOG WALKING CLUB, 10 a.m., 630 Switzer St. at the dog wash in front of Umatilla High School.

NARFE CHAPTER 2115, 11:30 a.m., Shari's Restaurant,

319 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (Janet 541-980-3268).

ROUND-UP REPUBLICAN WOMEN, 11:45 a.m., to 1:15 p.m., Red Lion Inn, 304 S.E. Nye Ave. Guest speaker: Marine Corps veteran Zach Knight of Blue Mountain Action Council and wife Amy will share a love and war story. Luncheon admission \$10; RSVP by Wednesday at 8 a.m. to Marcia Stewart. (541-276-1206).

HEPPNER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 12 noon, Heppner Senior Center dining room, corner of Main and Willow streets, Heppner.

HERMISTON LINEBACKER CLUB, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. Hear HHS football coach David Faaeteete discuss last week's game and talk about the upcoming tilt. RSVP by Wednesday at 3 p.m. to 541-567-5215. Cost is \$11 for members, \$13 for non-members.

HERMISTON ROTARY CLUB, 12 noon, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Fifth Street and Locust Avenue.

PENDLETON LIONS CLUB, 12 noon, Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton.

UMATILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS LUNCH, 12 noon, Desert River Inn, 705 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. RSVP to 541-922-4825 or tasha@umatilla-chamber.net three days prior to meeting.

DESERT BELLES GARDEN CLUB, 1:15 p.m. For more information on location call 541-567-8019.

HERMISTON HORSESHOE CLUB, 5 p.m., Weber Field, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. (Rick Rebman 541-720-6402).

PENDLETON TEA PARTY PATRIOTS, 5:30 tea time social, meeting begins at 6 p.m., The Saddle Restaurant, 2220 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Everyone welcome. (KaSandra Williams 541-310-1312 or ptppatriots@gmail.com).

ARC OF UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6 p.m., doors open, bingo starts at 7 p.m., 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-7615).

PENDLETON EAGLES

BURGERS AND KARAOKE, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge #28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. (541-278-2828).

PENDLETON ELKS LODGE NO. 288, 6 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. Lodge meeting, 14 S.E. 3rd St.

TOPS, 6 p.m. weigh-in; 7 p.m. meeting, Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton. (Heather Endersby 541-969-6997).

INLAND NORTHWEST ORCHESTRA, 6:30 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696).

COLUMBIA RIVER HARVESTER, 7 p.m., Greenfield Grange Hall, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman.

HERMISTON ELKS, 7 p.m. 480 E. Main St.

MAIN ST. COWBOYS BOARD, 7 p.m., Meeting Hall, 29 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.

PENDLETON BIRD CLUB, 6:30 p.m. potluck with meeting following, First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton. Annual fundraiser with raffle and donations. Everyone welcome.

BRIEFLY

Umatilla County turnout second lowest in state

Umatilla County had the second worst voter turnout in the state.

According to the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division, only 72.4 percent of eligible voters submitted their ballots by Tuesday.

Although the results are unofficial, November 2016's turnout is below the 76.2 percent who voted in the 2012 presidential election and the 80.2 percent in 2008.

Umatilla County is only ahead of Clackamas County, who had the worst turnout rate in the state, and Umatilla County's turnout is well below the state's 76.2 percent rate. Morrow County registered voters returned their ballots at a 76 percent clip.

Despite the lower percentage, more people voted in Umatilla County on Tuesday than in the 2012 elections, thanks to the nearly 5,700 people that were added to voting rolls partly due to the state's Motor Voter law.

A total of 28,077 out of 38,800 eligible voters cast a ballot this year versus 25,242 out of 33,112 four years ago.

Crash sends woman to Pendleton hospital

PENDLETON — A one-vehicle crash this morning in Pendleton sent a woman to the hospital.

Pendleton Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Penninger said dispatch called for the department at 11:08 a.m. to respond to Umatilla Ready-Mix Inc., 3801 Westgate, Pendleton, for a one-vehicle crash.

A unit arrived and found a power pole and utility lines in the road and a vehicle with significant damage.

"The car was on its side," he said. "But bystanders pushed it onto four wheels."

One female was in the car and medics treated her for non-life threatening injuries and took her in an ambulance to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

Pacific Power will repair the pole, Penninger also said, and the Pendleton Police Department is investigating the crash.

Openings available on EOTEC board, city committees

The city of Hermiston is accepting applications for the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center board and four city committees.

The parks and recreation committee has an opening for a one-year term, the budget committee has three three-year terms open, the recreation projects fund advisory committee has two three-year terms open and the Hispanic advisory committee is looking for someone to fill the final six months of a three-year term.

The seat on the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center board representing the hotel industry — currently held by Vijay Patel — is also up for appointment. The city of Hermiston and Umatilla County jointly appoint someone to the seat every four years.

For city committees, applicants must not work full-time for the city, sell to the city or already be serving on another city

committee. Preference will be given to city residents.

Applications are due to the Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., by 5 p.m. on Nov. 28. They can be found at city hall or online at www.hermiston.or.us. questions can be directed to Lilly Alarcon-Strong at 541-567-5521.

HSD to make test calls Saturday

HERMISTON — Parents with children in the Hermiston School District will get a call on Saturday night as part of a test of the school's emergency alert system.

Starting at 6 p.m. the district will send out automated calls to the home phones of parents to test the School Messenger system, which is used to inform parents of snow days, delays and other emergency information. The test will allow the district to time how long it takes to reach all parents, and to check for glitches in the system.

If parents do not receive a call on Saturday they are encouraged to update their information with their child's school. Anyone who does not have a student in the district but receives a call can contact the district at 541-667-6000 to be taken off the list.

The district will also be testing the Crisis Manager smartphone app, which parents can download on their Android or iPhone as another method of receiving emergency updates from their child's school.

Storie postpones solo show

PENDLETON — The Friday solo performance of John Storie of New West Guitar Group at Pendleton Center for the Arts has been postponed.

Storie and his bandmates are a favorite at the venue, and the decision was made to reschedule when the full group is available after the first of the year. Further details will be released when they are available.

For more information, call 541-278-9201. For more about the band, including an opportunity to listen to selections from their most recent releases, visit www.newwestguitar.com.

Elwood swings into Great Pacific

PENDLETON — The music of Colt "Elwood" Haney is said to move the soul.

The La Grande musician, along with Brent Smith, will perform Friday from 7:30-10 p.m. at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. There is no cover charge for the all-ages show.

For more information, call 541-276-1350. For more about Elwood, visit www.elwood-music.com.

Grange holds Saturday breakfast

HERMISTON — A special breakfast to help pay for needed repairs at the Columbia Grange is planned this weekend.

The public is invited to attend the meal, which is Saturday from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston.

For more information, call Doris at 541-567-8663.

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Nationally renowned author, educator, public speaker, non-profit funding expert, and trusted philanthropic relationship developer, Bob Vickers is coming to Pendleton, Oregon for a 1-day training workshop! Bob has been the connection point for hundreds of agencies and mission projects over the past 30+ years, including the White House, HUD, HHS, DOL, SAMHSA, United Way, Chambers of Commerce, faith-based Churches and organizations, state offices, and countless funding donor sources. The gift Bob shares is invaluable, as he empowers each person in attendance with the knowledge, instruction, and direction necessary to locate, build, and maintain the relational bridge between the donor and the need. His training is specifically designed for donors and those in need of funding, and it is applicable to any size fund or need.

Fortune 500 corporations pay hundreds and even thousands of dollars for this training and information — but this opportunity has been underwritten by the generous people of Pendleton First Church of God — and registration for this 1-day training is available for \$75.00 per person (only \$50./person if registered before Nov 12). Whether you are a donor or in need of funding, you do not want to miss this opportunity!

Registration covers the day of training, training materials, lunch, and refreshments. Seating is limited. Register by sending cash/checks to First Church of God, designated to the workshop. Email FCOG@churchoffice@fcgpendleton.com or call **541-276-1894** for more information.