

Communities honor Veterans Day with special events

East Oregonian

A number of area schools, community organizations and restaurants are planning special events to honor veterans. Events and activities include:

PENDLETON

The Associated Student Government at Blue Mountain Community College invites the public to attend a Veterans Day Breakfast Thursday at 8 a.m. in Pioneer Hall at BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave.

Everyone is welcome to attend the free event, which will serve veterans first. For more information, contact Dan Doherty at 541-256-0544 or dpdoherty6610@my.bluecc.edu.

A special Veterans Day program will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Pendleton Pioneer Chapel Veterans Memorial Garden, 131 S.E. Byers Ave. For more information, call 541-276-1221.

HERMISTON

The annual Veterans Day Breakfast is Friday at 8 a.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395.

Sponsored by the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, the free event features breakfast, guest speakers, a slide show and local youth singing and dance group. All veterans, family members and friends of veterans are invited to attend. For more information, contact Kelly Schwirz at 541-567-6151 or kelly@hermistonchamber.com.

A free Veterans Day S.O.S. Lunch for all active and retired veterans and immediate Gold Star family members is being offered at the Chuckwagon Cafe.

The meal is available Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 81027 N. Highway 395, Hermiston. Assistants who transport disabled veterans to the meal can also eat for free. People are invited to bring medals, photos, memorabilia and stories to share. For more information, call 541-567-6329.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

World War II Navy veteran Lew Dearborn of Pilot Rock walks down a hall lined with high school students with other veterans and their wives during a Veterans Day ceremony last year at Pilot Rock High School. The annual community-wide assembly to honor all veterans and members of the military is Thursday at 10 a.m. at Pilot Rock High School.

Note, due to unanticipated maintenance expenses, Hermiston Elks Lodge No. 1845 will not be hosting its annual dinner this year. For questions, call 541-567-6923.

BOARDMAN

Local veterans will be honored during a program at Sam Boardman Elementary School.

The event includes music, words of gratitude and guest speaker Sgt. Andy Kimmell of the U.S. Army 160th. The program is Thursday at 10 a.m. at 301 Wilson Lane, Boardman. Veterans and a guest are welcome, which includes a free lunch. RSVP by calling Heather Noble at 541-481-7383.

ECHO

Veterans will be honored during events organized by the Echo School District.

A parade kicks off the activities Thursday at 10

a.m. in front of the school on Gerone Street. It will continue down Main Street, circling around and returning to the school.

Also, an assembly will be held at 1 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. It features a keynote speaker, music and FFA presentation. A reception with cake follows in the commons.

Veterans are invited to be recognized as guests during the event. For questions or to provide veteran information, contact Billie Parker at 541-376-8436 or billie.parker@echo.k12.or.us.

HEPPNER

Organized by Heppner Jr./Sr. High School, a veterans celebration is planned Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the school's gym.

The event features a special program followed by a free lunch for all veterans and their spouses. For more

information, contact Ginger Bowman at 541-676-9138 or bowmang@morrow.k12.or.us.

IONE

Ione American Legion and Auxiliary will host its annual Veterans Day program.

The activities begin Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the flagpole at Ione Community School, 445 Spring St. A program follows at the Ione American Legion Hall, 325 W. Second St. It includes a performance by the Ione Elementary School choir and a flag disposal ceremony. People may bring damaged flags for proper disposal. For more information, contact arlyndagates@gmail.com.

MILTON-FREEWATER

Coordinated by the Milton-Freewater Elks Lodge No. 2146, the annual Veterans Day parade is Saturday at 11 a.m. on Main

Street. A chili feed is planned afterward at 12:30 p.m. at the lodge, 611 N. Main St. For more information, call 541-938-3633.

MISSION

All veterans and military personnel are invited to a free Veteran's Day Buffet.

The event is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Traditions Dining at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, located off Interstate 84 Exit 216. Present military ID, proof of service or wear your military uniform for a complimentary buffet or entrée. The buffet costs \$17.95 for non-military guests. For more information, visit www.wildhorseresort.com.

PILOT ROCK

Past and present military personnel will be honored by the Pilot Rock School District.

The annual communi-

ty-wide assembly to honor all veterans and members of the military is Thursday at 10 a.m. at Pilot Rock High School. Also, veterans and a guest are invited for coffee at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast at 9 a.m. For more information or to RSVP, call 541-443-2671.

STANFIELD

A special assembly honoring veterans is planned Thursday at Stanfield Secondary School. It starts at 2:54 p.m. in the high school gym.

In addition, the student body is collecting items for Soldier Boxes. Non-perishable items — including lip balm, toothpaste, jerky, gum and socks — are being collected to be sent to soldiers overseas.

For more information, call 541-449-8751.

UMATILLA

The Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington are hosting a free turkey dinner for veterans.

The meal will be served Friday at 5 p.m. at New Hope Church — formerly Umatilla Baptist Church — 146 Columbia St., Umatilla. Veterans may bring a loved one with them to the meal. The gathering encourages a time of story-telling.

Seats are limited, and require a reservation by calling Denise at 541-579-0768.

THE DALLES

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting event for the Columbia Gorge Veterans Museum is set for Veterans Day.

The free event is Saturday at 2 p.m. at 203 E. Second St., The Dalles. For more information, contact Lisa Commander at 541-769-1150, info@vetsmuseum.org or visit www.facebook.com/columbiagorgeveteransmuseum.

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