

# Local events commemorate Veterans Day

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A 1919 proclamation made by President Woodrow Wilson initially designated the holiday as Armistice Day. It commemorated the agreement to end World War I — occurring at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. According to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, the holiday was renamed in 1954 to recognize the patriotism and sacrifices of all veterans who continue to serve the country.

With Veterans Day just around the corner — Thursday, Nov. 11 — area schools, community groups and others are planning special events or activities throughout the region:

## PENDLETON

### Veterans Day Program

- Thursday, Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m.
- Olney Cemetery
- 865 Tutuilla Road

A short program will be presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars Let'er Buck Post No. 922 and Auxiliary and the Friends of Olney Cemetery. It will include the laying of a wreath at the cemetery's Veterans Memorial Stone. (541-276-8100).

### Veterans Day Celebration

- Thursday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.
- Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop
- 131 S.E. Byers Ave.

VFW Post No. 922 will participate in the annual Veterans Day service in the outdoor Veterans Memorial Garden, which features stones with the names of all Umatilla County veterans who died in action. (541-276-1221).

### Celebrating & Honoring Our Veterans

- Thursday, Nov. 11, 5 p.m.
- Roosters Country Kitchen
- 1515 Southgate Place

The Roundup Republican Women's November

meeting features special speaker Craig Russel, who is active duty with the Oregon National Guard. The cost, including gratuity, is \$15 for a soup/salad/roll buffet with beverage and dessert. Those planning to attend are asked to register in advance. The group also will vote for 2022-23 club officers, who will be installed at the December meeting.

For more information or to RSVP, email rounduprw@gmail.com.

## HERMISTON

### Veterans Day Breakfast

- Thursday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
- Hermiston Community Center
- 415 S. Highway 395

The city of Hermiston is hosting the annual breakfast. While the meal is free, tickets are required because of capacity limits. Each veteran may bring one guest with them. People are invited to come early and mingle — the doors open at 8 a.m.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the community center.

## ECHO

### Veterans Day Parade & Assembly

- Thursday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m.
- Echo School District
- 600 Jerome St.

Activities organized by the Echo School District begin with a parade escorted by first responders at 10 a.m. It will start in front of the school on Jerome Street and loop around to Main Street and back. People are encouraged to social distance or park along the parade route.

Also, Veterans and their families are invited to an assembly at 1 p.m., in the school's gymnasium. Masks are required indoors.

To recognize honored guests, veterans are asked to submit their name, branch of service and dates served. For questions or to provide veteran information, contact Billie Parker at 541-376-8436



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**John Cook salutes during a Veterans Day ceremony in 2019 at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. The local mortuary will again host an event to commemorate Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, at 11 a.m. at 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.**

or bjpark@echosd5.org.

## MILTON-FREEWATER

### Veterans Day Parade & Chili Feed

- Thursday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m.
- Milton-Freewater Elks Lodge No. 2146
- 611 Main St.

Coordinated by the Elks Lodge No. 2146, the annual Veterans Day parade starts at 11 a.m. on Main Street. Afterward, all veterans are invited to enjoy a chili feed brunch at no charge at the lodge. Others who attend are asked to make a donation for the cost of the meal. (541-938-3633).

## MISSION

### Veterans Day Club Wild

- Thursday, Nov. 11
- Wildhorse Resort & Casino
- Off Interstate 84 at Exit 216

All veterans and military personnel are invited to register for Club Wild to obtain a special gift. Present military identification or proof of service to receive an \$18 voucher, which is accepted for various dining at the casino. For more information, visit [www.wildhorsere-sort.com](http://www.wildhorsere-sort.com). (800-654-9453).

## PILOT ROCK

### Veterans Day Breakfast & Concert

- Tuesday, Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m.
- Pilot Rock High School
- 101 N.E. Cherry St.

All veterans and spouses/helpers are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9 a.m., followed by a concert at 9:15 a.m., both events will be held in the cafeteria. Veterans will be seated at the front near the stage.

Because the gymnasium is under seismic construction, seating is limited in the cafeteria. Family members of performing students are asked to sit in the back, allowing the honored guests preferred seating.

The scheduled performances are: 9:15-9:45 a.m., kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade; 9:50-10 a.m., video; and 10-10:30 a.m., secondary students. ([anna.tester@pilotrocksd.org](mailto:anna.tester@pilotrocksd.org)).

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## LOCAL BRIEFING

### Man hospitalized after being hit by train in Pendleton

PENDLETON — A man is at Oregon Health & Science University Hospital after a train struck him in Pendleton on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 3, according to the Pendleton Police Department.

Police in a press release reported Tony James McCorkindale crossed the railroad in the area of the 1600 block of Southwest Court Avenue, near the Dairy Queen, about 30 feet in front of a train traveling 20-25 mph. The train struck McCorkindale after he tripped on a rail just as the train was passing.

The press release states Union Pacific Railroad stopped the train and reported the collision to authorities around 8:26 p.m. By the time paramedics from the Pendleton Fire Department arrived on the scene, McCorkindale, 35, was located at the 1300 block of Southwest Dorion Avenue, near Domino's Pizza.

McCorkindale appeared to have been dragged 400 yards and suffered significant head injuries. He was transported to St. Anthony Hospital and then later flown to OHSU, where Pendleton police don't know his condition.

Authorities closed the railroad crossings at Court, Dorion and Southwest Emigrant avenues during the investigation while Union Pacific attended to the affected train employees.

### Milton-Freewater looks to get truck for plowing snow

MILTON-FREEWATER — Milton-Freewater is dumping a deal for a 2023

Kenworth dump truck for a 2020 Freightliner.

The city council considers the matter during its meeting Monday, Nov. 8, starting at 7 p.m. at the Albee Room in the city library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave.

The council in June gave its approval for the purchase of the new Kenworth, complete with the installation of snow-plow fittings and hydraulics for \$186,147, and in August the council approved an additional \$1,000 surcharge, according to a memo to the council from Public Works Superintendent Brian Steadman. But on Oct. 11, Kenworth upped the price again, to almost \$192,000.

With that, the memo stated, Steadman and City Manager Lind Hall decided to find another plow truck.

Their solution is for the city to purchase a Freightliner that Steadman noted was used as a show vehicle for potential customers, has 12,512 miles on it and comes complete with the plow mounting hardware, hydraulics and touchscreen for about \$147,200.

Hall also is asking the city to consider approving FFA Architecture and Interiors Inc. to design the communications system for the new police department.

Hall in a memo to council stated one of the most crucial parts of the new building is the design and engineering of the communications system. The proposal to design the base system is \$58,400, but going with a design of a larger scope would cost more than four times that much.

In other business, the council will consider changing its reconnect fee for utilities to a disconnect fee, a revision that comes with no additional costs to customers.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Hendricks family hailed as heroes

MILTON-FREEWATER — The Hendricks family were recognized Oct. 27 with an "Every Day Hero" award by the Milton-Freewater Kiwanis Club.

At a gathering held at Tate's Umapine Mercantile, the service club presented a certificate to Gage and Kelsey Hendricks, along with their children, Preston, 10, Riley, 8, and Lucas, 4. The family held a pumpkin patch fundraiser to help support Mikayla and Kyle Rakestraw, whose infant daughter, Parker, suffered brain damage after a premature birth.

The Kiwanis applauded the family "for rendering service beyond what is ordinary or expected and doing so without regard for attention or receiving anything in return but because it's the right thing to do." The club noted the Hendricks family also donated proceeds from sales at their pumpkin patch last season to another local child with medical issues.

Gage and Kelsey Hendricks were quick to point out that many volunteers assisted with their efforts. After dinner, which was provided by Tara Perkins at Tate's, the couple presented her with a gift certificate — expressing thanks for helping with baking for the pumpkin patch and many other things she does to give back to the community.

### Program seeks nominations for new poet laureate

SALEM — The Oregon Poet Laureate Program is accepting nominations for the state's next poet laureate.

Over the course of a two-year term, the poet laureate fosters the art of poetry, encourages literacy and learning, addresses central issues relating to the humanities and heritage, and reflects



Milton-Freewater Kiwanis/Contributed Photo

**The Hendricks family received the 'Every Day Hero' award from the Milton-Freewater Kiwanis Club Oct. 27, 2021, at Tate's Umapine Mercantile, Milton-Freewater. Pictured in back: Gage and Kelsey Hendricks; front: Debbie York, Kiwanis secretary, Preston Hendricks, 10, Riley Hendricks, 8, Lucas Hendricks, 4, and Amber Clark, Kiwanis president.**

on public life in Oregon. Nominations will be accepted through Jan. 10, 2022. The next poet laureate will begin their term in May 2022.

Nominees must be current residents of Oregon and have lived in the state for at least 10 years. They must be publicly recognized as poets and well regarded for excellence in their work; have a significant body of published or

performed work; and agree to the conditions and the term of the appointment.

Poets of all styles will be considered, including prose, slam poetry and cowboy poetry. To nominate a poet, visit [www.oregonpoetlaureate.org](http://www.oregonpoetlaureate.org). Email questions to Carrie Kikel, Oregon Cultural Trust, at [carrie.kikel@oregon.gov](mailto:carrie.kikel@oregon.gov).

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## Hiring Event

**Full-time Cheese Manufacturing Opportunities!**

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 pm  
Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm

Blue Mountain Community College Training Center  
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