

Remembering Don Horneck

Banquet and 5k planned to benefit memorial scholarship fund

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Two events are planned Sept. 26 to remember Don Horneck and his contributions to the community while also raising money for a memorial scholarship created in his honor.

A 5k fun run and walk beginning at Riverfront Park starts the day at 9 a.m., and a banquet and auction beginning at 6 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center will finish the festivities.

Horneck, who died from

a heart attack in September 2014, was an agronomist and soil scientist at the Oregon State University Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center for 15 years and was a member of the local Lions Club. Both organizations

have teamed up to honor their former member with these events benefiting the Don Horneck Memorial Scholarship Fund through the OSU Foundation.

HAREC Director Phil Hamm said the endowed scholarship fund currently has about \$67,000, and the interest earned from the fund will provide annual scholarships for OSU agronomy students.

"What we're hoping to



Don Horneck

do here is to make that endowed scholarship more valuable than it is today," he said. "It would be great if we could raise another \$30,000 or so to make it to the \$100,000 mark. If we had \$100,000, it means \$4,000 or \$5,000 (each year)."

Lions Club member Charlie Clupny said Horneck was a very active member, and the club wanted to honor his work in the community. He said many other volunteers outside the club have stepped up to help as well. Hermiston High School Principal Tom Spoo will be cooking the meat at the banquet, and Ford Bonney from Hale's Restaurant will be the auctioneer for a variety of

Don Horneck Memorial Run and Banquet

Two separate events benefiting the Don Horneck Memorial Scholarship Fund will take place Sept. 26 in Hermiston.

Registration for the Don Horneck Memorial Scholarship 5K Run/Walk on the Oxbow Trail begins at 7:30 a.m. at Riverfront Park, and the run/walk begins at 9 a.m. Basic registration costs \$20 and can also be completed online at active.com.

The Don Horneck Memorial Banquet & Auction begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by live and silent auctions. Tickets cost \$35 and are available at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Kuhn Law Office and Banner Bank.

Other donation levels are available, which provide different benefits for both events. For more information, contact Charlie Clupny, 541-720-4130.

donated items. All proceeds from the events benefit the scholarship fund.

"The whole purpose behind this is to see if we can't get another Don Horneck (through the scholarships) because he was known all over the world," Clupny said. "He's worked all over

the world out of little Hermiston, so there's farmers and people in agriculture and agribusiness that are indebted to this guy for the work that he did his whole life."

Horneck's wife, Vicki, said she was looking forward to the events. She said her son was traveling from Bra-

zil and one of her daughters was traveling from Atlanta to attend along with another daughter who lives in the area.

Vicki Horneck said it has been a difficult year, but support from friends has helped her through. She said she wanted to thank everyone who helped establish and contributed to the scholarship fund and everyone who helped organize these events.

"I think the scholarship is great," she said. "I think it's something that Don would really appreciate. Agronomy is an extremely important field, and a lot of people don't know that much about it. It is just a wide open field and easy to get a job right now because there aren't that many of them out there."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

WILLOW RUN LADIES GOLF CLUB, 8 a.m., rain or shine at the Willow Run Golf Course, Boardman. Participants do not need to be a member to play with the club. (541-481-4381).

HERMISTON KIWANIS CLUB, noon, Desert Lanes restaurant conference room, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. (Doug Barak 541-567-6728).

FRIENDS OF THE IRRIGON LIBRARY, 6 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon.

OREGON GRASS ROOTS CRIBBAGE CLUB NO. 2, 6:30 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. All levels of players welcome. (541-567-6594).

UMATILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD, 6 p.m., chamber office, 100 Cline Ave., Umatilla. (541-922-4825).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

TUMBLEWEED TOASTMASTERS, 6:45 a.m., Conference Room 384, Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Visitors welcome. (541-567-4349).

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

UMATILLA DOG WALKING CLUB, 10 a.m., 630

Class of 1955 celebrates 60th reunion



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The Hermiston High School Class of 1955 held its 60th reunion. On Aug. 27, the group met at Midway Tavern. On Aug. 28, they had dinner at Stetsons Steakhouse. Greg and Joanne Humphreys hosted a farewell breakfast at their home Aug. 29. About 46 people attended the events, and Peggy Timms said a good time was had by all.

Switzler St. at the dog wash in front of Umatilla High School.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF HERMISTON, noon, ARC of Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave.

HEPPNER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, noon, Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St.

HERMISTON LINEBACKER CLUB, noon to 1

p.m., Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. Hear HHS football coach David Faeteete 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, noon, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Parish Hall,

Fifth Street and Locust Ave.

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

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

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

HERMISTON ELKS, 7 p.m., 480 E. Main St. **SATURDAY, SEPT. 26**

RETIRED UMATILLA ARMY DEPOT WOMEN'S CLUB, 9 a.m. no-host breakfast, Pheasant Cafe, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston.

UMATILLA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE, 12:30 p.m. lunch with meeting to follow, Columbia Grange Hall, Diagonal Road, Hermiston.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

HERMISTON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 8-11 a.m., 160 N.W. Second St. Members and guests welcome.

UNION PACIFIC EMPLOYEES CLUB, 1:30 p.m., Hermiston VFW Hall, 45 W. Cherry Ave., Hermiston. All UP employees, working or retired, are invited to attend. Bring a main dish or dessert and table service. (541-567-5260).

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES OF HERMISTON, noon no-host lunch, Desert Lanes Bowling Alley. All federal employees, retirees and their spouses are welcome.

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