

# Trucks and tailgates offer delicious dining, donating combination

**By SEAN HART**  
Staff writer

The Hermiston High School Associated Student Body Leadership Club hosted its first Food Truck Friday before the football game against Sandy.

Yo Country Frozen Yogurt, Tacos Xavi and the 395 Quick Stop Crew set up shop in the high school parking lot near the field and offered attendees a variety of snacking options.

New leadership advisor Dave Rohrman said the club is trying to raise funds to participate in a polar plunge benefiting Special Olympics at an Oregon Association of Student Councils leadership conference in November.

"We wanted to provide a fun activity and also encourage businesses to come and do things at Hermiston High School," he said. "We didn't charge (the food trucks) a fee or anything, but if they do well, they can donate what they want. Anything we get out of it, even if it's just a promise that they will come back and do this again, that's a win for us. If we get some donations out of it because they're successful, that's a bonus."



STAFF PHOTO BY SEAN HART

**Javier Diaz, owner of Tacos Xavi, prepares a fruit cup inside his food truck at the Hermiston High School Leadership Club's first Food Truck Friday outside Kennison Stadium before the football game against Sandy. The club may host similar events in the future if there is interest, and Diaz said he would probably be willing to participate again.**

Rohrman said the club may try to host similar events in the future, even beyond football season, if there is interest.

Javier Diaz, owner of Tacos Xavi, said business was going well for the first Food Truck Friday and that he would probably be willing to participate in future events.

"We try to support the team and the community, you know, with different things," he said. "It's a good idea."

Hermiston fan Kristina Mick, who was ordering food from the taco truck, said she wished the food trucks were there more often.

"I think it's cool," she said. "We're usually scrambling to go somewhere else to get food, so it's nice that it's here."

Sophomore Kennedy Keith, who was working in her father's Yo Country truck, said the food trucks enhanced the atmosphere before the game. She said

she thought it was a good idea and that Yo Country tries to attend as many events as possible.

Lillie Wheeler, a junior at the high school and a member of the Leadership Club, said everyone in the club thought food trucks would be a good idea.

"Our Leadership (Club) is trying to get as much involvement throughout our student body (as possible)," she said. "(Food Truck Friday is) just another fundraiser to boost our Leadership and get money to have more activities that we can do for our students."

The club plans homecoming, prom, assemblies, night activities and spirit week, she said, and other events to make the "student body better."

Wheeler said participating in the Leadership Club has helped her meet new people, including other club members her own age that she never knew were from Hermiston.

"It helps me understand where people come from," she said. "It definitely has made me open my eyes to a lot more goals in life, and it has helped me come a long ways. It helps keep me involved in the school too."

**IN BRIEF**

## Next Crop Project raises money for FFA

The Next Crop Project will raise money for the Hermiston, Heppner and Ione FFA chapters.

Licensed drivers 18 and older are invited to test drive a new Ram truck and \$20 will be donated to the area FFA chapters for each qualifying test drive. The event is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tom's Country Dodge, 81143 N. Highway 395, Hermiston.

Also, all test drive participants will be entered into a contest for a national giveaway to win \$45,000 towards any eligible Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram Truck, Fiat or Alfa Romeo vehicle.

Launched in 2014, The Next Crop Project, is Ram Truck brand's way of turning the focus even more directly on the future leaders of agriculture. It is a celebration of, and investment in, tomorrow's biologists, chemists, veterinarians, business leaders, entrepreneurs and farmers. During its inaugural year, the project raised more than \$100,000 in a single day for the National FFA Organization in support of chapter leadership programs.

For more information about The Next Crop Project, visit <http://blog.ramtrucks.com/features/next-crop-project>.

## Hermiston Eagles offer scholarship

The Fraternal Order of Eagles of Hermiston is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to seniors of accredited high schools. Seniors in Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Umatilla, Boardman, Irri-gon, Heppner and Ione are eligible to apply.

Previous recipients of the Hermiston Eagles Scholarship are not eligible.

Applicants are chosen on the basis of academic record, financial need and character. Having a family

member who is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles is neither an advantage nor a disadvantage. Applications are available at each of the high schools.

Completed scholarship applications must be post-marked no later than March 1, 2016.

## Arts center offers Japanese bookbinding class

Local bookbinding expert Roberta Lavadour is

offering a new class on Japanese stab-bound books that begins with show-and-tell.

See Lavadour's collection of handmade Japanese books, ask questions about construction and history, and get inspired to join a class later in the day. The free show-and-tell is Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.

Those wanting to delve into making Japanese stab-bound books are encouraged to sign up for

Saturday's 2 p.m. class. It includes making traditional bindings in different styles, choosing suitable materials and the difference between Eastern and Western techniques. No experience is necessary.

The class costs \$50 for Arts Center members and \$55 for non-members. There is a \$10 materials fee. The class includes a Japanese-inspired light lunch.

For more information or to register, call 541-278-9201.

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# Echo wine-tasting event features Hermiston author

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Karen Spears Zacharias will discuss her new book during a wine-tasting event in Echo.

The Hermiston author will be available to sign copies of "Burdy" Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo.

"Burdy" is the sequel to "Mother of Rain," a 2013 novel that won the Weatherford Award for Best in Appalachian Fiction. It has been turned into a stage play to be produced in April at

the Singer Opera House in Columbus, Georgia.

The novel focuses on Burdy Luttrell, the town healer in Christian Bend, Tennessee, who faces a life-altering situation at a hold-up in a rural pharmacy.

The book was published by Mercer University Press in Macon, Georgia, and is available in softcover and e-book.

For more information about the Echo event or to reserve a copy of the book, call Armchair Books in Pendleton at 541-276-7323.

# Soroptimists seek applicants

A pair of awards — one for \$1,000 and one for \$500 — will be presented by Soroptimist International of the Greater Hermiston Area.

Formerly known as the Women's Opportunity Award, the Live Your Dream education and training awards for women were implemented by Soroptimist International as a way to help women make a better life for themselves and their families through increased access to education and better career opportunities.

The awards may be used for any expenses which helps the recipient with goals in furthering their education or increasing their skills.

To be eligible, the ap-

plicant must have been accepted into or be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program or vocational skills program, have primary responsibility for themselves and their dependents and have a financial need.


The winner of the \$1,000 award will be entered in regional and federation levels of Soroptimist for additional Live Your Dream awards.

Applications may be submitted by email or regular mail. They must be received by the club by Sunday, Nov. 15.

For an application, contact Deniece Derbyshire at 541-567-9409, 541-561-6728 or [dderb@charter.net](mailto:dderb@charter.net). For more information about Soroptimist International, visit [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org).

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




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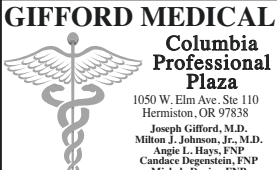
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