



ABOUT TOWN

Horneck building dedication Wednesday

Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center will dedicate the Don Horneck Memorial Building and host an open house on Wednesday.

The building dedication will occur at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 2121 S. First St., Hermiston.



Horneck

The building houses the agronomy lab, insect rearing rooms, tissue culture room and room to house equipment. It is dedicated in memory of Don Horneck, an extension agronomist at Oregon State University who died Sept. 28, 2014. Horneck, who lived in Irrigon, was a specialist in soil fertility and had worked for OSU since 2000.

"This facility is a tremendous addition to this research and extension center and will significantly aid staff to provide new research based information to the region's agriculture community," said Phil Hamm, director of the OSU Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Good Shepherd recognized for good outcomes

Good Shepherd Health Care System has received national recognition for excellence in patient outcomes and financial strength. The recognition comes from iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health after an analysis of 4,000 acute care hospitals nationwide using 66 different metrics.

The award for patient outcomes refers to low numbers for mortality rates, readmission within 30 days, infections and other adverse outcomes related to hospital stays. The data is collected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and made public in an effort to increase transparency, empower patients and give hospitals constructive feedback. Good Shepherd president and CEO Dennis Burke called the award "truly an honor, and a team effort."

"We have a strong bond with our community," he said in a news release. "Many of the people we treat are our neighbors, friends, and, in some cases, family. Our staff feels a strong sense of duty and accomplishment in striving to provide the best quality services in each of our departments."

Michael Topchik, senior vice president of iVantage Health Analytics, said in a statement that hospitals in the top 25 percent nationwide should take pride in their status.

"On this occasion of National Rural Health Day, taking place nationally on November 19, it's an honor to celebrate their achievement as they continue to serve their communities despite the many market, regulatory and financial pressures they face," he said.

CHASING HISTORY



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HISTORY

Stanfield's playoff run reminiscent of 1957 title team

By SAM BARBEE
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Before the Stanfield Tigers beat Vernonia, 56-26, two weeks ago in the 2A OSAA quarterfinals, it had been 58 years since a Tigers football team won a playoff game.

That was the 1957, when the Stanfield Tigers, then in Class B, went 10-0, part of a 26-game winning streak that ended with 1958's first contest, a 28-13 defeat to Maupin.

That 1957 Tigers team was a juggernaut. They allowed just six points during the regular season and just 19 points between the regular season and playoffs. They finished the regular season with five straight shutouts: a 6-0 thriller over Pilot Rock, consecutive 39-0 wins over McEwen and Echo, a 38-0 win over Heppner and a 37-0 win over then-rival Umatilla. Stanfield also had shutout wins over Fossil (74-0) in the opener and a 46-0 throttling of Joseph. The lone regular season non-shutout was a 46-6 drubbing of Elgin.

In all, Stanfield averaged 40.4 points per game and allowed a staggering 1.9. To put that in perspective, the best offense in Stanfield's division this season is averaging just over 50 points per game (Heppner), and the best defense is allowing 12.7 points per game (Reedsport). No team has allowed fewer than 100 points, much less fewer than 20.

By comparison, Stanfield struggled through the first two rounds of the playoffs, beating Union 26-6 and Merrill 27-7. But they had no trouble with Powers in the Class B title game, running away with a 46-0 win. The Dec. 5, 1957, issue of the Hermiston Herald includes a front-page story on the title game. It reads, in part: "The Tiger superiority was shown in the opening moments of the game when Walt Wolfe grabbed two Powers fumbles" and the Tigers scored a touchdown after the second turnover. The story mentions that an impromptu dinner was held at a restaurant in Stanfield, and an impromptu dance broke out as well. Stanfield tries to maintain its best football season since then when it plays No. 4 Kennedy in Hillsboro on Saturday at noon.



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Above: Stanfield quarterback Dylan Grogan gets wrapped up by a pair of Heppner defenders in the Mustang's 60-6 win against the Tigers on Friday in Stanfield.

Top: The 1957 Stanfield Tigers poses after beating Powers 46-0 in the Class B state championship game. The names were largely given by recollection by Banker, and some names are missing. Top row from left to right: Unidentified, unidentified, Tim Carr (15), Jim Jenkins (19), Norm Evans (7), Ray Cox (11), unidentified, Gary Able, Walt Wolfe, unidentified, Chuck Grogan, Carl Banker (4), Assistant coach Jack Chapman, John Hauk (6). Bottom row from left to right: Head coach Gary Burton, Ben Schatz (20), Mike Mirick (5), unidentified, Joey Kuna (22), Claude Otis (3), John Stamate (9), Tom Stamate (2), Andy Kangas (14).



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Girl Scouts rededicate peace pole after vandalism

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After a "peace pole" honoring veterans was vandalized at McKenzie Park, a local Girl Scout unit put its replacement in the safest place they could think of: right in front of the police station.

The pole was rededicated on Nov. 11 in front of the Bob Shannon Safety Center by the Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southeast Washington Service Unit 22.

Troop leader Michelle Kane said the original peace pole was installed in 2007 after the Girl Scouts decided they wanted to use the funds from their annual father-daughter ball for a community project.

"Since the funds came from the community we wanted to give back to the community," Kane said. "After much



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Girl Scouts pass the microphone while reciting a poem during the dedication of a peace pole, pictured at right, in front of the Bob Shannon Safety Center on Wednesday.

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