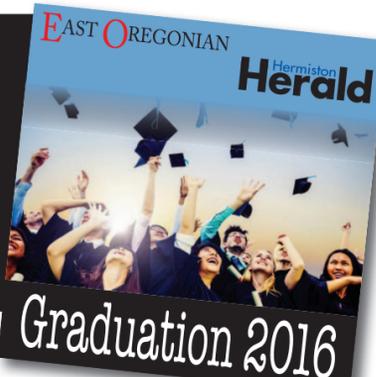


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**Workshop targets ag tourism**

Area industries with a focus in agriculture are invited to learn how to add a tourism component or to expand current offerings.

Opportunities include adding a farm stand, farm tour, hunting or camping, event venue or lodging to farms, ranches or garden businesses.

A free Agri-Tourism Workshop is planned, which includes two days at separate locations. It begins Tuesday, June 21, from 1-5 p.m. in the Riverfront Center at the Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. It continues Wednesday, June 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center, 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston.

Pre-registration is required to ensure there is enough supplies and meals. For more information or to RSVP, contact Janet Dodson, Eastern Oregon Agritourism Development project coordinator, at 541-786-8006 or janetd@eoni.com. For more information on the presenters, course agenda and register online, visit <http://industry.traveloregon.com/rugged-countryATS>.

**Leadership Hermiston sets graduation event**

Leadership Hermiston will celebrate the graduation of Class 19 during an upcoming event at the Hermiston Conference Center.

The graduation celebration begins Tuesday, June 14, with a social at 6 p.m. at 415 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for guests.

Reservations are needed by Monday, June 6. For more information or to RSVP, contact Barb Martin at 541-567-6151 or [barb@hermistonchamber.com](mailto:barb@hermistonchamber.com).

**Recreation department offers outdoor programs**

Summertime sports programs offered through Hermiston Parks & Recreation include everything from kayaking trips to baseball games and clinics.

Also, new this year is USTA Tennis. All equipment is provided. It's open to ages 6-17 and runs Monday through Fridays from June 13 through Aug. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon (camp) or 9-10:30 a.m. (lesson only) at the Sunset Courts, located near the Hermiston Public Library. The cost is \$95 per week for the camp or \$35 for lessons only.

Also, a family-friendly tennis program open to all ages runs Tuesdays from June 13-Aug. 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per night (and \$5 for each additional family member). And, after four lessons, the fifth session is free. For more about the tennis programs, visit [www.RecTennis.com/hermiston](http://www.RecTennis.com/hermiston).

## BROOKDALE RESIDENTS ENJOY THEIR OWN SENIOR PROM

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
Community Editor

**A**rmando Mendoza's dance card was full as a handful of silver-haired ladies vied for his attention during Saturday's Senior Citizen Prom held at Brookdale Hermiston.

When Nene Johnson, 86, spotted the Umatilla High School senior dancing with 88-year-old Ruth Hawes, she scurried across the room and tapped him on the shoulder.

"You're going to get your butt kicked," Johnson said with a sly smile.

Taken aback by her directness, Mendoza asked why.

"You're dancing with someone else," Johnson responded with a laugh.

Mendoza was invited to attend the event by Laura Zepeda, out-going vice president of the Hermiston High School Key Club. He said it seemed like a enjoyable way to create extra fun for residents of the facility.

The Key Club, a student group affiliated



STAFF PHOTO BY TAMMY MALGESINI

Laura Zepeda and Armando Mendoza celebrate with Julie Wynn when she gets a bingo during the Senior Citizen Prom Saturday at Brookdale Hermiston.

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Alex Quesada adjusts Nene Johnson's crown after being named queen during the Senior Citizen Prom Saturday at Brookdale Hermiston.

## 48-star flags retired from Avenue of Flags



STAFF PHOTO BY JADE McDOWELL

A bugler plays "Taps" at the Hermiston Cemetery on Memorial Day.

By **JADE McDOWELL**

Staff Writer

As people flocked to the Hermiston Cemetery to pay their respects on Memorial Day, a sharp-eyed visitor noticed something interesting about one of the flags lining the gravesites: It only had 48 stars.

"You can see it in the pattern of the stars, the way they're offset," Ken May said.

It wasn't easy to spot — the flag is one of approximately 600 that form the Avenue of Flags lining the cemetery each Memorial Day. The effort is spearheaded by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4750, and they thought they had retired all of the old 48-star flags ago.

The flags are all casket flags donated by veterans' families, standing as a stark visual reminder of the number of men and wom-

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