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Sam Surber, Ava Tixier, Tristan Stephenson and Baylee Hunsaker rehearse a dance for "Game of Tiaras" Monday at Hermiston High School. The play opens Friday in the school's fine arts auditorium.

# 'Game of Tiaras' twists things up

Comedy opens Friday at Hermiston High School

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
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Combine plot twists from the "Game of Thrones," an HBO adventure drama, to the hopelessness of a Shakespearean tragedy and you'll have an adaptation of "King Lear" that will keep you in stitches.

Taking the helm of Hermiston High School's drama program, director Beth Anderson said "Game of Tiaras" should provide an entertaining evening for audience members. A twist on Disney characters with a little "Game of Thrones" thrown in, she said, offers hilarity at every turn — especially as the body count rises.

"It's a funny parody with Disney princesses and more," she said.

However, Anderson said the show may not be all that appropriate for younger kids.

"There's not gore like 'Game of Thrones,' but the humor ...," she said trailing off. "You might not want to see the princess get beheaded."

The play opens Friday at 7 p.m. in the school's fine arts auditorium, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. Subsequent performances are Saturday and Nov. 10-11, all at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the high school's bookkeeping office.

About 40 students are involved with the production, Anderson said. In addition, HHS science teacher Zyan Silver takes the stage in a couple of roles.



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"I wanted the executioner to be a bigger guy and he's tall," Anderson said.

The play is about the aging king of a magical kingdom who decides to split his empire between his three daughters, Cinderella, Belle and the Snow Queen. It's Ella, Anderson said, not to be confused by another copyrighted character, Elsa.

With a reference to the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and hipster dwarfs, Anderson said there's plenty to chuckle about.

"Students were laughing while reading the very first page of the script," she said. "So, I think our audience will find it hilarious."

In her third year at HHS, Anderson is excited to be teaching at her alma mater. A former attorney-turned-teacher in Missouri, Anderson is happy to be back in her hometown and involved in the drama program.

"I'm really looking forward to great excitement about people coming to shows at Hermiston High School," she said.

For more information, contact Anderson at 541-667-6100 or beth.anderson@hermiston.k12.or.us.

IN BRIEF

### Holiday bazaar offers gift ideas

A Holiday Bazaar is kicking off the early Christmas shopping season with home business products, handmade jewelry, quilted items, crafts and paintings.

The event is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Arc building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. There is no admission fee.

Vendor space is \$35 each. For more information, call/text 541-314-0166 or visit [www.facebook.com/events/817613171733896](http://www.facebook.com/events/817613171733896).

### Community center serves Saturday breakfast

An a la carte breakfast is available during the monthly breakfast at the Stanfield Community Center.

The event is Saturday from 7-10 a.m. at 225 W. Roosevelt Ave., Stanfield. People are invited to enjoy an affordable breakfast (for \$3 or more) while visiting with neighbors and helping to support the community center.

For more information, call 541-449-1332.

### Collective Goods sale benefits hospital auxiliary

A variety of books and gifts at affordable prices are available for purchase during the Collective Goods sale.

Hosted by the Good Shepherd Hospital Auxiliary, money raised will be used to support scholarships for those pursuing a medical career and medical equipment for Good Shepherd Medical Center. The sale is Tuesday, Nov. 7 and Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the hospital, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

Also, applications for membership in the auxiliary can be picked up at the hospital gift shop. For more information, contact [juner1942@gmail.com](mailto:juner1942@gmail.com).

### Fundraiser benefits Echo, Stanfield FFA

A dinner and auction will help raise money for the Echo and Stanfield FFA chapters.

The event is Saturday with the doors opening at 5 p.m. for the silent auction in the gymnasium at Stanfield Secondary School, 1120 N. Main St. The event continues with a program and dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a live auction at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of four (kids under 10 are free). Among the items up for bid are items donated by the Portland Trail Blazers, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry, Wildlife Safari, as well as many local businesses and individuals.

Money raised will support members of the two FFA chapters. For more information, contact Brooke Vanderveen at [bvanderveen@echosd5.org](mailto:bvanderveen@echosd5.org), 541-376-8436 or visit [www.facebook.com/events/338323986579870](http://www.facebook.com/events/338323986579870).

### Service features singing of hymns

An evening of singing old hymns is featured during a special service in Hermiston.

The public is invited to an evening of food, fun and fellowship during the Hymnspiration Sunday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St. Hermiston. There is no admission charge for the informal gathering.

For more information, contact Chris Finley at [johnchris\\_1@msn.com](mailto:johnchris_1@msn.com) or 541-571-2516.

### Health insurance open enrollment starts Wednesday

Health insurance open enrollment — for those who buy plans on their own because they do not have coverage through their employer — launches Wednesday.

The open enrollment period runs

through Dec. 15 at [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov). People can change plans or buy a plan for coverage and avoid a potential penalty on their 2018 taxes.

"In Oregon, we want people to get health insurance," said Gov. Kate Brown. "Already, 95 percent of Oregonians are covered and 100 percent of children have access. Now is the time to get health insurance if you don't already have it, and to re-enroll if you have coverage through [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov)."

The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, a division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, provides local assistance over the phone and through a statewide network of health insurance agents and community partners. For more information, visit [OregonHealthCare.gov](http://OregonHealthCare.gov) and click "Find local help."

### Early Learning Hub seeks grant applicants

Grant money is available for projects that serve at-risk children ages 0-6 and their families.

Offered through the Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub, priority is given to activities that serve or support more than one community. Services must be provided in a culturally competent and gender-specific manner that reflects the population, needs and resources of the community.

Funding can be provided for community-based services that increase the strength and stability of families (including adoptive, foster and extended families), parenting skills, provide children a safe, stable and supportive family environment, strengthen parental relationships and promote healthy marriages, and enhance child development, including through mentoring.

The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 17. For eligibility information, an application or more information, visit [www.bluemountainearlylearninghub.org](http://www.bluemountainearlylearninghub.org). For questions, contact Kim Thul at [kim.thul@imesd.k12.or.us](mailto:kim.thul@imesd.k12.or.us) or 541-966-3157.

# Altrusa waltzes in with Oktoberfest cash



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Altrusa International of Hermiston raised about \$30,000 from its Oct. 14 Auction and Oktoberfest Dinner.

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Altrusa International of Hermiston recently expressed appreciation to the community for the overwhelming community support for its Oktoberfest Dinner & Auction.

The Oct. 14 event raised

about \$30,000 — thanks to the generosity of all the local businesses who donated items and to the community members who attended the event and opened their hearts and wallets.

"We are extremely grateful to all," the Altrusans said.

Money raised will be used to support many local projects, including Backpacks for Kids, Domestic Violence Services, college scholarships, author visits to local schools, Little Red Libraries and more.

As one of the largest clubs in District Twelve

— which encompasses Oregon, Washington, Montana and western Canada — Altrusa International of Hermiston recently celebrated its 40th year of giving back to the community. For more information, visit [www.districttwelve.altrusa.org](http://www.districttwelve.altrusa.org).

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