



The VFW Post 4750 at 45 West Cherry Ave, Hermiston.

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Army 160th. Veterans and a guest are welcome, which includes a free lunch. RSVP by calling Heather Noble at 541-481-7383.

ECHO

Veterans will be honored during events organized by the Echo School District.

A parade kicks off the activities Thursday at 10 a.m. in front of the school. It will continue down Main Street, circling around and returning to the school. An assembly starts at 1 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. It features a keynote speaker, music and a FFA presentation. A reception with cake follows in the commons.

For questions or to provide veteran information for recognition, contact Billie Parker at 541-376-8436 or billie.parker@echo.k12.or.us.

STANFIELD

A special assembly honoring veterans is Thursday at 2:54 p.m. in the gym at Stanfield Secondary School.

In addition, the student body is collecting items for Soldier Boxes. Non-perishable items — including chapstick, toothpaste, jerky, gum, socks — are being collected to be sent to soldiers overseas.

For more information, call 541-449-8751.

UMATILLA

The Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington are hosting a free turkey dinner for veterans.

The meal will be served Friday at 5 p.m. at New Hope Church — formerly Umatilla Baptist Church — 146 Columbia St., Umatilla. Veterans may bring a loved one with them to the meal. The gathering encourages a time of story-telling.

Seats are limited; RSVP by calling Denise at 541-579-0768.

VETERANS

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They hold events and fundraisers, help set up the Avenue of the Flags for Memorial Day, and help out with funerals for veterans who have died. They hold bingo each Friday at the post, 45 West Cherry Avenue, which Jardine says draws dozens of people.

Glenn Scott, one of two Veterans Service Officers in Umatilla County, works out of Hermiston, with veterans from Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo. He helps veterans and their families find services and benefits, as well as with employment, housing and vocational rehab.

Scott said he has worked with about 800 veterans since he started the job three years ago.

"The services in the area are fairly easy for veterans to get to," Scott said. "We have an excellent working relationship with [groups] like Lifeways, CAPECO. Umatilla County has an enormous resource base our office utilizes."

Scott said he has made several presentations

at the local VFW and American Legion posts about how veterans can utilize county and state resources, and about his role. He said it's not just veterans who saw action that can benefit.

"Veterans are anyone who served in the armed forces," he said. "It doesn't necessarily mean they were deployed."

Jardine and Scott both noted the disparity between older and younger veterans in groups like the VFW.

"We get them every once in a while and they help us out, but we wish we could get younger vets in," Jardine said.

"You look at the 30-, 40- or 20-year-old Iraq or Afghanistan vets and ask them, 'why not join?'" Scott said. "I just think a lot of members of the younger generation don't want to become members of any social organization."

Scott, who is a member of Pendleton's VFW Post 922, said in his job, he has met with younger veterans who say they have no need to join a group.

"It's a whole different mindset as opposed to World War II vets, Vietnam or Korean vets, for whom the VFW really stood for something," he said.

For the older veterans, Scott said, the VFW means more than just a place to find out about services.

"There's the camaraderie," Scott said. "You can share war stories. And aside from the personal aspect, what they do for the community — there's a tremendous amount of money donated from the VFW for several types of events."

He noted the Cowboy Breakfast that Pendleton's VFW puts on during the Round-Up. "There's a lot that goes back into the community."

Both men said it's easy for veterans to fall through the cracks.

"It's not so much that someone doesn't know, as much as a veteran might not realize they were entitled to VA benefits," Scott said. "We're getting ready to hire a third veterans service officer, who will be responsible only for outreach."

Jardine encouraged those interested to come to the VFW, or to visit Scott at the veterans service office. The office is located at 435 East Newport Avenue, and is open Monday through Friday.

BULLDOGS

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The plan going into the week is the same as it has been all season. Hermiston will look to establish the play action pass by setting up the ground game early, and fans can count on seeing playmakers continuing to make big plays as the Bulldogs will work on finding whoever the open receiver is. As of late, that's been more than just senior Dayshawn Neal.

Last week, junior wide receiver Youbani Razon showed what a true asset he's been for Hermiston late this season, and came up big in the fourth quarter with a 33-yard touchdown.

James finished the night 12-for-21 for 226 yards and four touchdowns. He also ran for 90 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries. Gutierrez had a team-high 83 yards off just three receptions and one score. With all of this excitement on offense, the defense definitely didn't disappoint.

They improved to 14 total interceptions on the season, after Gutierrez picked off La Salle Prep's quarterback in the third quarter and senior Peter Earl in the fourth.

Hermiston will need another big defensive performance against South Albany, who has had some of its greatest postseason success ever.

The Rebels (6-4), who finished co-champion of the Mid-Willamette Conference after going 5-1 in league play during the regular season, will be in uncharted territory when they travel four hours east to Kennison Field. This is their first ever quarterfinal appearance in school history.

South Albany got here by a well placed 28-yard field goal attempt from junior kicker Ozzie Ramirez and an interception in the end zone to seal the 23-16 victory over Crater.

The Rebels had plenty of playmakers in only their fourth postseason win in program history (1999, 2008, 2010, 2017). Costello made up for his first half

performance and ended 8-of-16 for 47 yards passing and had 113 rushing yards off 21 carries. But it was senior running back Ray Wilson who led the run with 57 yards on 19 carries and a touchdown.

South Albany might not present the same threat in the air that Hermiston has seen from other teams on its schedule, but Costello's athleticism could test a still improving defensive line.

The Rebels' offense has yet to earn a resounding victory this year, as four of their six wins have been determined by 10 points or fewer.

It will be up to the Bulldogs to keep the Rebels one dimensional and pressure the inexperienced postseason team if they want to end the week one of four.

The game will be broadcasted on AM 1360 KOHU, and live streamed via the HSD Communications YouTube channel. The winner of Friday's game will go on to play the victor of the Lebanon-Wilsonville match up in the semifinals on Nov. 18.

BY THE WAY



SCREEN CAPTURE FROM YOUTUBE.COM/HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hermiston football coach David Faeteete swings on a wrecking ball in a pre-recorded touchdown celebration during the live stream of a playoff game.

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vision show "Shark Tank" on Sunday at 9 p.m.

Alissa Kramer (Smith), a 2008 graduate of Hermiston High School, is the director of operations for the Vancouver, Wash.-based company formed in late 2015. She had a family wedding to attend and is not featured on the show, but said she's excited about the baby products getting the exposure.

"They're unique because each one has a skill-building activity," Kramer said. Each animal comes with a nighttime routine and rhyme that reinforces a different life skill.

She's sworn to secrecy about the results of the pitch to celebrity investors by company founders Kelly Oriard and Callie Christensen.

The Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center has benefited from several donations recently, including 3,700 pounds of winter wheat seed from Bracher Farms to help with dust control and assistance from the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center in planting it. Elmer's Irrigation and Valmont N.W. are also going to install two new wheel lines approximately 1,280 feet long and manufactured

by Gheen Irrigation.

Can't make it to Friday night's Hermiston football playoff game at Kennison Field? Log on to the Hermiston School District's YouTube page for live video of the action.

Last week viewers were treated to pre-recorded touchdown celebrations by coach David Faeteete, where he rode a wrecking ball in the style of pop musician Miley Cyrus.

Nearly 90 quilts and wall hangings vied for top honors during the 2017 Boardman Fall Quilt Show. The adult people's choice winners were Pam Dannon for "Bertie's Choice," a wool and flannel appliqué quilt; and the "Big Mouth Frogs," a cotton appliqué creation by Glenda and Tammy Bozarth. Also, Esther Birt won in the 9-11 age group and Teagan Birt was tops in the 12-14 category. And, Terri Dorrin of Hermiston also walked away a winner, taking home the Holiday Jewels Raffle Quilt.

All area quilters are invited to join the Boardman Quilt Group, which meets Mondays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center. There is no fee to participate. For more information, contact Kathy Hyder at 541-571-7009 or kathyhyder05@gmail.com.

Three siblings, who were all born on Oct. 23 in

Collbran, Colorado, recently celebrated their birthdays at the Chuckwagon Cafe in Hermiston. Charles Burton of Hermiston, who was born in 1938, enjoyed the company of two of his sisters. Darley (Burton) Hoffman of Montrose Colorado, who was born in 1936, and big sis Alberta (Burton) Liimatta of Grand Junction, Colorado, who was born in 1932, flew into town to spend their birthdays together. The family moved to the area in February 1954 when their father worked for the railroad. Charles, who is married to Peggy, has been a Hermiston resident ever since.

The Hermiston School District will test a new app to quickly share information with staff, students and parents this Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. Those interested can download the CrisisManager app for free on Android and iOS devices. For information about how to download the app, visit the Hermiston School District website.

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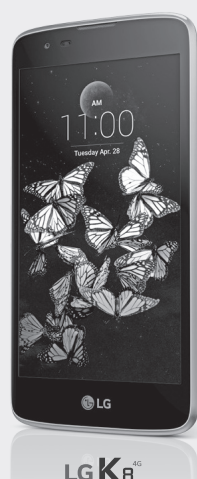


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