Communities offer Easter fun and special services

Easter activities in the area include:

HERMISTON

Hermiston **Public** Library

Hop on over to the Hermiston Public Library for an Easter egg hunt. The event is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

St. John's Episcopal

Holy Week services continue at the church at 953 E.

Gladys Ave. Maundy Thursday with Eucharist and stripping of the altar is Thursday at 7 p.m.; Good Friday with stations of the cross is Friday from noon to 6:45 p.m., followed by Good Friday Eucharist at 7 p.m.; and Easter morning Eucharist is Sunday at 9 a.m. (541-567-6674).

New Hope Community Church

Good Friday service at 6 p.m. at the church, 1350 S. Highway 395. Childcare provided for ages 6 and under. Celebrate the Resurrection Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. A nursery and children's classes are provided at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (541-567-8441)



Faith Presbyterian Church

A Good Friday service is Friday at 7 p.m. in the church's sanctuary, 1005 S.E. Ninth St. Rev. Bruce Sexton will present a message. In addition, there will be special music by the choir. (541-567-9642).

Flashlight Easter Egg

The Easter bunny is going to be hopping all weekend with the Simmons Agency sponsoring the annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt.

Thousands of filled eggs will be hidden in the dark. Children 10-and-under are invited to bring a flashlight and gather eggs Friday at 8:15 p.m. at Butte Park, 1245 N.W. Seventh St. Don't be late because the Easter bunny won't wait. (541-667-5018).

Hermiston Church of the Nazarene

•Kids through fifth grade are invited to search for Easter eggs hidden around the church's grounds Saturday at 10 a.m. at 1520 W. Orchard Ave. In addition, a Special Easter Egg Hunt for families with special needs (parents may assist and it's wheelchair accessible) will follow at 10:30 a.m. A special prize given to those who return empty eggs. Candy and non-candy prizes available.

•Easter Online at Sunrise (on Facebook Live). Rev. Eric Fritz presents a 10-minute message. Grab a cup of coffee, gather the family and log in to Facebook (Sunday at 7 a.m.). Easter Celebration Service is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

BOARDMAN

Easter Egg Hunt

More than 4,000 eggs will be hidden at Boardman Marina Park. The Easter egg hunt begins Saturday with an Easter bunny meet-andgreet at 9:15 a.m., followed by the egg hunt at 10:30 a.m. Family fun includes bouncy houses, face-painting and food concessions available for purchase.

Also, bring your smiles and have your picture taken with the Easter bunny to help support a Boardman Rural Fire Protection District fundraiser to purchase equipment(541-481-3014).

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Easter Egg Hunt

The Echo Community Church and Echo Volunteer Fire Department are organizing Easter egg hunts for different age groups. The events are Saturday at 9 a.m. with infants through age 4 at the church; ages 5-7 at George Park and ages 8-12 on the Echo High School football field.



IRRIGON

Community Easter EGGtravaganza

The annual event is Saturday at 11 a.m. at Irrigon Marina Park.

Eggs, activities and fun for toddlers through fifth grade. Also, refreshments provided for adults. (541-922-3054)

STANFIELD

Stanfield Moose Lodge

A community Easter egg hunt is Saturday at 10 a.m. at Coe Park. Kids up to age 12 are invited to participate.

Lots of eggs will be hidden, along with some special prize eggs. To volunteer to assist with preparation and hiding eggs, call 541-449-3304.

Crossroads Community Church

Evangelist Wes Daughenbaugh is the guest speaker Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the church, 350 N.W. Sherman St. All guests will receive a complimentary gift. An Easter egg hunt follows the service. In addition, there will be a drawing for a scholarship to Camp Elkanah, which will be given to a youth who helps with the egg hunt. (541-449-3434).

BRIEFS

Library program features Adventure Time

Adults and students with developmental disabilities are invited to a special story time program at the Hermiston Public Library.

Adventure Time is each Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. at the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Volunteer Deborah George will lead the program, which features stories and activities.

For more information, 541-567-2882.

Scholarship application due Friday

The Hermiston Education Foundation and Family Health Associates teamed up to offer several scholarships to Hermiston High School seniors.

Important factors in evaluating applicants are academic scholarship, community service, leadership, financial need and a commitment to wellness. The available scholarships include \$1,000 for a student who has participated in intern service at Family Health Associates, \$500 for students planning to pursue a career in the healthcare field and \$1,000 to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to wellness during their high school career.

Applications are available at the HHS counseling office. They must be submitted by Friday, March 30. For more information, call Faith Johnson at 541-667-6199 or write HEF, P.O. Box 1096, Hermiston,

Ceremony recognizes Vietnamera veterans

A special recognition and pinning ceremony recognizing all those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the United States' involvement in Vietnam is planned at Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center.

All area veterans and their families are invited to attend Thursday from 2-4 p.m. in the center's Theater Building, 77 Wainwright Drive, Walla Walla. Associate director Ray Crawford will provide a special lapel pin to each Vietnam veteran who has not previously received one. Cake and punch will be served.

The March 29 date marks the point when the last U.S. troops left South Vietnam, which ended America's direct military involvement in 1973. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9 million Americans served during the Vietnam War and approximately 7 million were living as of December 2017.

For more information, contact Linda Wondra at 509-525-5200, linda.wondra@ va.gov or visit www.wallawalla.va.gov.

IMAC serves Saturday breakfast

A home-cooked breakfast will help support the Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center. The fundraising meal is Saturday from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon. The cost is \$4.50 per person.

The group is dedicated to preserving Irrigon's 1921 school building and developing a regional art venue. For more information, call Peggy Price at 541-567-3806.

Meeting offers information for veterans, seniors

A public meeting for veterans, their spouses and seniors will provide information about benefits, tax tips, assisted living options and scam awareness.

The free event is Wednesday, April 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Irrigon branch of the Oregon Trail Library District, 490 N.E. Main St. Organizations making presentations include the Morrow County Tax Assessors Office (9:30 a.m.), Willamette National Cemetery (10 a.m.), Oregon Veterans Home (10:45 a.m.) and the Hermiston Police Department (11:15 a.m.).

For more information, contact the Morrow County Veterans Office at mcvets@ co.morrow.or.us, 541-922-6420 or visit www.co.morrow.or.us/veteransservices.

Umatilla announces spring cleanup event

The annual Community Clean Up Week is just around the corner in Umatilla.

The event is Saturday, April 7 at 9 a.m., with McNary-area volunteers meeting at the Port of Umatilla office, 500 Willamette St., and downtown and South Hill volunteers gathering at Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St. Dumpsters will be placed around the community free of charge for disposal of yard waste, junk, debris, etc.

Umatilla residents are encouraged to tidy up their property and help neighbors with spring outdoor cleaning. All volunteers will be treated to a barbecue lunch at noon at Village Square Park. For more information, call 541-922-3226.

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