

# Desert Disc Golf brings pro event to Hermiston



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Ginger Wilkinson is helping organize the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation Open. The May 19-20 tournament is the first Professional Disc Golf Association event at Hermiston Desert Disc Golf.

## Three-round event slated for Saturday at Oxbow course

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Area disc golf enthusiasts are excited as Hermiston Desert Disc Golf will host its first Professional Disc Golf Association event.

The Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation Open is Saturday and Sunday at the course, located at the Oxbow Trail, 1100 N.W. Elm Ave., Hermiston.

A player's meeting starts each day's play at 8:30 a.m. The tournament also includes a merchandise raffle of disc golf discs, baskets, bags and other items donated locally. Proceeds from the event will go to the health foundation.

Presented by Dynamic Discs and hosted by the Umatilla Disc Golf Club, the event features three 18-hole rounds.



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The first tee pad at Hermiston Desert Disc Golf course is near the gazebo at the Oxbow Trail. The course will host the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation Open May 19-20.

The registration fee ranges from \$45-\$90. Players can register online by 8 p.m. Friday at [www.discgolfscene.com](http://www.discgolfscene.com).

The tournament is open to youths, amateurs and professionals. In addition to a number of locals who plan to play, Ginger Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer of the Umatilla Disc Golf Club, said participants have signed up from out of the area, including La Grande, Walla Walla and the Tri-Cities.

The tournament is open to 72 players, and as of Monday evening 53 were registered to play.

The amateur players will receive a player's pack, which includes a disc, a dry-fit event shirt and other disc golf swag. As a B Tier event, tournament director Matt Richmond said \$500 has been added to the payouts for professionals.

"So there is big reward for the pro divisions," said Richmond, who is president of the Umatilla Disc Golf Club.

"The am (amateur) divisions are paid out in what is called a 'script,' a money voucher to buy discs or merchandise from a club that is providing discs."

The course's inaugural tournament is taking place less than eight months since its dedication ceremony. Wilkinson said that shows that the sport of disc golf is growing.

"And like we said a year ago, if we build a course, people from all over will come," she said.

The city of Hermiston plans to add another nine holes to the course during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The tournament, Wilkinson said, benefits area businesses as players coming into town will likely purchase things like food and gas. Richmond, Wilkinson and other club members are excited to show off the course and serve as representatives of the community.

Wilkinson encourages people to come out and play — regardless of their skill level. They can enjoy the camaraderie and sense of community, get advice on equipment and techniques, and engage in outdoor exercise.

"Disc golfers are really a close knit community for the most part," Wilkinson said. "We love the challenge of a new course and players will come from far and wide to play this course."

For more information, visit [www.discgolfscene.com](http://www.discgolfscene.com), search Facebook for "Umatilla Disc Golf Club" or call 541-314-5727.

## BRIEFS

### Crafters gather in pasture for Saturday's free event

Local crafters, artisans and junkers are gathering together for some outdoor fun.

People can shop, eat and visit with friends during Crafters in the Pasture. The event is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 78532 Highway 207, Hermiston. There is no admission charge.

Items available include unique handcrafted items, direct sales products, re-purposed decor, farmhouse signs, handmade baby clothes and "good" junk. The vendor fee is \$50.

For more information, contact Joy Smith at 509-707-3088, [crafters@charter.net](mailto:crafters@charter.net) or search Facebook.

### BMCC ag department sets surplus auction

People can pick up needed items at the Surplus Equipment Auction at Blue Mountain Community College.

Organized by the school's agriculture department, the event is Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Umatilla Hall north parking lot at 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. A preview is available from 8-9 a.m.

Everything from a 1981 Chevrolet truck, tool boxes and a Craftsman table saw to a Hesston self-propelled swather, irrigation pipes and Powder River panels and gates will be up for bid.

Cash, VISA and debit cards will be accepted.

A partial list of items and some photos are available at [www.bluecc.edu/auction](http://www.bluecc.edu/auction). All items are sold as-is and must be removed on the day of the sale.

For more information, contact Preston Winn at 541-278-5847 or [pwinn@bluecc.edu](mailto:pwinn@bluecc.edu).

### Korean official to present peace medals

Korean War veterans living in the region may receive a commemorative medal from the consulate general of the Republic of Korea in Seattle.

The official is seeking to honor eligible veterans with the Ambassador for Peace Medal. The commemorative medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to American service personnel who served during the war.

To be eligible, veterans must have served from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953. It's also available for those who participated in United Nations peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.

The consul general will host a luncheon Friday, June 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Red Lion Columbia Center, 1101 N. Columbia Center Blvd., Kennewick.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending, RSVP by Friday, June 1 with your name, phone number, dates of service in Korea and the name of your lunch guest.

For more information or to RSVP, contact [heidia@dva.wa.gov](mailto:heidia@dva.wa.gov) or 360-725-2154.

The Ambassador for Peace Medal was first presented to veterans as a special memento for those who returned to South Korea through the Revisit Program. The honor has since expanded to veterans who can't travel the long trip to Korea.

The ARC Employee Foundation Golf Tournament scheduled for May 19 at Big River Golf Course has been canceled.

### ARC Foundation cancels golf tournament

Due to numerous events during the weekend, organizers indicated they didn't have enough people sign up for the tournament. They will return payment to people who have already submitted registration and money. Items donated for the event will be donated to the Hermiston Warming Station.

For more information, contact Megan Olsen, Big River general manager, at 541-922-3006 or [megan@golfriver.com](mailto:megan@golfriver.com).

### Writing workshop features regional authors

Writers interested in honing their skills and hearing from regional authors are invited to a special event at Blue Mountain Community College.

The Oregon Writing & Literary Summit is Saturday from 1-6 p.m. in the college's Pioneer Hall, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. There is no registration fee.

The opening keynote speaker is Robin Cody, a Yale-educated world traveler and freelance writer from Estacada. His books include "Ri-

chet River" (1990) and "Voyage of a Summer Sun" (1992). Also, Oregon Humanities speaker Jason Graham will serve as the closing keynote speaker. Born in Chicago, he is now an Oregon-based performer, artist and educator, and is a former slam poetry champion for Oregon.

The event offers writing workshops from regional authors, including David Axelrod, Jodi Varon and Scott Elliott. Also, an author showcase provides visitors with an opportunity to meet the authors and learn more about their works. An open mic/happy hour runs from 5-6 p.m.

For more information, contact Casey White-Zollman at 541-278-5839, [cwhitezollman@bluecc.edu](mailto:cwhitezollman@bluecc.edu) or visit [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu).

### Spring Fling offers outdoor fun

More than 30 vendors have confirmed for Spring Fling In Old Town Stanfield.

The event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on West Coe Street, Stanfield. There is no admission charge. Bring an appetite, as in addition to the vendor booths, there will be food trucks.

For more information, call Kathy Baker at 541-571-6388, Lynne Hamblin at 541-571-5691 or search Facebook.

### Hermiston FFA to offer Father's Day fundraiser

Members of the Hermiston High School FFA program are

raising money to go to the national competition.

One of the fundraising efforts offers barbecued beef tri-tip, just in time for a Father's Day meal. Mel Keely and members of the Hermiston FFA Chapter will prepare the beef.

People have the option of purchasing a cooked beef tri-tip roast or a fresh un-cooked roast. The cost is \$30 each.

People must pre-order by Friday, June 8. The meat will be prepared on Sunday, June 17 and available for pick-up at approximately 11:30 at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St.

For more information, contact Brianna Smith at [brianna.smith@hermistonffa.org](mailto:brianna.smith@hermistonffa.org) or 541-667-6100.

### SAGE Center shows animated comedy 'Coco'

Despite his family's ban on music, Miguel dreams of becoming a musician.

In "Coco," the young lad follows his dream as he enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather was a legendary singer.

The 2017 animated adventure comedy will be screened Friday at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday at 2:15 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. The Disney film is rated PG.

Admission is \$3 and includes a bag of popcorn. Bottled water and concessions are available for cash purchases.

For more information, call 541-481-7243 or visit [www.visitsage.com](http://www.visitsage.com).

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