



An explosion of color fills the night sky above the Hermiston Butte during the 2017 Fourth of July fireworks display. Several area communities will offer activities and fireworks shows to celebrate Wednesday's Independence Day.

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Local July 4th celebrations

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Parades, park activities and fireworks shows are featured in area towns to help celebrate Wednesday's Fourth of July holiday.

Communities are going all-out with full day or multiple day festivals. Unless otherwise noted, admission to the events are free, although food and some activities cost to participate. Independence Day events are held on Wednesday.

HERMISTON

Stars & Stripes Celebration

- 1-10:30 p.m.
- Butte Park, 1245 N.W. Seventh St.

www.hermistonrecreation.com

The free, family-friendly event features games, entertainment, bouncy houses, live music, local youth performances, vendors, food booths, magic shows, Bubble Soccer balloon animals, face painting and more. The event crescendos with a fireworks show at dusk, which will be shot off from the Hermiston Butte. (541-667-5018, parksandrec@hermiston.or.us)

Stars and Stripes Pool Party

- 7-10:30 p.m.
- Hermiston Family Aquatic Center, 879 W. Elm Ave.

www.hermistonpool.com/events

\$14/ages 15 and older; \$10/ages 2-14; free/ages 0-2. Pool party, barbecue

(catered by Dickey's Barbecue Pit), live music, games and a front row seat to fireworks display. Must purchase tickets in advance at the pool. (541-289-7665)

STANFIELD

Stanfield Fourth of July

- 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Bard Park, off Highway 395 between Harding and Roosevelt avenues

www.facebook.com/Stamfield4thofJuly

Free admission. Firemen's breakfast (at the community center), 3-on-3 tournament (9 a.m.), parade (10 a.m.), entertainment, Cash Vault, vendors, pie baking contest (turn in by 11 a.m.), duck race (12:30 p.m.), and raffle drawings. Park activities end at 3 p.m., but fireworks will be shot off at dusk. Also, Tuesday night 6-9 p.m., Fourth of July Fundraising Steak Feed; \$20/steak; \$10/kid's hamburger. Includes beer garden and music by The Hired Guns.

Tickets are available at Main Street Market. (541-449-3831, sandy@cityofstanfield.com)

BOARDMAN

Boardman Thunder 4th of July Celebration

- 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Riverside High School, downtown, pool/recreation center & Boardman Marina Park

www.boardmanchamber.org

Free admission. Boy Scout breakfast (7 a.m.),

color run (\$10-\$30, 8 a.m., RHS), parade (11 a.m.), tournaments (3-3 basketball, horseshoes, youth soccer), park activities includes food/craft vendors, kids games (12:30-5 p.m.), music with DJ Kora, live music with Cruise Control (6:30-9:30 p.m.) and fireworks at dusk. (541-481-3014 or info@boardmanchamber.org)

IONE

Ione Fourth of July Celebration

- 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Ione City Park, Ione Fire Hall and American Legion Hall

www.cityofioneoregon.com/fourthofjuly

Free admission. Firemen's breakfast (7 a.m.), Creative Care PreSchool 5K run/walk (7:30 a.m.), vendor booths, horseshoe and 3-on-3 tournaments, games, parade featuring grand marshals Gregg and Shelly Rietmann (1 p.m.), talent show (3:30 p.m.), Game On! featuring video games and laser tag (5-8 p.m.) and auction/raffle drawings (8 p.m.) Featured entertainment includes Wade Aylett (2 p.m.), Cory Peterson Band (4:30 p.m.), James Marlin Band (6:30 p.m.) and Brewer's Grade Band (8:30 p.m.), followed by fireworks at dusk.

The celebration also featured activities over the weekend, and on Tuesday there will be a golf tournament and Ione High School all alumni get together. Call 541-422-7414 for more information.

BRIEFS

Summer warms up with singing

The Hermiston Summer Choir invites all community members 14 and older to join together in song.

Led by R. Lee Friese, director of Inland Northwest Musicians, there are no auditions. Anyone that is interested may register and sing.

The rehearsals are Monday and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. between July 16 to Aug. 1 They are held at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. The cost is \$15 for Hermiston residents and \$19 for non-residents. The choir will crescendo with a public performance, which is Sunday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit www.hermistonrecreation.com, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the recreation office, located at the community center.

Neon Nights lights up trail

After the sun goes down, the Oxbow Trail will light up to help support the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb, which benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The Neon Nights 5K is Saturday, July 14 at 10 p.m. at the Oxbow Trail. The event will start at the trailhead at 1100 W. Elm Ave., located west of Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston. On-site registration runs from 8-10 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25 or \$15 for youths ages 5-15, which includes a glow gear race packet with glow-in-the-dark accessories and a T-shirt (register by July 3 to be guaranteed a shirt). Kids ages 4 and under are free, but they won't receive a race packet.

In addition, participants are invited to take their glow factor up a notch and come decked out in all things neon. Prizes will be awarded to the top two "best glowers" of the evening.

To register, visit www.club24fit.com/neonnights or stop by Club 24 located in the Hermiston Plaza at 832 S. Highway 395. For questions, call 541-701-0477.

Echo plans all-school, all-community reunion

An evening social, dinner, dancing, reminiscing and tours are featured during the Echo All School/All Community Reunion.

The event kicks off Friday, July 6 with a meet-and-greet from 5:30-10 p.m. at Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St. Registration for the event is Saturday, July 7 at Echo City Park. Tours are available Saturday, including St. Peter's Catholic Church, 33208 Marble St. (11 a.m.), Echo School District (2 p.m.) and the Echo Historical Museum, 230 W. Main St. (1-4 p.m.).

The Saturday, July 7 dinner at 5 p.m. features tri-tip, various salads, baked

beans and rolls. The cost is \$30 per person and must be paid in advance. Dancing follows from 8-10:30 p.m. at Echo Ridge Cellars, 551 Thielsen St.

Free recreational vehicle parking is available at the school. For tee times at Echo Hills Golf Course, call 541-376-8244.

For more information or to register, call Diane (Schultze) Wilson at 541-376-5505, Chris Bettencourt at 541-571-1472 or Darrylin Collinsworth at 541-449-1138.

HHS class of '83 sets reunion

Several activities are planned for the 35-year reunion of the Hermiston High School class of 1983.

The event is scheduled for July 13-15 and includes two catered dinners, golf, wine-tasting and general visiting. Classmates are encouraged to join in for a little visit or all the options, with varying costs.

Class organizers are collecting contact information, so all members of the class of 1983 are encouraged to get in touch to assist in updating the list. For more information or to request a reunion registration form, contact Kevin Fisher at kevinf@bmi.net, 541-720-1268 or Delia Fields at dorranfields@gmail.com, 541-571-4210. Those planning to enjoy the Friday or Saturday dinners are urged to respond by Friday, July 6.

Spanish country band strums for park series

Los Potrillos de Nayarit, a Norteño (Spanish country) band, will take the stage as part of Morrow County's Music in the Parks.

Based in Hermiston, the band features four members, who play accordion, bass, 12-string guitar and drums. The group plays ballads, true legends and stories from the past — offering beats that range from semi-slow rhythms to cumbias, which are faster-paced.

The free event is Monday, July 9 at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park. Pack a picnic or bring some cash, as the Boardman Little League will offer concessions.

People are encouraged



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Los Potrillos de Nayarit, a Hermiston-based Norteño band.

to bring a blanket or lawn chair and stake out a spot along the Columbia River to enjoy the concert. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held at the SAGE Center.

The free concert series

alternates each Monday through Aug. 13 between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. For more information, contact Jackie McCauley at utility.clerk@cityofboardman.com or 541-720-1289.

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Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Northeast Oregon and is increasing in many communities in Umatilla and Morrow Counties!

The Oregon Washington health Network of Pendleton in collaboration with Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, the Morrow County Health Department, and Good Shepherd Hospital are holding two **FREE HEART DISEASE** Clinics. These will be held at the locations above.

For additional information contact:

Dan Peterson, OWhN Manager at

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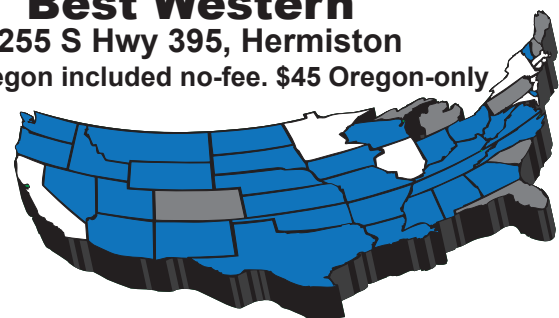
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