

# Community celebrations spark Fourth of July fun

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Parades, park activities and fireworks are planned in area towns to celebrate the Fourth of July. Many events feature full day festivals. The Walla Walla Veterans Administration Medical Center is offering an alternative to noisy fireworks with a free movie night.

Unless otherwise noted, events are Thursday, July 4 with most offering free admission. Area Independence Day events include:

### HERMISTON Stars & Stripes Fourth of July

•1-10:30 p.m., Butte Park, 1245 N.W. Seventh St. [www.hermiston.or.us/parks-recreation/home](http://www.hermiston.or.us/parks-recreation/home)

Free admission. Games, bounce houses, vendors, face painting (4-8 p.m.) food booths, entertainment and live music with The Shades (4-10 p.m.). Hailing from the Tri-Cities, the band performs classic rock and pop. Fireworks at dusk.



Faith Martin of The Shades sings during the 2018 Stars & Stripes Fourth of July celebration in Hermiston. The Tri-Cities band is returning for this year's celebration Thursday at Butte Park.

### Stars & Stripes Pool Party

•6-10:30 p.m., Hermiston Family Aquatic Center \$16/ages 15-and-older; \$12/ages 2-14; free/ages 0-2. Pool party, barbecue (catered by Dickey's Barbecue Pit), live music, games

and a front row seat for fireworks display. With limited tickets, people must purchase tickets in advance.

### STANFIELD

**Steak Feed Fundraiser**  
•Wednesday, 6-9 p.m., Bard Park \$20/steak, \$10/hamburger. Buy tickets at Main

Street Market. Features live music with The Hired Guns and no-host beverages from Hermiston Brewing Co.

### Stanfield Fourth of July

•7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bard Park [www.facebook.com/stanfield4thofjuly](http://www.facebook.com/stanfield4thofjuly) Free admission.

A firemen's breakfast (7-9:30 a.m., Stanfield Community Center) followed by a parade (8 a.m., register; 9 a.m., judging; 10 a.m., start). Park activities include a 3-on-3 tournament, pie baking contest (turn by 11 a.m.), In the Cash Vault, Game On (featuring Toxic Meltdown, archery tag, game trailer, water slide, obstacle course and more) vendors, duck race (1 p.m.) and raffle drawings (2 p.m.), fireworks at dusk.

### BOARDMAN

### Boardman Thunder

•7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Boardman Marina Park [www.boardmanchamber.org](http://www.boardmanchamber.org)

Free admission. Breakfast (7-10 a.m.), Color Fun Run (7:30 a.m., registration; 8 a.m., run at Riverside High School), parade (9:30 a.m., lineup on NE Front St.; 10 a.m., judging; 11 a.m., start), youth soccer & horseshoes tournaments (1 p.m.), 3-on-3 basketball (1 p.m., recreation center), food/craft vendors and

kids games (1-6 p.m.), DJ Kora (1-4 p.m.), live music with Cruise Control (6:30-9:30 p.m.) and fireworks at dusk (541-481-3014).

### IONE

### Ione's Fourth of July Celebration

•7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Ione City Park

[www.cityofioneoregon.com](http://www.cityofioneoregon.com)

Free admission. A full day of park activities, followed by regional entertainment in the afternoon/evening. Luke Basile & Jamie Nasario (2-3:30 p.m.), Cory Peterson Band (4:30-6 p.m.), The Sceptre Brothers (6:30 p.m.), and Stompin' Ground (8:30 p.m.), with fireworks at dusk.

### WALLA WALLA

### Fireworks Free Fourth

•7-11 p.m., Walla Walla VA Theater Bldg, 77 Wainwright Drive

[www.facebook.com/vawallawalla](http://www.facebook.com/vawallawalla)

Free. Enjoy movies, snacks and drinks. (509-386-1117, [linda.wondra@va.gov](mailto:linda.wondra@va.gov)).

## BRIEFS

### Summer reading program starts

The summer reading program is underway at the Hermiston Public Library.

Both youths and adults can register on the Beanstalk service through the library. People can access Beanstalk on the library's website or download the app to their cell phone. Participants can earn badges for logging their reading and other activities. The program runs through July 25.

For more information about the program, visit [www.hermistonlibrary.com](http://www.hermistonlibrary.com) or stop by the library at 235 E. Gladys Ave. For questions, call 541-567-2882.

### Summer Choir wants singers

The Hermiston Summer Choir is seeking voices. Community members 14 and older who enjoy singing are invited to participate. No auditions are required.

The group will begin rehearsals July 15 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., preparing for a performance Sunday, Aug. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395.

People interested need to register as soon as possible. The fee ranges from \$15-\$19. For more information or to register, visit [www.hermistonrecreation.com](http://www.hermistonrecreation.com) or call 541-667-5018.

### Boardman sets cleanup month

The city of Boardman is sponsoring a community-wide cleanup during the month of July.

Residents can obtain garbage vouchers with a \$50 limit. They are valid during the month of July at Finley Butte Landfill and the North Morrow Transfer Station.

City residents can pick up vouchers at Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle. For more information, contact 541-481-9252 or [Jackie@cityofboardman.com](mailto:Jackie@cityofboardman.com).

### Campus Life collects cans, bottles

The Hermiston Campus Life has an ongoing bottle and can drive.

People are invited to drop recyclable cans and bottles off at the trailer at the Campus Life building, 595 S. First St., Hermiston. Money collected from the donations will be used to help student leaders go to camp. To arrange a pick-up of donated cans and bottles, call or text 541-969-1017.

### Class of '74 seeks classmates

Organizers for the Hermiston High School class of 1974 are seeking information on fellow Bulldog classmates.

The group is trying to locate Debbie Stephens, Steve Ralls, Marion Chilcote, Tami Wagner Johnson, Gail Wilson Peterson, Bert Chavez, Rachel Humphreys, Sandy Smith Martin, Greg Stultz, Bill Dreger, Judy Grimm, Sherri

Hickey, Eve Messenger Pieratt, Denise Nuner, Vickie Nutter, Jeff Otis, Val Hall St. John, Christie Hess and Bill Zimmerman aka Parrish.

The 45-year reunion is planned for July 26-27. If you have any information on classmates listed, call Bruce Wilcox at 541-720-0514. For more information about the reunion, join the Facebook group, "HHS Classmates 1974 on Facebook."

### Heppner farmers market to open

The Willow Creek Farmers Market will resume its season Friday, July 5.

Vendors will offer produce, baked goods, plants, jams and a variety of handmade and artisan items. Others interested in setting up a booth to sell items can pay the vendor fee of \$25 for the summer for adults and \$10 for school-aged children.

The market is each Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heppner City Park on Main Street. It will run weekly through September. For more information contact Andrea DiSalvo at 757-285-5792 or [gutching@juno.com](mailto:gutching@juno.com).

### HHS class of '69 plans reunion

Members of the Hermiston High School class of 1969 are encouraged to spread the word about plans for their upcoming 50-year reunion.

The event is set for Sept. 27-28. Activities include a Friday meet-and-greet, a Saturday breakfast and tour of Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, and an evening meal. The reunion cost is \$50. For more information, search Facebook, [www.classmates.com/reunions](http://www.classmates.com/reunions) or call Linda Shockman Turner at 541-314-5180.

### Farm Bureau seeks photos

The Oregon Farm Bureau is looking for pictures featuring all aspects of Oregon agriculture for its 2020 Oregon's Bounty Calendar. Photos can show products, people, production, landscape — anything that depicts the beauty, technology, culture or tradition of family farming and ranching in Oregon. The deadline for photo submissions is Sunday, Sept. 15. Submission instructions and rules are available at [www.oregonfb.org/calendar](http://www.oregonfb.org/calendar). For questions, contact Anne Marie Moss at 503-399-1701 or [annemarie@oregonfb.org](mailto:annemarie@oregonfb.org).



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