

# Bring on the treats, fun and games



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**Sandra Solorio, Giovanni Munoz, Jayla Rodriguez and Charlie Munoz show off their costumes during the 2018 Treats on Main in Hermiston. Several area organizations are offering safe trick-or-treat activities Thursday for Halloween.**

## Area organizations offer safe trick-or-treating

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While it might be a bit frigid out on Halloween, little ghouls, ghosts and goblins can participate in a number of safe trick-or-treat activities in the area. Business owners, schools, churches and community groups are offering up a cache of candy at several events on Thursday — Halloween.

### HERMISTON

•Treats on Main and Beyond provides safe trick-or-treating with many downtown businesses handing out candy from 3-5 p.m. — look for signs in the window for those participating. After filling your bucket or bag with candy, be sure to head to the Hermiston Community Center from 4-6 p.m. for carnival games, bounce houses, a haunted house, a giant pumpkin, prizes and much more for all ages. The event is sponsored

by Rogers Toyota of Hermiston. There are still volunteer opportunities available — call Hermiston Parks & Recreation at 541-667-5018 for more information.

•Fall Fest 2019 at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene features food, fun and a trunk-or-treat. The event runs from 5-7 p.m. at the church, 1520 W. Orchard Ave. The free activities also include games and hay rides. For questions, call 541-567-3677.

•Fall Festival from 5:30-8 p.m. at Hermiston Christian School, 1825 W. Highland Ave. Games and treats are available for kids 12 and younger. Also, a hot dog or pizza meal will be available for purchase. (541-567-3480).

•Oasis Kids Trunk-or-Treat. Oasis Vineyard Church is hosting the event from 6-7:30 p.m. at 1255 S. Highway 395. Check out the trunks and collect candy and prizes. (541-567-5834).

•Trick-or-Treating at Regency Hermiston, 970 W. Juniper Ave. Resi-

dents will hand out candy from 6-8 p.m. People also are invited to bring their well-behaved dogs on leashes. (541-567-8337).

•The inaugural Dawg Treats event offers a safe and friendly trick-or-treat event and an opportunity for kids to meet their favorite sports stars from Hermiston High School athletic programs. Student athletes and coaches will hand out candy (while supplies last) from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Dawg House (the HHS main gym). The event is open to children up to age 10, who are accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, call Maria Duron at 541-667-6036.

•Teen Halloween Party at Hermiston Campus Life, 595 S. First St. Youths ages 12-18 are invited to attend from 7:30-10 p.m. at the event features free food, laser tag, dodgeball and a Dutch Bros Coffee gift card for the best costume. (541-969-1017)

### STANFIELD

•Cruise on over to Cross-

roads Community Church for their annual Trunk-or-Treat. The event runs from 6-8 p.m. in the church's parking lot, 350 N.W. Sherman St., Stanfield.

People are invited to decorate their cars or trucks and hand out candy to kids. In addition to collecting candy, kids can enjoy hot chocolate, warming fires and a bouncy house with a slide (weather permitting).

For more information, contact 541-449-3434 or stanfieldag@eoni.com.

### BOARDMAN

•A Halloween Celebration is planned from 6-7:30 p.m. at Riverside High School, 210 Boardman Ave. The event features trick-or-treating and a haunted graveyard. Also, a hot dog meal is available for \$1.

The event is sponsored by Morrow County Unified Recreation District and hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Boardman. For more details, contact kiwanis-boardman@gmail.com or 512-663-4845.

## BRIEFLY

### Walla Walla VA opens same day clinic

The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center had a soft opening of its new Same Day Clinic, aka Sick Call Clinic, at 77 Wainwright Drive in Walla Walla.

Similar to the new urgent care benefit offered through the MISSION Act, the new service allows veterans to get assistance with minor medical issues without a long wait for an appointment. And accessing Walla Walla VA's Same Day Clinic allows records to remain in-house and immediately accessible in the veteran's record.

The clinic's hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Veterans are encouraged to bring their medication list if they plan to visit the SDC.

For information, contact Linda Wondra, Walla Walla VA public affairs officer, at 509-386-1117, linda.wondra@va.gov or visit www.wallawalla.va.gov.

### AAU team escapes with fundraiser

Do you have what it takes to escape?

Solve puzzles and clues to unlock the mystery — but you only have 30 minutes. The Hermiston Dragons, a fifth grade AAU basketball team, is holding an Escape Room fundraiser.

The event is Oct 28-31 from 5-9 p.m. at Hermiston Wellness Center, 175 E. Main St., Hermiston. The cost is \$2 per person.



Photo contributed by Gina Tyhuis  
**The Echo Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch is hosting Echo Corn Maze K9 Days Saturday from 1-5 p.m.**

Money raised will help with tournament fees and team events. For information, search www.facebook.com/hermiston dragons.

### HHS hosts Dia de los Muertos event

A celebration featuring food, desserts, face painting and a picture station offers fun for the whole family.

The Dia de los Muertos event is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St. There is no admission charge.

Commonly referred to as "Day of the Dead," the Mexican holiday celebrates the memory of friends and family members who have died. The two-day festival typically features food, fellowship with friends, music and prayer.

For more about the HHS event, contact Maria Duron at 541-667-6036 or maria.duron@hermistonhsd.org.

### Corn maze fetches canine fun

The Echo Corn Maze and

Pumpkin Patch is going to the dogs.

Echo Corn Maze K9 Days is Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at 100 N. Dupont St. People are invited to bring their well-behaved canine kids on leash to the corn maze for the last day of the season. Also during the event, visit with adoptable dogs and learn more about Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter. People are encouraged to bring an item to donate from the shelter's wish list, which can be viewed at www.pendletonpaws.org.

Regular admission is \$10, which includes the Echo Corn Maze, the Corn Crib, the Mini Corn Maze, the Straw Bale Maze & Tunnels. The cost is \$12 for an all-day pass or the Field of Screams. Other featured attractions are \$1 per ride.

Regular hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 2-6 p.m.; Friday, 2-10 p.m. (\$5 Fridays runs from 2-6 p.m.); and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Field of Screams haunted path is open Oct. 31 from 7-9 p.m. For more information,

search Facebook or visit www.echocornmaze.com. For questions, text/call 509-528-5808.

### SHIBA counselors offer Medicare help

Certified counselors with the Oregon Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) Program will be available to provide help with Medicare open enrollment.

People who have questions about Medicare are invited to attend free upcoming events to learn more about the insurance program and enrollment process.

The sessions are Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 and Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Conference Room 7. There is no fee for the Friday sessions.

For more information, contact 541-667-3507 or cherrera@gshealth.org.

### Living Faith welcomes multi-instrumentalist

Living Faith Church invites people to an upcoming worship service featuring musician Doyle Dykes on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. The church is at 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston.

The guitar player's signature compositions include "Jazz in the Box" and "Martha's Kitchen." He also performs a powerful rendition of the hymn, "How Great Thou Art."

For information, call 541-567-4486. For more about the musician, visit www.doyledykes.com.



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