

Upcoming area events salute our local veterans

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Each year on Nov. 11, citizens across the country take time to honor those who have served in the nation's military.

Initially called Armistice Day, a 1919 proclamation was made by President Woodrow Wilson, which commemorated the agreement to end the war — occurring at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. According to the Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs, the holiday was renamed in 1954 to recognize the patriotism and sacrifices of veterans who continued to serve the country.

For a brief time, the date changed from yearly to ensure a three-day weekend. However, in 1978, the original Nov. 11 date was revived to preserve the significance of the date. With Veterans Day just around the corner — Monday, Nov. 11 — area schools, groups and even restaurants are planning special events of activities.

HERMISTON

•Rocky Heights Elementary School is hosting a pair of Veterans Day assemblies. The Wednesday, Nov. 6 events run from 8:15-9:05 a.m. and 9:25-10:15 a.m. at 650 W. Standard Ave. (541-667-6600).

•People are invited to kick up their heels during Hermiston USO Night. The Saturday, Nov. 9 event runs from 7-10 p.m. at the Union Club, 201 E. Main St. Cathy Stolz, American Legion Auxiliary event co-chair, said the upstairs loft area isn't handicapped accessible. However, she said young soldiers will assist in escorting guests up the stairs.

A fundraiser organized by American Legion Post #37, there is a \$10 requested



Echo sixth-grader Katelyn Wiseman, third from left, hands a piece of candy to Carter Brattlie, 3, during the 2018 Veterans Day parade in Echo. Area schools and other organizations will honor veterans during special events in the days leading up to Veterans Day.

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donation. The evening will feature Big Band music, dancing contests, drawings, awards, finger foods, punch and coffee. Although not required, people are encouraged to dress up in '40s attire.

Individuals and business can still donate items for the raffle drawing. For more information, contact Stolz at 541-571-5816 or cathystolz@gmail.com.

•The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free Veterans Day Breakfast for veterans and their family members. The meal is Monday, Nov. 11 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395.

The annual event, which honors all veterans, also will recognize the 75th anniversary of D-Day (changing the course of World War II, allied forces on June 6, 1944, invaded France by storming the beaches at Normandy). In addition to breakfast, the celebration will feature presentations by the American Legion, the

Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard, Rep. Greg Smith, Joe Franell, who served in the U.S. Army, and Rev. Dean Hackett of Living Faith Church.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by contacting 541-567-6151, info@hermistonchamber.com or via links on the chamber's website or Facebook page.

BOARDMAN

Local veterans will be recognized during a program Thursday at 10 a.m. in the gymnasium at Sam Boardman Elementary School, 301 Wilson Road. Veterans and their guests are welcome to attend (541-481-7383).

ECHO

The Echo School District will honor veterans Thursday beginning with a community parade at 1 p.m. It will start in front of the school on Gerome Street and continue down Main Street before returning to the school. At 2 p.m., an assembly in the school's gymna-

sium will recognize veterans in attendance. Also, there will be special speakers and music.

To provide veteran information, contact Billie Parker or fill out a card upon arrival in the foyer. (541-376-8436, bjpark@echosd5.org).

UMATILLA

The Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington are setting the table for a free turkey dinner with all the fixings for area veterans. The meal will be served Monday at 4 p.m. at 146 Columbia St. Veterans may bring an additional loved one or friend with them to the meal.

Girl Scouts and their leaders look forward to having a chance to serve dinner to area veterans as a way to express appreciation for their service to our country. Veterans are encouraged to enjoy a time of food and fellowship.

Due to limited seating, reservations are required by calling Denise at 541-579-0768.

MISSION

All veterans and military personnel are invited to a free Veterans Day Buffet. It's available Monday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Traditions Dining at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, located off Interstate 84 Exit 216. Present military identification or proof of service for a complimentary buffet or entrée. The buffet costs \$20.95 for non-military guests.

Also, there's a special promotion in the casino for a free bonus game. To qualify, be sure to swipe your Club Wild card at the e-Station to activate the free game.

For more information, including a full menu, visit www.wildhorseresort.com.

WALLA WALLA

The public is invited to a pair of events honoring veterans at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Administration Med-

ical Center, 77 Wainwright Drive.

Presented by the Veteran Canteen Services, a Veterans Day Recognition event is Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the coffee shop, located in the Building 143 lobby. Cake, coffee and punch will be served.

Also, a reception for the Women Veterans Art Project is Friday from 4-5 p.m., also at the coffee shop. Light refreshments will be served.

As part of National Veterans & Military Families Month, the purpose of the project is to educate the community about the service of female veterans through art. The WVAP has held exhibitions in the Pentagon in Washington D.C., during Fleet Week in Philadelphia, and at many colleges, libraries and community centers across the country.

For questions, contact Linda Wondra at 509-525-5200 or linda.wondra@va.gov.



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BRIEFS

Hermiston library has upcoming kids activities

The Hermiston Public Library is offering a variety of upcoming events for kids.

A holiday-themed movie will be screened Thursday at 1 p.m. In addition, a drop-in craft activity is planned Friday between 1-3 p.m. Also, Saturday Crafts started up again recently. Youths can engage in craft activities each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. through March 2020. All supplies are provided. There is no fee and registration isn't required for these activities.

Also, kids up to fifth grade are invited to earn prizes during the November Reading Challenge. Participants who spend at least 400 minutes reading or being read to have a chance to win. For more information, check out the Beanstack link at www.hermistonlibrary.us/kids.

The Hermiston Public Library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave. It's open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday/Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For questions, call 541-567-2882.

Hospital auxiliary sets preview sale

The annual Christmas Preview Sale of the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary's gift shop offers a 10% discount on gift items.

The event is Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Center 1 at the hospital, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. June Rosenberg, the auxiliary's publicity chair, is excited about many of the new items that will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from sales go toward a scholarship program for area students pursuing a career in the medical field. In addition, the group makes donations to Good Shepherd to assist with the purchase of needed medical equipment.

For more information about the hospital auxiliary, contact juner1942@gmail.com or stop by the hospital gift shop.

Nazarene women to get crafty

Area women are invited to get together for a time of fellowship and making simple

seasonal crafts.

Women's Winter Craft Day is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave. Teens and older children also are invited to participate.

Those planning to attend are asked to pre-register by contacting 541-567-3677 or hermistonnaz@gmail.com. For additional information, visit www.hermistonnazarene.org.

Youths invited to tune up for holiday season

A special Kid's Holiday Chorus will include opportunities to participate in the holiday season in song and on stage in Hermiston.

As part of the Hermiston Community Theater program, students in kindergarten through 12th grade will practice stage presence and voice projection. The sessions will include singing Christmas carols to support the upcoming production of "A Christmas Carol."

The chorus program runs Monday and Wednesdays (Nov. 18-Dec. 14) from 6:30-

8:30 p.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. The performance dates are Dec. 6 (6 p.m.), Dec. 13 (6 p.m.) and 14 (2 p.m. & 6 p.m.).

The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 15. The cost is \$25 for those who reside in Hermiston and \$30 for non-residents. For additional information, stop by the community center, visit www.hermiston.or.us/parksrec recreation or call 541-667-5018.

First Christian Church hosts Hymnsing

An evening of fellowship features the singing of old hymns.

The public is invited to a Hymnsing service Sunday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. People are encouraged to bring a friend and join in the fun during the informal event. Refreshments also will be available.

For more information, contact Chris Finley at johnchris1@msn.com or 541-571-2516.

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