

Veterans' event shares the love

Hearts for Veterans included quilt presentation

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Dozens of area veterans, their spouses and friends attended the inaugural Hearts for Veterans.

Held Feb. 15 at VFW Desert Post #4750 in Hermiston, the event also featured a Quilts of Valor presentation to Daniel V. Lopez, a U.S. Army veteran. The 92-year-old Hermiston man served as a postal clerk with the 7th Base Post Office in Tokyo as World War II was ending. He then joined the National Guard, serving from 1946 to 1950. During the presentation, American Legion chaplain Aaron Weterling shared that Lopez earned three special medals during his military service, including the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal.

The special quilt was crafted by Lorraine Newman and the Stanfield Community Quilters. The group carefully created the Quilt of Valor with "love, prayers and healing thoughts," read a statement from the presentation.

In his thank you speech, Lopez said that the real heroes of war are interned in cemeteries around the world, said Cathy Stolz, president of the American Legion Auxiliary #37. He shared that three years ago, he and his daughter visited the military cemetery in France, where his brother is interned along with 10,484 other members of our armed forces.

"The emotion in his voice clearly demonstrated how tender the loss of his brother remains in his life," Stolz said.

Lopez was touched by the beautiful, handmade Quilt of Valor. He said it will remain near his easy chair to be called into service when he needs a cover, Stolz said.

Jodi Hinsley, former president of the VFW auxiliary,



Photo contributed by Cathy Stolz
Tim Merritt of the Oregon National Guard and his wife, Pamela, foreground, and Doug and Suzy McMasters take to the dance floor during Hearts for Veterans, held Feb. 15 at the VFW Hall in Hermiston.

and Stolz rallied members to help coordinate the event as a way to express appreciation and to honor area veterans. Finger foods were plentiful, including hero sandwiches — a necessary item Stolz said, "because all veterans are our heroes." A portable dance floor was brought in as Wires & Wood and Angie Kile provided entertainment.

Also, many in attendance walked away with prizes. The donations, Stolz said, were the result of generous business owners who gave freely to support the veteran-centered event. And while the event was held near Valentine's Day, Stolz said its purpose wasn't to highlight romantic love.

"It was a bringing together of veterans and



Photo contributed by Cathy Stolz
Daniel V. Lopez, a U.S. Army veteran, received a Quilt of Valor during Hearts for Veterans, a Feb. 15 event held at the VFW Hall in Hermiston. He is pictured with Robert Davis, an American Legion and VFW member, and VFW Post #4750 Commander Ron Jardine.

those who respect and support them," she said. The sacrifices they've made have helped retain the freedoms we tend to take for granted in this, the best country on earth."

For more information

about the two veteran organizations, search Facebook for American Legion Post 37 or VFW Desert Post 4750. For questions about other upcoming events, contact Stolz at 541-571-5816 or cathystolz@gmail.com.

BRIEFS

Desert View parent club hosts auction, raffle

Items up for grabs during the annual Desert View Parent Club Auction & Raffle include a Nintendo Switch, an Insta-Camera with accessories, an old-fashioned gumball machine and a Majik 5-in-1 electronic arcade sports game center, featuring basketball, football, baseball, soccer and hockey.

In its 12th year, the event is Thursday, Feb. 27 from 5-7 p.m. at Desert View Elementary School, 1225 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston. A chili dog dinner will be available for purchase. Also, people can play a variety of carnival games.

Money raised from the event will go toward field trips, library books, classroom supplies and other things to enhance the school to benefit students. People can donate raffle or auction items, or volunteer to help with the event. Donations are tax-deductible. For more information, call the school at 541-667-6900 or email the parent club at dvparent-club@gmail.com.

Workforce board hosts partnership luncheon

An industry-led collaboration of area businesses invites people to join them for an Eastern Oregon Sector Partnership Luncheon.

The event is Thursday, Feb. 27 at noon at the Port of Morrow, 2 marine Drive, Boardman. Lunch will be provided.

Those who attend can learn how the Eastern Oregon Workforce Board can provide business and industry with customized workforce solutions to prepare and deliver qualified candidates and to advance current employees. Also, find out how to become a part of current and future sector partnerships — including in manufacturing, health care, transportation, construction, natural resources, and leisure and hospitality.

For more information or to RSVP for the luncheon, contact 541-963-3693 or info@eowb.org.

Hermiston foundation seeks grant applicants

The Greater Hermiston Community Foundation is accepting 2020 grant applications.

For the 2020 competitive grants process, applicants must demonstrate a quality program or project that has the potential to make a difference, reaches a sufficient number of people while providing a level of benefit to the greater Hermiston community. Approximately \$10,000 is available to support 2020 competitive grants. Applications are due March 13 by 5 p.m.

"GHCF is looking to support initiatives and programs that can show a maximum positive impact on the greater Hermiston area," said Greg Harris, GHCF board president.

The foundation is a tax-exempt 501c(3) public charity that enables people to make donations for community enhancement. The Greater Hermiston Community Foundation increases exposure and opportunities for philanthropy throughout the greater Hermiston geographical region.

For more information or a grant application, visit www.greaterhermiston.com. For questions, contact Nate Rivera at 541-314-1374 or naterivera@me.com.

Campus Life gathers for evening of fun

An evening featuring live music, dinner, and live and silent auctions will serve as a fundraiser for Hermiston Campus Life.

The Gathering is Saturday, Feb. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Tickets are \$25 each or a table of eight is \$175.

Ashley Umbarger, executive director, said last year's inaugural event was extremely successful due to support from local businesses and the community. Money raised from The Gathering helps in providing support for the faith-based organization.

Items on the auction block include an elk hunt, a fall bear hunt, a whitewater rafting trip, Disneyland tickets, weekend accommodations in a condo at Anderson Island in the Puget Sound and more. Also, the silent auction offers a variety of items, including themed gift baskets.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://campuslife.regfox.com/thegathering>. For questions, contact Umbarger at 541-969-1017 or umbarger4cl@gmail.com.

Deadline looms for youth poster contest

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon is seeking entries for its 22nd annual Fair Housing Poster Contest.

Open to students in first through eighth grades, the theme is "Together We Make a Neighborhood." Cash awards will be presented to 10 contest winners and the grand prize artwork will be printed on thousands of posters and distributed throughout Oregon. The submission deadline is Friday, March 13.

Young artists are encouraged to design and submit a poster that exhibits the importance of acceptance and diversity in our neighborhoods. It provides an opportunity to engage young members of the community in an open discussion about civil rights in housing.

Participation in this year's poster contest educates youths on how fair housing laws protect all Oregonians against illegal housing discrimination by promoting equitable access to housing and economic choices. For full contest rules and information, visit www.fhco.org. For questions, email Sam Goldberg at sgoldberg@fhco.org.

Group looks to bring Palau Festival to Hermiston

A group of churches and local faith leaders are exploring the possibility of bringing a Palau Festival outreach effort to the greater Hermiston area in 2021.

Luis and Andrew Palau aim to partner with people to continue to spread the word of Christ and promote evangelism training. The idea is to unite believers of all faiths and impact cities across the globe.

"I am so excited about this opportunity and look forward to connecting up with others, churches and individuals, who might want to join in," said Mary Corp, committee co-chair.

The group, Corp said, sees the effort as a way for churches to reach out and encourage local community members by sharing the good news of Jesus in a positive way. For more information, contact Corp at 541-720-3859 or visit www.palaufestivals.org/hermiston.

Scholarships available for music students

High school seniors in Oregon who plan to major or minor in music are invited to apply for an Oregon Music Hall of Fame scholarship.

Most recently, the organization awarded four \$2,500 scholarships. Recipients are publicly recognized at an award presentation that includes performances by the winners.

The deadline to apply is Monday, March 23. For more information or to download an application, visit www.omhof.org. For questions, email Janeen Rundle, director of music education programs, at janeen@omhof.org.

Education foundation seeks scholarship applicants

The Hermiston Education Foundation will award eight scholarships of \$2,500 each to 2020 Hermiston High School seniors.

Important factors in the evaluation of applicants include academic scholarship, extra-curricular activities, community service, leadership and financial need.

The deadline to apply is Friday, April 3. Applications are available at the high school counseling office. For questions, write HEF, P.O. Box 1096, Hermiston, OR 97838. For more about the education foundation, visit www.hermistoneducationfoundation.org.



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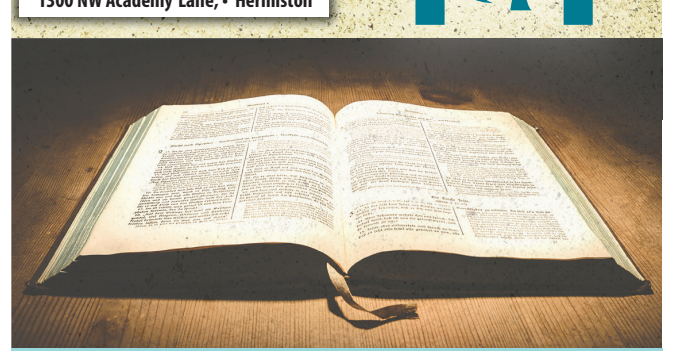
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