

# Pot study group gets answers from state

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**A medical marijuana patient lights a bowl of marijuana in March 2014 in Hermiston. The Umatilla County Medical Marijuana Committee met over the phone with representatives of the Oregon Health Authority to discuss the state's medical marijuana program Thursday in Pendleton.**

and convictions of certain drug crimes ban some people from opening a business. But she said there is no state requirement to check employees. Undersheriff Jim Littlefield and District Attorney Dan Primus both pressed Kennedy with questions on the topic.

Dispensaries cannot operate in residential zones, she said, and must be more than 1,000 feet from a school. Once the state gives the OK for a dispensary, the first inspection happens within six months.

"The mandatory inspec-

tions are once a year," she said. "We personally feel that is too infrequent."

The program also gives no notice of when an inspector will come knocking, she said, and everything is up for inspection: proper installation of security cameras, bookkeeping, testing for pot's potency, or presence of pesticides, mold and mildew.

The level of deficiencies dictate consequences, she said. The state would give a dispensary 10 days to make sure its testing documentation, for example, was in order. But a business that does

not separate retail space for non-marijuana items from where it sells pot could face an immediate shutdown. If there are a number of minor violations, she said, inspectors can ask an owner to fix problems rather than "bringing the hammer down."

So far, Kennedy said, the health authority has revoked three dispensary permits and three more revocations are pending.

Kennedy said plenty of communities are asking the same questions and figuring out what works best, such as limiting operating hours for dispensaries or tightening zoning regulations.

That is also the direction the Umatilla County committee is heading. Tamra Mabbott, the committee chairwoman and county planning director, gave the group some proposals she worked up, including allowing the dispensaries only in commercial and industrial zones and requiring growth facilities to have conditional use permits. The group plans to meet next on Feb. 11 and Mabbott said the goal is to have land use standards in place. The rest of the committee agreed.

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## BRIEFLY

### White Eagle Grange offers monthly dinner

PENDLETON — The White Eagle Grange will add a monthly dinner to its twice-monthly fundraising breakfasts.

The dinners will be served on the second Saturday of each month, beginning Feb. 14, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at White Eagle Grange, 43828 White Eagle Road, located 11 miles south of Pendleton off Highway 395 between Pendleton and Pilot Rock. The Saturday breakfast is this weekend from 6-10 a.m. The suggested donation is \$7 for ages 8 and older, \$4 for ages 5-7 and free for under 5. Bring two items of non-perishable food to donate and receive \$1 off the cost of breakfast. The menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, hash browns, eggs, ham & cheese omelet, biscuits & gravy, and beverages.

Also, the grange is accepting donations for its Words for Thirds program, which provides dictionaries to area third graders.

For more information, contact Gail Wilson at 541-276-3778 or [g.wilson@q.com](mailto:g.wilson@q.com).

District, Paul Dunsmoor, the Hermiston High School band director, and Josh Rist, the HHS choir director. Rounding out the band are local professionals.

For more information, contact [brassfireband@gmail.com](mailto:brassfireband@gmail.com). To listen to a 2013 demo, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0EUYPhNiJo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0EUYPhNiJo)

### Class focuses on make-ahead meals

PENDLETON — Crockpot meals is the focus of an upcoming class offered through Pendleton Parks & Recreation.

As part of the Back To Basics Series, participants can plan meals ahead of time. The session is Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Foundation Room at the Pendleton Recreation Center, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave. It's open to ages 16 and up.

The \$49 fee, which includes all ingredients to create four meals feeding approximately four persons each, is due by Wednesday, Jan. 21.

To register, go to [www.pendletonparksandrec.com](http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com) or stop by the parks office, 865 Tutuilla Road. For more information, call 541-276-8100.

### Presentation includes free skin cancer screening

HERMISTON — A presentation and free skin cancer screenings will be offered by a board-certified dermatologist.

Melanoma & Funny Moles is the topic of a free presentation by Dr. Robert Hopp. The event is Friday, Jan. 23 from 1-4 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

To reserve a free appointment time, call 509-735-1100 or 855-525-4677.

### History program highlights railroad

TROUTDALE — The Oregon Historical Railroads Project is the topic of discussion at an Oregon Encyclopedia History Night event.

Edward J. Kamholz, a forest historian and author, will make the free presentation Tuesday, Jan 27 at 6:30 p.m. at McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 S.W. Halsey St., Troutdale. The discussion highlights the historical survey of Oregon's private, public, urban and interurban railroads.

For more information, call 503-669-8610 or visit [www.mcmenamins.com/history](http://www.mcmenamins.com/history).

# ArtWORKz opens fourth annual youth show

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Sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, glass, mixed media, photography digital computer-generated art, fiber art and traditional tribal work are featured in a youth art competition and show.

The ArtWORKz 2015 exhibition opens Friday, Jan. 23 at Tamástlikt Cultural Institute. Located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino, the museum gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In its fourth year, ArtWORKz features the artistic endeavors of youths under the age of 19 from throughout the region. Both individual and collaborative projects will be on display.

"This art show and competition has grown every year and the caliber of art is incredible," said Randall Melton, collections curator. "Young artists are excited to display their artwork in a true gallery



Photo contributed by Tamástlikt Cultural Institute

**Alexis Sharpe received the Best Emerging Artist award with her drawing of Mountain Man in the ArtWORKz 2014 youth art competition. The 2015 show opens Friday, Jan. 23 at Tamástlikt Cultural Institute in Mission.**

setting." The competition is divided into three age categories: 10 and under, 11-14 and 15-18. It is being judged by recog-

nized professional artists and is based on artistry, creative vision, technical merit and presentation. Young artists are competing for grand prizes,

awards of excellence, awards of merit, honorable mentions and best emerging artist. In addition, an Artist's Choice award will be a new form of recognition determined by the participants themselves.

Prizes will be announced during an awards reception Saturday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Regular admission to the museum, which is good for two consecutive days, is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for youths ages 6-17, free for ages 5 and under or \$25 for a family of four. There's no charge for First Fridays. Also, many area libraries have family passes that can be checked out and Tamástlikt is a Blue Star Museum, admitting families of active military free of charge all year long.

For more information, contact Melton at 541-429-7720, [randall.melton@tamastlikt.org](mailto:randall.melton@tamastlikt.org) or visit [www.tamastlikt.org](http://www.tamastlikt.org).

## MISSION

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**FRIDAY, JAN. 16**  
**PENDLETON MASTERS SWIM CLUB**, 5-6 p.m., Roundup Athletic Club pool, 1415 Southgate, Pendleton. Fees are \$5 per session coaching fee; non-RAC members pay \$8 pool fee per session. (Tania Wildbill 541-310-9102).  
**PENDLETON EAGLES LADIES AUXILIARY KITCHEN**, 6-8 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. (541-278-2828).  
**COLUMBIA GRANGE**, 6:30 p.m. potluck; 7:30 p.m. meeting, at The Hall, 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 17**  
**WHITE EAGLE GRANGE POTLUCK AND MEETING**, 5:30 p.m., grange hall between Pendleton and Pilot Rock on Highway 395. Public welcome. (Gail Wilson 541-276-3778).  
**PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC**, 6-8 p.m. dinner, music 8 p.m. to midnight, Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828).

**SUNDAY, JAN. 18**  
**HERMISTON EAGLES BREAKFAST**, 8-11 a.m., 160 N.W. Second St. Members and guests welcome.  
**PENDLETON EAGLES BREAKFAST**, 9 a.m. to noon, Pendleton Eagles Lodge #28, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828).

**MONDAY, JAN. 19**  
**BLUE MOUNTAIN PIECEMAKERS**, 12 noon, Thimbles Fabric-N-More, 1849 Westgate Place, Pendleton.  
**PENDLETON ROTARY**, 12 noon, Pendleton Elks Lodge, 14 S.E. Third St.

**HERMISTON TEEN LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**, 4-5 p.m., downstairs Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.  
**BLOOMER GIRLS GARDEN CLUB**, 7 p.m., meeting site varies, Hermiston. (Marge Timmons 541-567-4069).  
**INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS CHORALE**, 7 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy gym, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. (Teresa Best 541-289-4696).  
**OREGON EAST SYMPHONY CHORALE**, 7 p.m., Pendleton High School band room, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Rehearsal CDs and scores are available at rehearsal or at the OES office, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton. (541-276-0320).  
**OREGON TRAIL GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**, 6 p.m., First Church of God, 712 S.W. 27th St., Pendleton.

(Steve Fisher 541-276-1509).  
**TUESDAY, JAN. 20**  
**PENDLETON TOASTMASTERS** No. 154, 6:45 a.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. ([toastmasterdiane@tamastlikt.org](mailto:toastmasterdiane@tamastlikt.org)).  
**TOPS CHAPTER OR 1110**, 8 a.m. weigh-in, meeting starts at 8:45 a.m., Missionary Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech St., Hermiston. (Margaret Wetterling 541-720-0276).  
**BIBLE STUDY**, 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 352 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. (Sandy Kimbrow 541-276-2616).  
**GREENFIELD GRANGE PITCHOLE**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenfield Grange Hall, Boardman. (Jane Dean 541-481-5223).  
**GREATER HERMISTON AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB**, 11:45 a.m., Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. No-host lunch. All women welcome. (541-567-0006).

**PENDLETON TOASTMASTERS**, 12 noon, Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate. (Jim Marquardt 541-969-4845).

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