

PENDLETON

Kindle, Playboys to film band documentary at Slickfork

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With three albums under their belts — “Campfire Pop Abstraction,” “Pendleton Jazz Club” and “Many Splendored Things” — James Dean Kindle & the Eastern Oregon Playboys are looking to bigger and better things in 2016.

During its eight-year history, the group has played everywhere from dive bars and coffee shops to house parties and rodeo arenas. Coming up, Kindle and his bandmates will perform at one of the frontman’s favorite venues as they prepare to produce a concert documentary.

A local film crew led by Cedric Wildbill and an audio crew headed up by Bart Budwig will be on hand as the group performs Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Hamley Slickfork Saloon.

Calling the Slickfork a very beautiful room with its polar bear skin rugs and nude paintings, Kindle said the setting will look attractive on video.

“It is also evocative of the ‘old west’ heritage of Pendleton and that makes it rather suitable for this documentary since it will be promoting an image of Pendleton including that heritage,” Kindle said.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

James Dean Kindle and the Eastern Oregon Playboys perform during the Wednesdays In The Park concert series at Roy Raley Park last July in Pendleton.

The project, which is partially funded by a grant from the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition, also is intended to promote cultural tourism in Umatilla County.

It has been Kindle’s desire for some time to make a video of the band to assist in capturing their live show as an additional tool in promoting the Playboys.

“In many ways, a concert documentary has the potential to be more representative of us than our

studio albums as our stage performances have a spontaneous energy as opposed to the calculation and perfection that a studio recording requires,” Kindle said.

Kindle said the stars sort of aligned for the project, given the financial support from the cultural coalition and a stable lineup with the group — J. D. Kindle (songwriter, vocals, multi-instrumentalist), Brian Baird (bass, backup vocals), Peter Walters (guitar, saxophone,

James Dean Kindle & The Eastern Oregon Playboys

WHERE: Hamley Slickfork Saloon

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 23

TIME: 7 p.m., doors open; 8 p.m., show

COST: \$5 (door or www.brownpapertickets.com)

INFO: 21 and older

ALSO: Misty Mouth (Pendleton) and Brian Bovenizer and the Koala Cowboys (Astoria)

Shortly thereafter, Mack, who moved from the Portland area with his family, joined the Playboys.

Kindle came up the band name a decade ago when he was getting into western swing. The Eastern Oregon Playboys, he said, felt reminiscent of the genre (Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys). In addition, it’s representative of where the band hails from.

“Ironically, we don’t fit in the western swing genre, even though we incorporate some of its elements,” Kindle said.

Collaborating with other local professionals should result in a positive impact on the entire project, Kindle said. Kindle’s yoga instructor, Tania Wildbill, is married to Cedric Wildbill, who are co-directors of the award-winning documentary “American Cowboys.” And Kindle first met Budwig, a sound engineer and musician based in Enterprise, during a festival in Astoria. They also have performed together.

“After we receive a final mix-down of the audio, Rian (Beach of the local band Misty Mouth) and I, under Cedric’s guidance, will sync the audio and video and assemble a final cut. So, you can say there is a mentoring component to this project as well.”

drums) and Adam Mack (lead drums, percussionist). With that forward momentum, Kindle said the timing is right to record a new album.

With the exception of Mack, who joined the band just over a year ago, the group’s members have been friends since high school, playing and jamming together throughout the years.

In its formative stage, the band’s lineup included guitarist Cody Nash, who departed to join the Air Force. Also, the band previously featured Matt Van Sickle on drums and percussion. He left to work on other projects in November 2014.

BRIEFLY

Fishtrap announces The Big Read

ENTERPRISE — Amos Tappan Wilder, the nephew of Thornton Wilder, is the special guest for Fishtrap’s The Big Read kick-off event.

Fishtrap will celebrate the works of Thornton Wilder, who is the only writer to receive Pulitzer Prizes for both fiction and drama. In addition to being American classics, his novel “The Bridge of San Luis Rey” and stage drama “Our Town” are classics of world literature as well.

The Big Read kicks off Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. at Hurricane Creek Grange Hall, 63081 Hurricane Creek Road, Joseph. Admission is free and grange members will provide pie.

The Big Read continues through the end of February with weekly events, including a screening of the film “OT: Our Town,” a panel discussion with local faith leaders about important themes in Wilder’s work, six performances of “Our Town” by the Mid-Valley Theater Company and a Big Read Finale featuring films by Wallowa County students. Details about those events are available at www.fishtrap.org/programs/the-big-read.

Founded in 1998, Fishtrap’s mission is to promote clear thinking and good writing in and about the American West. It hosts creative writing workshops, retreats, arts and lectures series, and other special events.

Fishtrap is located at 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise. For more information, contact Mike Midlo at mike@fishtrap.org, 541-426-3623 or visit www.fishtrap.org.

Reading features
Holocaust memoirs

WALLA WALLA — A staged reading of “Auschwitz and After” will include a talk-back session with Pat Henry, a professor emeritus of foreign languages and literature at Whitman College.

Henry was inspired to write the play adaptation due to his interest in Holocaust studies. Adapted from Charlotte Delbo’s memoirs, it recounts the comradeship that allowed a group of French women to survive imprisonment in Nazi concentration camps and their difficulty in creating new lives upon their return to Paris.

The event is Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Power House Theater, 111 N. Sixth Ave., Walla Walla. Tickets are \$12 for adults and free for students.

For more information, call 509-529-6500 or visit www.phtww.com.

Submit information to: tmalgiesini@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston. Call 541-564-4539 with questions.

Festivals

Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race

•Jan. 20-23
•Ferguson Ridge Ski Area, Joseph

•Race Central, Joseph
www.eaglecapextreme.com
No charge for spectators. Shuttles are available to the ski area. In addition, Race Central — the Joseph Community Center — features the latest race information, treats and hot drinks, information on sled dogs and mushing, DVDs, and kids’ corner with activities, books, and scheduled kids’ events. There is a charge for the Saturday night banquet of \$20 for adults, \$8/ youths 5-12.

Robert Burns Supper

•Saturday, Jan. 23; 2 p.m.
•Condon Elks Lodge, 117 S. Main St.

\$17/single, \$30/couple. A celebration of Condon’s Scottish heritage — coinciding with the birthday of Robert Burns, Scotland’s beloved bard — featuring music, recitations, shortbread contests, Scottish trivia contest, oral family histories, food, merriment and more. The event continues into the night. Contact 541-384-2421 or times-journal@jncable.com for more information.

Melonville Comedy Festival

•Saturday, Jan. 30; 8 p.m.
•Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395

www.melonvillecomedyfestival.com
\$35. Features stand-up comedians Greg Hahn, Drew Barth and Travis Nelson.

Art & Museums

Wine & Design Paint Nite

•Monday, Jan. 18 & 25; 7 p.m.

•Mac’s Bar & Grill, 1400 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton
\$20, 21 and older. Girls Night Out participants follow instructions to create unique masterpieces. Mac’s provides canvas, paints, easels, brushes, aprons and a lively atmosphere with music. Reservations required. (541-276-5531).

First Draft Writers’ Series

•Thursday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.

www.pendletonarts.org
Free. Features Nancy Knowles and Thomas Madden,

both poets from La Grande. Also, short open mic readings from the audience.

American Art Masterpieces

•Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.,

•Friday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

•Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.

www.hermistonlibrary.us
Provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, artwork by John James Audubon, Norman Rockwell and others are on display through the month of January.

BMCC Faculty & Staff Art Show

•Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

•Betty Feves Memorial Gallery, Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

Free. Gallery also open by appointment by calling 541-278-5952. The exhibit runs through Feb. 4.

ArtWORKz 2016

•Opens Saturday, Jan. 23

•Monday - Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

•Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

www.tamastlikt.org
\$10/adults, \$9/senior citizens, \$6/youths, free/5 and under or \$25/family of four. Youth art show and competition features original artwork from area youths. Prizes presented Saturday, Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. during an Awards Reception. Runs through Feb. 27.

Heritage Station Museum

•Tuesday-Saturdays
•10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton

www.heritagestationmuseum.org

\$5/adults, \$2/student, \$4/seniors, \$10/family.

SAGE Center

•Monday-Saturdays
•10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

•101 Olson Road, Boardman

www.visitsage.com
\$5/adults, \$3/students, seniors, free/under 5. An interactive visitor center highlighting sustainable agriculture and energy. On-site store features local art, jewelry, food, wine and gifts.

Music

•Saturday, Jan. 16, 9 p.m. No cover

•Wildhorse Sports Bar at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off Highway 331, Mission.

Sisters in Song

•Monday, Jan. 18; 6:30 p.m.

•Pendleton High School choir room, 1810 N.W. Carden Ave.

Free. Meets weekly while rehearsing for spring concert, which is June 12. No auditions required.

Martin Luther King Day Celebration

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•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton

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Winter Chamber Music Festival

•Saturday, Jan. 30 ; 6:30 p.m.

•Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton

www.oregoneastysymphony.org

\$20/adults, \$15/students, seniors, \$45/family. A series of chamber ensembles, including many Oregon East Symphony players. Includes beer and wine tasting with hors d’oeuvres.

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DJ music

•Saturdays, 8 p.m.

•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

Sunday Fundays

•Sundays; 4 p.m.

•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

No cover. Food/drink specials

Whiskey Wednesday Game Night

•Wednesdays; 3-7 p.m.

•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

No cover. Drink specials and games, including Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 3 and Nintendo 64.

RockKaraoke

•Third Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off Highway 331, Mission.

No cover. Live band karaoke the third Wednesday of each month through December.

Thursday Night Comedy

•Thursdays, 8 p.m.

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Mac’s Trivia Night

•Thursdays, 8 p.m. No cover

•Mac’s Bar & Grill, 1400 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton

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Wine tasting

•Fridays, 4-8 p.m.

•Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Ezcho.

Open Mic

•First/Third Friday each month, 8 p.m.-midnight

•The Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

www.facebook.com/groups/pendletonopenmic

Karaoke

•Fridays 8 p.m. (9 p.m. if game on)

•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

DJ and dancing

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Theater & film

“Flashdance the Musical