

**PENDLETON**

# Bartenders to battle for bragging rights

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Bartenders will battle it out to help raise money for the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame.

In its sixth year, the Battle of the Bars pits seven local bars to compete for the Best of the West title. The master mixologists will create a signature drink using Pendleton Whisky and guests in attendance will vote for their favorite concoction.

The event is Friday, March 4 from 6-8 p.m. in the Let 'er Buck Room at the Round-Up Grounds in Pendleton. There is no cover charge for the 21-and-older event. After the battle, the Let 'er Buck Room bar will remain open until 11 p.m. Also, dinner will be available for purchase.

Returning competitors include last year's champion, Sundown Bar & Grill, as well as Vigil's at Cimmiyotti's, Hamley's, Crabby's Underground Saloon, Mac's Bar & Grill and Wildhorse Sports Bar. New to the competition this year will be the Pendleton Coffee Bean and Bistro.

Guests will be able to purchase a drink from whichever establishments they choose and cast their vote for their favorite. A tasting portion will be offered for those that would like to try every drink prior to voting.

At the end of the event, votes will be tallied and the winning bar will receive a plaque along with bragging rights for the year.

"This is a great event that each year continues to grow," said Cydney Curtis, Hall of Fame publicity director.

The local establishments, Curtis said, play a huge role in the success



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**Bartender Kristen Shea pours Pendleton Whisky while making a drink called the "Deac" at a past Battle of the Bars in Pendleton. A fundraiser for the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, this year's event is Friday, March 4 at the Let 'er Buck Room in Pendleton.**

of the event — donating their time, staff and even some ingredients for the Battle of the Bars.

"We could not do this without them. The Hall of Fame greatly appreciates everything that these local businesses do for our organization," Curtis added.

In addition to being a fun event, the Battle of the Bars is the largest yearly fundraiser for the hall of fame. Curtis said it's crucial in fundraising for the organization, which is run by volunteers. Money also is generated through museum admissions and private donors.

The museum preserves the history of Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon. Founded in 1969, exhibits in the Hall of Fame include

everything from a full-sized teepee to delicate beadwork, including saddles, clothing, American Indian costumes, photographs, firearms, trophies and wagons. In 2011, it received an honorable mention in the True West Magazine Top Western Museums

Located across from the Round-Up Grounds at 1114 S.W. Court Ave., the Hall of Fame is open Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$2 for children 10 and under.

For more information, call 541-278-0815.

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# Kidnap suspect's bail set at \$300,000

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Bail was set at \$300,000 Wednesday morning for a man officials say led them on a wild vehicle pursuit last week after threatening the initial driver at gunpoint.

Cager York, 23, is charged in Walla Walla County Superior Court with multiple felonies including first-degree kidnapping and first-degree assault.

York wasn't apprehended immediately after the chase, but was arrested in Richland early Saturday morning and returned to the Walla Walla County Jail on Tuesday.

York allegedly was a passenger in a Dodge pickup about 6 p.m. Feb. 17 when police tried to stop the vehicle heading east on Taumaron Road south of Walla Walla because there was a warrant for his arrest.

The driver, identified as Jason C. Taylor, kept varying his truck's speed, and around Barleen Drive, he slowed and ran from the vehicle after allegedly being threatened by York, according to a police report filed in court.

Then the truck sped off, with York believed to be behind the wheel.

The pursuit continued at high speeds on Plaza Way where spike strips deployed by a sheriff's deputy near Yellowhawk Creek

flattened at least one of the tires. As the chase continued west on Old Milton Highway with the truck lights off, "Police units were having to dodge full sections of tires, plastic body parts, smoke and other miscellaneous items being torn off the truck as it was driving on at least two bare rims at this point," the report says.

York abandoned the vehicle near Staneline Road and Highway 125, and ran to a Cadillac he had parked there earlier, according to authorities. But he reportedly fled on foot when law enforcement



York

boxed the car in. Area agencies searched for York — who has a lengthy criminal history — to no avail.

Taylor told officials York, allegedly armed with a pistol, had threatened to shoot him while Taylor was driving during the pursuit.

"Taylor said he could feel the gun as York jabbed it into him and telling him he better not stop," the police report says.

"Taylor said he was able to throw the vehicle in park and then jumped out."

In addition to the charges of kidnapping and assaulting Taylor, York is accused of stealing Taylor's vehicle, attempting to elude law enforcement while driving it and unlawfully having the gun because of his criminal record.

**BRIEFLY**

## Sanitary Disposal cleanup week April 1-7

HERMISTON — Sanitary Disposal will host a spring cleanup April 1-7. During this week, the transfer station outside of Hermiston will not charge for loads of up to 2.5 cubic yards and 454 pounds, a discount of up to \$13.50 for cash customers.

The free disposal does not apply to tires.

The Sanitary Disposal transfer station is two miles north of Hermiston on the west side of Highway 395. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

## Hermiston taking applications for planning commission

HERMISTON — The city of Hermiston is accepting applications for three vacancies on the Hermiston Planning Commission.

The nine-person commission makes land use decisions and gives recommendations to the city council.

Positions one, two and three are open. Terms run from April 11, 2016 to March 31, 2019. The commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at city hall at 7 p.m.

Preference is given to Hermiston residents. The deadline for submitting applications is March 14. They can be found at city hall, 180 N.E. Second St., or online at [www.hermiston.or.us](http://www.hermiston.or.us).

## Lions Club hosts annual chili cook-off Friday

UMATILLA — Chili cooks are encouraged to dig out their best recipes for a chance to win prizes and raise money for the Umatilla-Irrigon Lions Club.

The Annual Chili Contest is Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Umatilla High School, 1400 Seventh St. There's no fee to enter the contest. Cooks need to bring their prepared chili in by 6 p.m. Those who would like to taste the entries can pay \$3, and then can vote for their favorite.

Nonprofit organizations that are connected to or provide services in Umatilla or Irrigon who enter chili in the contest will receive \$1 from the Lions Club for each vote they garner.

In addition, the event features a dessert auction. People are invited to donate non-refrigerated desserts that will be auctioned off.

Those attending should be aware the Umatilla High School girls basketball team is hosting a first round state playoff game, which begins at 6 p.m. Cathy Putnam, Lions Club president, said it will be a busy atmosphere during the fundraiser.

The Lions Club will distribute money raised from the event to local community needs.

For more information, call 541-922-3281.

## Harley Swain Subaru to host poker run Saturday

HERMISTON — Harley Swain Subaru is hosting a poker run for charity in memory of a longtime employee who was actively involved in the community.

The Brian Piper Memorial Poker Run will be Saturday, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. at the dealership and the first card dealt at 10:30 a.m. Registration is \$25 and all funds raised will go to the American Heart Association.

Participants can use the transportation of their choice to travel between five checkpoints, drawing a card at each stop. For \$10 more participants can draw an additional card at the end and can also purchase raffle tickets for \$1 apiece. Prizes will be handed out for the best poker hands at the end of the trip.

Brian Piper died in 2014. He was the finance manager for Harley Swain Subaru and was an active volunteer for Relay for Life and the Boy Scouts of America.

For more information, call Harley Swain Subaru at 541-567-9696.

## Pomona Grange meets Saturday in Pendleton

PENDLETON — The Umatilla/Morrow Pomona Grange will meet Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at White Eagle Grange, 43828 White Eagle Road, Pendleton (between Pendleton and Pilot Rock on Highway 395 South). Lunch will follow the meeting at noon.

For more information, contact Doris at 541-567-8663.

## Parking lot sale benefits Agape House

HERMISTON — People can purchase clothing, knick-knacks and some furniture at the Agape House parking lot sale.

Clothing is priced at three items for \$1, furniture is as marked and knick-knacks are you name the price. The sale is Saturday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. Donations are accepted through Friday.

Agape House serves the needs of low-income residents in the community. For more information, call 541-567-8774.

## Rhythmic Mode hosts dance competition

PENDLETON — Dance teams from across the region will compete in this weekend's Hearts in Motion dance competition.

Pendleton High School's Rhythmic Mode dance team hosts the event, which also serves as a fundraiser for the team. The doors open Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and the grand march starts at 12:45 p.m. at the school's Warburg Court, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

Tickets are \$9 and kids under 5 are admitted free. A concession booth will be available for food and beverage purchases.

At the conclusion of the competition, the Rhythmic Mode dance team will perform its 2016 state routine.

For more information, contact [lora\\_franks@yahoo.com](mailto:lora_franks@yahoo.com) or search Facebook for "Rhythmic Mode dance team."

## Umatilla chamber accepts award nominations

UMATILLA — Nominations for business and citizen of the year for the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center's Distinguished Citizen Award banquet will be accepted through Monday, Feb. 29.

This year's banquet, which features a Mardi Gras theme, is Saturday, March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Tuscan Lodge, 720 Seventh St., Umatilla. Tickets are \$30, which includes dinner catered by Sundown Bar & Grill featuring apple smoked beef brisket, two sides, two salads, bread, and huckleberry crème brûlée.

The event also features a silent auction for the chamber's scholarship program. In addition, the chamber is raffling off a Ruger 10/22 rifle, a Lamiglass sailing/steelhead rod and reel and an Okuma Celilo Kokanee rod and Okuma Citrix reel. Limited tickets will be sold for \$5 each.

Tickets for the raffle are available from any chamber board member or at the chamber office. Nomination forms are available at the chamber office, Carlson's Umatilla Drug Store, the Umatilla branch of Banner Bank and Java Junkies.

For more information, call 541-922-4825.

## Parent Night provides high school introduction

PENDLETON — Class scheduling, course options, graduation requirements, college credit options and opportunities for participation are featured during 8th Grade Parent Night.

Students, parents and families are invited to learn about Pendleton High School during the Monday, Feb. 29 event. It begins at 7 p.m. in the PHS Commons, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave.

For more information, call 541-966-3802.

## Honor Flight provides Washington, D.C. trip

BEND — Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon invites World War II veterans to travel on Honor Flight trips to Washington, D.C.

The non-profit Bend Heroes Foundation operates Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and has honored 505 WW II veterans with free four-day trips to the nation's capital since 2010. Veterans and their guardians visit the national WW II Memorial and 10 other veterans' memorials.

WW II veterans are eligible to travel providing they served during WW II, live in any of the 17 Oregon counties east of the Cascades, have not visited the national WW II Memorial in the past, are able to travel and are accompanied by a guardian. Full-time medical staff is available during the trip. There is no fee for the veteran; the guardian fee is about \$1,250 and covers all expenses for the

four-day trip.

The use of wheelchairs, walkers and portable oxygen by veterans is allowed. Guardians can be family members or friends and must be able to assist veterans by pushing wheelchairs and walking reasonable distances with them. If interested in traveling during the May 11-15 trip, contact the Bend Heroes Foundation immediately. A September trip can be scheduled if more veterans apply than can be honored during the May trip.

For more information, contact Darla Rozelle, foundation director, at 541-419-0007, [rthreads@uci.net](mailto:rthreads@uci.net) or visit [www.bendheroes.org](http://www.bendheroes.org).

## Hospital auxiliary offers medical scholarships

HERMISTON — The deadline for submitting applications for the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary scholarships is April 29.

To be eligible for a \$1,500 scholarship, a student's home residence must be within the areas served by Good Shepherd Health Care System. Also, applicants must have successfully completed at least one year of study in the field of medicine at a college or university.

Application forms are available at the hospital gift shop or by calling the director of volunteer services at 541-667-3690. Completed applications and college transcripts may be returned to the gift shop or mailed to GSMC Attn: Auxiliary Scholarship Committee, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

## living with alzheimer's

### an education program by the alzheimer's association

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**Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregivers – Middle Stage**  
**Thursday, March 10, 2016 | 2 - 6 p.m.**  
**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Education Department**  
**(610 NW 11th St., Hermiston, OR 97838)**

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, those who were care partners now become hands-on caregivers. Join the Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter for this class and hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's.

*This class is free, but registration is required. To register, call 800-272-3900.*

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