

BRIEFLY

Boardman to host spring cleanup event in April

BOARDMAN — Residents looking to do a little spring cleaning will have some help from the city during the month of April.

Garbage vouchers will be available up to \$50 during the month-long, community-wide cleanup event. The garbage voucher program encourages people to clear out the clutter from their homes and lawns. Vouchers are valid at both the Finley Butte Landfill and North Morrow Transfer Station.

To pick up a voucher, visit Boardman City Hall at 200 City Center Circle. For more information, call 541-481-9252.

Share a cup of joe with Hermiston fire chief

HERMISTON — Coffee with the Chiefs continues with an opportunity for the public to visit with Chief Scott Stanton of Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services and others.

Stanton hopes to have a dialogue with people about the upcoming reformation vote, as well as general information about the fire district.

Upcoming gatherings are:

- Thursday, March 24 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Sun Terrace Assisted Living, 1550 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston
- Thursday, March 31 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Eastside Market, 582 E. Main St., Hermiston.

For more information, call Stanton at 541-567-8822.

BMCC offers real estate course

PENDLETON — Blue Mountain Community College will offer a real estate broker pre-license course at several of its campuses during spring term.

The class will offer a unique opportunity for remote students as it can be accessed on a home computer or at BMCC class sites in Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Baker City, Boardman and also at the Ione Public Library.

The accelerated course prepares students to qualify for the Oregon Real Estate Broker's License exam in just 10 weeks. It is a hybrid course, combining once-a-week lecture with online home study to meet the 150-hour requirement of the Oregon Real Estate Agency.

The class will be held Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. beginning March 31. The cost is \$600. Students may register at www.bluccc.edu or stop by any BMCC location.

For more information or assistance with registration, call Anne at 541-481-2099 or 541-422-7040.

Tai Chi provides better balance

HERMISTON — An exercise class designed to assist with core strength, flexibility and balance is offered at the Hermiston Senior Center.

The free 12-week Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance, a falls prevention program, starts Tuesday, April 5. It runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston — located on the Umatilla County

Fairgrounds. Those who plan to attend don't need to register in advance.

The program, which can be done standing or seated, is a proven intervention that can help older adults reduce their risk and fear of falling and live longer, healthier lives. No prior experience is needed to participate. New participants are invited to join the group during the first three weeks of the series, wear comfortable clothing and shoes with flexible soles.

The classes, led by volunteer instructors Mickie Morris and Mary Solomon, are sponsored by the CAPECO Area Agency on Aging.

For more information, contact Helena Wolfe at 541-561-5443 or hwolfe@capeco-works.org.

Parks department offers dog obedience class

PENDLETON — Basic commands, including sit/stay and heel, are featured in dog obedience lessons through Pendleton Parks & Recreation.

To help Fido become a pleasure to be around, handlers age 14 and up and their canine partners are invited to register for the class, which begins Tuesday, April 5. The six-week beginners class meets Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and intermediates from 7:45-8:45 p.m. at the Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave.

The \$48 fee is due by Tuesday, March 29. To register, go to www.pendletonparksandrec.com or stop by the parks office, 865 Tutuilla Road. For more information, call 541-276-8100.

PENDLETON

Foundation selects students for sister city exchange

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

Six Pendleton-area students are preparing to take part in the sister city exchange program to Minamisoma, Japan.

The Pendleton Cultural Foundation recently announced those chosen for the program are Pendleton High School students Kipling Bose, a freshman; Walker Paullus and Journey Hahn, both sophomores; Abby Rinehart and Courtney Canfield, both juniors; and EllaMae Looney, a sophomore at Nixyaawii Community School. The chaperone is McKennon O'Rourke McDonald, an educator and a member of the Pendleton City Council.

In the upcoming months, McDonald and the students will be busy with fundraising activities and getting ready to embark on the trip of a lifetime.

"Students will learn more about the Japanese culture and language in preparation for travel so they will be prepared to enter into a new culture as an ambassador of our community," McDonald said.

McDonald is confident the group will do a wonderful job in representing the community and contribute to maintaining the strong bond between the two cities.

A 15-day trip, the group will depart July 11 and



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Pendleton students practice using chopsticks before traveling to Minamisoma, Japan for last year's exchange trip. The Pendleton Cultural Foundation recently announced six students have been selected for this year's exchange trip set for July 11-26.

Upcoming fundraisers

- Car wash: Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dave's Chevron in Pendleton (by donation).
- Car wash: Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mission Market in Mission (by donation).
- Japanese Night Dinner Fundraiser: May (additional details will be released soon).
- GoFundMe Campaign: It will be launched in the next few weeks at www.gofundme.com/pdtsistercity. For more information, contact McDonald at 541-969-3345 or mckennon.mcdonald@ci.pendleton.or.us.

return July 26. Students will be staying with host families in Minamisoma and will be immersed in Japanese culture and history.

"The students are very excited to see the architecture, taste the incredible food and make life-long memories with connections to another country around the world for the rest of their lives," McDonald said.

In past years, the itinerary has included visiting schools, meeting local government officials, visiting historic and cultural sites, attending a tea ceremony and touring the site of the 2011 tsunami.

"The goal of our activities is to immerse the delegation in Japanese culture and to strengthen the relationship between our two cities," McDonald said.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-276-8100).

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave. (541-449-1254).

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Costs \$4 for seniors 55 or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257).

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$4 or free for children under 10. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Meals on Wheels available. Transportation arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).

CRAFTERNOONS, 4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. (541-966-0380).

THE ARC ACTIVITY NIGHT, 5:30-6:30 p.m., The Arc Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Games, crafts and refreshments.

DIY @ THE LIBRARY, 6-8 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Spring's sprung baskets, flowers and eggs. Free, but registration required. (541-966-0380).

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave. (541-966-0380).

"THE GREAT NORTH-WEST" SCREENING, 6 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. The 90-minute experimental documentary is based on the recreation of a 3,200-mile road trip made in 1958 by four Seattle women who documented their trip in a scrapbook. Filmmaker Matt McCormick, who found the scrapbook in a thrift store, will be on hand for a Q&A session following the screening. Free. (541-567-2882).

PENDLETON EAGLES BINGO, 6:30-9 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, 428 S. Main St. (541-278-2828).

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave. For elementary school-age children. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247).

BLACKWOOD LEGACY QUARTET, 7-9 p.m., First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton. Traditional southern gospel with contemporary country Christian music. Freewill offering taken. (541-276-5358).

HERMISTON EAGLES BINGO, 7 p.m., Hermiston Eagles Lodge, 160 N.W. Second St. (541-289-7107).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

BAKED FOOD AND CRAFT SALE, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center pharmacy lobby, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Proceeds will be used for medical equipment and Hermiston Hospital Auxiliary scholarships.

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-276-8100).

AARP TAX AID, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Walk-ins welcome, no appointment necessary.

BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-966-0380).

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

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STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt. Costs \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others.

TOT TIME, 1-2 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. For children ages 0-5. Cost is \$1 per child. (541-276-8100).

ADULT BEGINNING COMPUTER COURSE, 3 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free, but registration required. (541-966-0380).

VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER, 7 p.m., call 541-969-3057 to RSVP and for driving directions. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group.

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SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Includes gym activities and life skills for middle and high school students. Free, but registration requested. (Danny Bane 541-379-4250).



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