

BRIEFLY

EOU board to hold phone meeting

LA GRANDE — Recommendations for filling board seats that will soon become vacant will be discussed in a special phone meeting of the Eastern Oregon University board of trustees.

The meeting is Wednesday at 1 p.m. The public is invited to listen to the meeting in the university's Inlow Hall, Room 201.

For more information, contact Heidi Tilicki at 541-962-4101 or htlicki@eou.edu. In addition, meeting materials are available at www.eou.edu/governance/board-meeting-schedule.

Music in the Park plans meeting

BOARDMAN — A committee meeting for Music in the Park will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Boardman Parks and Recreation office, 1 Marine Drive.

The first concert of the season will be Monday, June 18 at Boardman Marina Park.

Anyone interested in getting involved in the program is encouraged to attend the meeting, or call the Boardman Chamber of Commerce at 541-481-3014.

Morrow Co. sets hazardous waste disposal day

LEXINGTON — While doing spring cleaning, residents in Morrow County are invited to dispose of hazardous waste items.

People are encouraged to look under their sinks, in the garage and in the basement for items labeled "danger" or "warning" and take them to the Lexington Road Department Friday from 8-11 a.m. at 365 W. Highway 74, Lexington. Those that turn in mercury thermometers will be given a safe digital thermometer in exchange.

For more information, call 541-989-9500.

Free seminar helps eliminate inflammation

A Saturday Seminar will provide assistance with removing inflammation.

Lighten Up will provide information and demonstrations on relaxing and gentle ways to release all types of inflammation.

Presented by detox specialist Sunita Sherrie Gay Parke, the session will be offered in three locations:

•Saturday, April 2 from 11 a.m. to noon at Umatilla Marina Park

•Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to noon at Irrigon Marina Park

•Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to noon at Hermiston Butte Park

Those 15 and older are invited to attend. Also, it's requested that people refrain from smoking or drinking and to leave pets at home.

For more information, call 772-233-3112.

Olivia Newton-John focus of Oldies Night

MILTON-FREEWATER — The music of Australian singer Olivia Newton-John is featured during the upcoming Oldies Night in Milton-Freewater.

BJ the DJ, also known as Bob Jones, will spin all the hits including songs from "Grease" and "Xanadu," and also some of her lesser-known works. The free event is Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Refreshments will be provided by the Frogs.

For more information, contact Jones at 541-938-7028 or email dubuquer@charter.net.

Driving course offered in Ione

IONE — A driving refresher course is planned in Ione.

Designed for those 50 and older, it's open to any licensed driver. Presented by the AARP Driver Safety Program, the class is Friday, April 22 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ione Community Church, 375 E. Main St. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

Participants may be eligible for a discount on their automobile insurance upon completion of the course.

For more information or to register, contact 541-481-2099 or amorter@bluecc.edu.

PENDLETON

Spring Swap features craft supplies

East Oregonian

Area artisans and crafters will have an opportunity to get rid of unneeded art supplies and gather others.

The PCA Spring Swap is Saturday at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. At 9:30 a.m., people can bring in art and craft materials as well as tools they would like to sell or give away. In addition, participants are welcome to bring in works of art, such as paintings, pottery, drawings and more. A seller-to-seller exchange is planned until 10:30 a.m. Then, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the doors will be open for the general public to pick out or purchase items. There is no entry fee.

The Spring Swap is the brainchild of Bonnie Day, education coordinator at the arts center. She came up



Contributed photo

Bonnie Day sorts through some materials in preparation for the PCA Spring Swap, which is Saturday, April 2 at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

with the idea while looking at all the art materials that had accumulated on the supply shelves at the arts

center. She said they were ready to refresh the art center's stash of fabric, paper goods, beads and

ephemera, and thought that other local artists and crafters might be too.

"All of our supplies have great re-use potential, we just have to get them into the right person's hands," Day said. "One person's trash is another's treasure, right?"

Price labels will be provided for swappers who would like to have select items for sale. However, Day is expecting most people will bring items that will be free for the taking. In addition, the arts center will contribute a large number of items that they have collected over the years. Anything remaining after the swap will be donated to local thrift stores or taken to Pendleton Sanitary Service for disposal.

For more information, call 541-278-9201 or visit www.pendletonarts.org.

HERMISTON

Easter melds religious holiday, family fun

By JADE MCDOWELL

East Oregonian

Easter is a serious religious holiday for many people, but that didn't stop local churches and cities from also having a little fun during the holy weekend.

On Saturday morning First United Methodist Church in Hermiston was packed full of people enjoying the 29th annual Peter Rabbit Breakfast.

The church had such a crowd that it was a half-hour wait for breakfast by 9 a.m., but there were Easter egg hunts, face painting, crafts and pictures with Peter Rabbit to keep the kids busy while they waited for seats.

Pastor Jim Pierce said this year's crowd was bigger than usual, likely due to the fact that New Hope Church wasn't putting on its usual Easter event.

He said of course Easter is about celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but many people also want to celebrate in a more secular way. Besides, he said, many Easter traditions that seem secular also have a religious aspect — the Easter egg represents the stone put in front of Jesus' tomb, for example.

"This is what we call a bridge event," he said. "... People come in and see the eggs and the Easter bunny



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Savannah Torres paints a bunny nose on a girl at the Peter Rabbit Breakfast at First United Methodist Church in Hermiston.

and things, but they're also around a good church family atmosphere. Then when their life goes to pot they know they can turn here."

The big day for pastors is Easter Sunday, however. Churches of all denominations see an increase of people in the pews on Easter and Christmas, as congregants who have strayed a bit from the flock feel the pull of their childhood religion.

Pierce has two congregations — one at the First United Methodist Church in Hermiston and one at the Pendleton United Methodist Church.

He said on Sunday he planned to conduct a sunrise service under the cross on

the Hermiston Butte at 6:30 a.m., then drive over to his congregation in Pendleton and conduct a service there, then come back for another service in the Hermiston building and finally conduct one for residents at Guardian Angel Homes in Hermiston.

"I'm going to be flat running tomorrow," he said.

Cities also got into the fun over the weekend, starting with a flashlight Easter egg hunt at Butte Park in Hermiston on Friday night. Children snatched up 9,000 plastic eggs during the hunt, with prizes inside ranging from stickers to coupons for a free ice cream sundae.

On Saturday morning the Umatilla Chamber of

Commerce put on an Easter egg hunt at McNary Dam West Park, where 2,000 plastic eggs were found by about 100 children.

Amy Adams brought her children Leeya, 6, and Myles, 4.

"I try to bring them if the weather's decent, so this morning I woke up and said, 'Alright, let's go,'" she said.

Adams said the event was just one way the family was celebrating Easter weekend. They also planned to color their own Easter eggs when they got home, have an Easter egg hunt at the grandparents' house, have a nice family Easter dinner and attend Mass on Sunday morning.

Lindy Dykes of Hermiston brought her son Carson, 2, and said he seemed to have a great time hunting for eggs in the four-and-under egg hunt.

"He was pretty fierce," she said of his competing for eggs with four-year-olds twice his size. "I gave him a pep talk before we came."

When asked what he liked about the Easter egg hunt, Carson plucked a colorful plastic egg out of his basket, pulled it open, pulled out the piece of candy inside and held it up with a grin.

Contact Jade McDowell at jmcdowell@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4536.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 29 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 craft project — sometimes a group effort, sometimes individual projects. (541-966-0380).

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

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)

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

TERRIFIC TUESDAY, 7 p.m., Heritage Station Museum, 108 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. Bonnie Sager will present "Salt Logs," a lesser-known way horseback riders used to improve life for cattle and sheep in the national forests. Free admission. (541-276-0012).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 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).

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).

LOVE'S TRAVEL STOP JOB FAIR, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Positions available in the store, tire center and fast food. Bring a resume and/or apply online at www.loves.com. (Diana 541-564-2560).

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

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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).

BOB THE BUILDER, 4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Kids 7 and under can enjoy a screening of the movie along with construction-friendly books, crafts and activities. Free, but registration is required. (541-966-0380).

"AN EVENING OF ONE-ACT PLAYS" AUDITIONS, 7 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Bob Clapp Theatre, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. More than 15 adult roles are available for a series of seven one-act plays being directed by seven different CCT directors covering a broad range of topics and theatrical styles. No advance preparation required; selections from plays will be used for cold readings. Performance dates in May. (Craig McIntosh 541-278-5928 or cct@bluecc.edu).

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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