

MILTON-FREEWATER

Double the fun with two Cinco de Mayo festivals

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With Cinco de Mayo just around the corner, Milton-Freewater is doubling the fun with two festivals.

Food, artwork, dancing, music and more food is featured during Blessed by the Sea: Cinco de Mayo Seafood Circus. In addition, the Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance is hosting Cinco de Mayo: A Community United.

The Seafood Circus, a 12-day festival, kicked off Friday and continues through Tuesday, May 10. It runs daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The event is near First Stop Mart at 85713 Highway 11, Milton-Freewater.

Captain Johnny plans to reel people in as he's serving up fish tacos in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Also, people can purchase fish products in bulk to take home, and the Captain will be handing out free buttons and posters to the kids.

A Community United gets rolling near the skate park Saturday, May 7 with a parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Milton-Freewater. The festival continues from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. with activities in the parking lot at Bethel Baptist Church, 209 S.W. First Ave. The soccer tournaments are being played at Shockman Field, Central Middle School.

The downtown alliance is in its fourth year of organizing the event. Randy Grant, executive director, said it's a way to bring the community together and to celebrate its diverse population.

"And, it's a lot of good food and a lot of family fun," Grant added.

The event includes food, games, live music, kids' activities, raffles, a soccer tournament, contests for all ages,



Photo contributed by Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance
The flags of the United States and Mexico are displayed during the 2015 Cinco de Mayo: A Community United parade in Milton-Freewater. This year's event is Saturday, May 7 with activities in several locations.

vendors and dancing horses. The horses and their riders, Grant said, provide an amazing performance with prancing, bows and spins.

Also, the presentation of the Cinco de Mayo royalty is at 2:30 p.m. and the winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m. Grant said the royalty pageant provides several college scholarships to winners, which are funded by the Milton-Freewater Rotary Club.

And, the winner of the mother of the year will be announced at 11:30 a.m. Each year, Grant said they receive upwards of 150 nominations from school children, who write touching letters as to why their mom should receive the award.

"Sometimes these stories just make you cry," he said. "It's wonderful

to listen to children talk about their mothers."

Also, getting into the festive spirit, the Milton-Freewater Public Library is planning a special Cinco de Mayo StoryTime & Crafts. Families are encouraged to bring their kids to the free event Tuesday at 6 p.m. at 8 S.W. Eighth Ave.

For more information or a schedule of activities for Cinco de Mayo: A Community United, visit www.facebook.com/MiltonFreewaterCincoDeMayoCU or contact Grant at 541-969-4485, mfdadirector@gmail.com or Mayra Osorio at rodriguezmayra1982@gmail.com.

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COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 IMAC FUNDRAISER BREAK-FAST, 7:30-10:30 a.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irigton. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Proceeds benefit the Irigton Multicultural Arts Center project.

WALLA WALLA KENNEL CLUB ANNUAL DOG SHOW, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Competition in conformation, obedience and rally, plus a coursing course. Vendor booths.

LIL BUCKS OPEN GYM, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. For students in first and second grade and parents/guardians. Free basketball skills and pickup games.

HERMISTON FFA PLANT SALE, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until all plants are sold), Hermiston High School greenhouse, 600 S. First St. (north side of building). Plants include hanging baskets, flowers and vegetables cultivated by FFA students. Proceeds benefit Hermiston FFA.

SPRING INTO ECHO SIDE-WALK AND CITY-WIDE YARD SALES, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Echo. Antiques, vintage and handcrafted artisan creations, door prizes, treats and more. Maps for yard sales available at Echo Station and Gathered Over Time. (vintageshops@echo-station.com or 541-371-2110).

FREE FOR ALL, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Family art experience for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (541-278-9201).

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER OPEN HOUSE, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hermiston Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St. Take a tour of the facility, enjoy refreshments and 20-minute workshops at the top of every hour, and bring photos and a flash drive for a lesson on scanning. Free.

NORTHWEST INTERCOLLEGIATE REGIONAL RODEO FINALS, 10 a.m., Farm City Pro Rodeo arena, Umatilla County Fairgrounds, Hermiston. Ten Northwest regional teams will compete, including BMCC. Slack begins at 10 a.m.; final go-round begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for slack performance, \$10 for evening performance (free for children under 12), available at the gate. Food concessions and a beer garden (21 and older only) will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit BMCC rodeo scholarship fund.

SPRING BOOK & GIFT SALE, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Lots of great children's and grown-up's books at reasonable prices, plus gift items. Proceeds support library services. (541-966-0380).

TONYA'S HOUSE FLOWER SALE FUNDRAISER, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Walmart Supercenter, 2203 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Buy a 10-inch hanging planter or a cedar box planter (11x7x11 inches) filled with colorful summer-blooming annuals for \$17, or call in an order at 541-276-2900. Proceeds benefit Tonya's House for extra outings or a summer trip for residents.

HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m. to noon, Pendleton Center for the

Library offers special activities for kids

BOARDMAN — The Boardman branch of the Oregon Trail Library District has activities for young children each week.

Sensory Storytime at the Library happens every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at 200 S. Main St., Boardman. The special story time is for children from birth to 4 years old. For slightly older children, Super Saturday features special activities for children in kindergarten through sixth grade each Saturday through May 21. Both programs are free. For more information, call 541-481-2665.

Young Life seeks yard sale donations

PENDLETON — Pendleton Young Life youth group is holding a yard sale fundraiser and is asking for donations for the sale.

The event is Saturday, May 14. Items for the sale may be donated through Wednesday, May 11. Arrangements can be made for pickup service at your home or business.

Proceeds from the yard sale will help send youth group members to Young Life Camp.

For more information or to schedule a drop-off or pick-up, call Loretta at 541-379-9168.

Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in art project class for adults. (541-278-9201).

SUPER SATURDAY, 11 a.m. to noon, Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St. Special activities for children from K-6th grades. Free. (541-481-2665).

"CHINESE IN EASTERN OREGON: THE FORGOTTEN POPULATION" 1 p.m., Tamastsiik Cultural Institute, 47106 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. Author and historian R. Gregory Nokes will discuss the Chinese American population of Eastern Oregon, the communities they built and why they disappeared. Free. (www.tamastsiik.org).

ARTS PORTAL GALLERY GRAND OPENING, 2-4 p.m., 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. View the "Central Dreams" exhibition, which includes art by Central Middle School students and adult artists, live music, poetry readings and ice cream sundaes. Free and suitable for all ages. (541-938-3727).

CLOSING THE BOOK ON ARMCHAIR GATHERING, 2-4 p.m., Armchair Books, 39 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Share stories about your favorite books and authors and say goodbye to a Pendleton institution for 34 years.

(Terry Dallas 541-276-7323).

EL DIA DE LOS NINOS STORY TIME, 2 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Bilingual story time and crafts to celebrate 20 years of El Dia de los Ninos in public libraries. Free. (541-966-0380).

SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY TIME, 3-6 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. For children who may need a quieter, less crowded environment. Free for members/\$1 for non-members. Registration required. (541-276-1066).

STOP-MOTION ANIMATION PRESENTATION, 3-4:30 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Award-winning animator Teresa Drilling will go over the principals and history of stop-motion animation, and the group will make a short animation at the end of the presentation. Free, but registration is required. (541-966-0380).

DERUSHE SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER, 5 p.m., Hermiston Eagles Lodge, 160 N.W. Second St. Cost is \$5 per person. 50/50 raffle tickets will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Jason DeRushe, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. (Starla 541-720-5360 or 541-567-5811).

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE, 5-9 p.m., Stanfield Elementary School, 1120 N. Main St. Dinner, DJ music and dancing, door prizes, photo booth and more. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for teens, \$10 for children, available at the school office, Hermiston Chamber of Commerce or Main Street Market. Semi-formal attire, masks optional. Suitable for all ages. Proceeds benefit Stanfield students. (541-449-3305).

SUNDAY, MAY 1 WALLA WALLA KENNEL CLUB ANNUAL DOG SHOW, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Competition in conformation, obedience and rally, plus a coursing course. Vendor booths.

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100).

HERMISTON CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION, 1 p.m. to sundown, downtown Hermiston. Parade begins at 1 p.m. followed by dancing and live music on Second Street, food and craft vendors and more. Free.

"SOUL WINNING SEMINAR" 6-8 p.m., Faith Center Church, 108 S. Main St., Pendleton. Motivational speaker Ken Gaub will offer a seminar on starting a lifestyle of winning others. Free, but a love offering will be taken. (541-276-9569).

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free access for ages 16 and up. (541-276-8100).

WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY BIG BAND CONCERT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Community Building, 109 N.E. Fifth St. Enjoy a traditional 16-piece big band with vocalists featuring the music of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Michael Buble and more. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door, which includes beverage and appetizers. (509-527-2563 or music.walla-walla.edu).

OBITUARIES

Betty Lou Norris

Wellington, Fla.
April 14, 2016

Betty Lou Norris, 91, of Wellington, Fla., and Hermiston, Ore., quietly slipped into eternity on April 14. She lived a notable life with her husband, Chuck, former commander of Umatilla Army Depot and Oregon state representative, who passed away in 2009. Their legacy remains



Norris

in four children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The memorial service will be live-streamed on May 4 from 12:45-2:00 pm EST. During this time you can join her family and Florida friends if you enter this link into your web browser: <http://ustre.am/45Zu>.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael A. Matthew

Hermiston
Feb. 26, 1940-April 28, 2016

Micheal A. Matthew, 76, of Hermiston died Thursday, April 28, 2016, at his home. He was born Feb. 26, 1940, in Spokane, Wash. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

BRADY, MEL — Funeral services at 2 p.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Concluding services and interment will follow at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

HERRETT, DONALD — Celebration of life from 2-4 p.m. in the conference room at Wheatland Village, 1500 Catherine St., Walla Walla.

KEENER, DENNIS — Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

WALISER, ED — Memorial services at 11 a.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

No services scheduled

MONDAY, MAY 2

No services scheduled

TUESDAY, MAY 3

No services scheduled

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Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office.

For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 2 HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St.

MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave.

WESTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St.

TUESDAY, MAY 3 PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK SESSION, 8 a.m., Pendleton School District office, 1100 Southgate Suite 8.

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT, 1:30 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774).

WESTON LIBRARY BOARD, 5:30 p.m., Weston Public Library, 108 E. Main St.

IRRIGON PLANNING COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main St.

MEACHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 7 p.m., Meacham Fire Department,

Meacham. (541-786-2069).

BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle.

PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., council chambers, 143 W. Main St.

STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., council chambers, 150 W. Coe St.

UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St.

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LOTTERY

Thursday, April 28 Lucky Lines
01-05-10-13-FREE-20-24-25-31
Estimated jackpot: \$47,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 4-1-7-2
4 p.m.: 9-0-2-2
7 p.m.: 8-0-0-8
10 p.m.: 7-0-8-4

Friday, April 29 Pick 4
1 p.m.: 9-6-0-2

STOCKMANS STEAKHOUSE

MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH!

JOIN US
Sunday, MAY 8th
From 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Open at 6:00 AM for Breakfast

Adults: \$16.98
Children 6 to 12: \$7.95
RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

1530 N. 1st St., Hermiston
541-564-0485

ELECT

JOHN L. BALLARD

FOR

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Paid for by Committee to Elect John L. Ballard Circuit Court Judge