

Lee Brice headlines Round-Up kick-off

Tickets go on sale Thursday, June 16

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While country music sensation Lee Brice proclaims “I Don’t Dance” — title track of his latest album and winner of the 2014 single record of the year by the Academy of Country Music — the South Carolina native can sing.

First known for his song-writing abilities, Brice co-wrote Garth Brooks’ “More Than a Memory,” which became the first song on Billboard’s Hot Country Songs chart to debut at number one. However, he went to Nashville as the package deal.

“I’ve really always been writing for myself,” Brice said in his biography. “When I started writing songs at 10 years old, it was because I wanted to sing them.”

Brice will take the stage during this year’s Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon kick-off concert. The show is Saturday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Happy Canyon Arena. Ticket prices range from \$40 to \$130 and go on sale Thursday, June 16.

Bill Levy, Pendleton Round-Up Association president, said the kick-off concert is always a memorable event for fans and sets the stage for a full week of festivities.

Happy Canyon President J.J. Spriet is thrilled with the kick-off concert headliner as the Happy Canyon Indian Pageant and Wild West Show celebrates its centennial.

“We’re excited to celebrate this momentous occasion by partnering with an inspiring country music icon



Lee Brice

• **Saturday, Sept. 10; 7 p.m.**
 • **Happy Canyon Arena**
www.pendletonroundup.com
\$40-\$130. Tickets on-sale Thursday, June 16
 • **6:30 a.m. on the website**
 • **8:30 a.m. at 800-457-6336**
 • **10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at 1114 S.W. Court Ave.**

and host a great concert to enjoy with friends and family,” Spriet said in a press release.

The title track from Brice’s debut album, “Love Like Crazy,” reached No. 3 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. Released in 2009, the song remained on the chart for a record-breaking 55 weeks.

In 2012, his album “Hard 2 Love” went gold and featured three No. 1 country hits, including “I Drive Your Truck,” which won song of the year awards from the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music. The album



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caught the attention of late-night television, resulting in his debut TV performance of “I Drive Your Truck” on “The Tonight Show.”

A romantic at heart, many of Brice’s songs are inspired by the

love for his wife, Sara. A tune called “11 Roses,” a love song chronicling the story of his engagement to his wife, will appear on the album he’s currently working on.

The ultimate road warrior, Brice

enjoys performing. Last year, the energetic musician played shows in all 50 states.

For more information, call 541-276-2553 or visit www.pendletonroundup.com.

BRIEFLY

Kindle hones craft at weekly residency

PENDLETON — A weekly residency featuring Pendleton singer-songwriter James Dean Kindle continues through the month of June at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co.

Titled “Woodshedding,” the Monday performance series focuses on debuting many new and unheard songs and crafting them over the course of the month. Kindle said he tends to develop and refine songs within the context of rehearsing with his band, The Eastern Oregon Playboys.

“This residency provides me with a good opportunity to focus on the core elements of a song, melody and lyrics, without relying on a full band arrangement to carry the song,” he said.

The free performances are Mondays at 7 p.m. at 403 S. Main St. All ages are welcome to attend. Guest performers include other local songwriters, including Adam Lange (June 13), Sherindan (June 20) and Ian Summerfield (June 27).

For more information, contact Kindle at jamesdeankinde@gmail.com or the GP at 541-276-1350.

Boogie at the Balch

DUFUR — A monthly outdoor summer concert series offers a relaxing atmosphere and a variety of music at the Historic Balch Hotel in Dufur.

People are invited to enjoy dinner, wine, beer and other goodies, while sitting on the patio or lawn. Music will be performed from 7-9 p.m. at 40 S. Heimrich St., Dufur. Boogie at the Balch features:

• **Friday, June 17:** Mayfield/Powers; the duo plays a sweet mix of Americana and original tunes.

• **Friday, July 8:** PT Barton, who draws influence from traditional folk, bluegrass and country.

• **Friday, Aug. 12:** McDougall, whose music carries on the tradition of oral history and folklore.

Built in 1907, the Historic Balch Hotel invites people to disconnect with no phones or TVs in guest rooms (although there is internet access). It offers incredible views of Mt. Hood and an art gallery.

For more information, visit www.balchhotel.com. To make a dinner reservation (rooms are also available), call 541-467-2277.

Festivals

Fort Walla Walla Days

• **Saturday, June 11, Sunday, June 12; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**
 • Fort Walla Walla museum, 755 Myra Road, Walla Walla
 \$8/adults, \$7/seniors & students, \$3/ages 6-12, free/5 and younger. Family festival celebrates history of the region with re-enactments, demonstrations, music, dancing and children’s games.

Eastern Oregon Beer Festival

• **Saturday, June 18; noon-8 p.m.**
 • Union County Fairgrounds, La Grande
 \$25/general, \$50/VIP, \$5/non-drinkers. Features more than 20 breweries from across Eastern Oregon, live music, Q&A with brewers and food.

Hodaka Days

• **June 23-26**
 • Athena
 Hodaka enthusiasts make a pilgrimage to the former home of the bike to celebrate. Includes a poker run, trail ride, parade, park vendors, swap meet and an awards banquet and auction.

Art & Museums

“Real People”

• **Saturday, June 11; 2-4 p.m.**
 • Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater
 Free. Artist’s reception with Central Middle School Art teacher Jenny Hegdal. Includes refreshments and entertainment. Regular gallery hours Saturday and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

“Circuit Chautauquas: Educating Dayton and America”

• **Tuesday, June 14; 6 p.m.**
 • Dayton Historic Depot, 222 E. Commercial St., Dayton, WA
 Admission by donation. Opening reception for exhibit exploring the history of traveling shows and assemblies popular in the late-19th and early-20th century.

“Temperance Creek: A Memoir”

• **Thursday, June 16; 7 p.m.**
 • Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 N. Main St., Joseph.
 Free. Book release for Walla Walla County author Pamela Royes. Includes food, refreshments and a multi-media presentation.

“Building the Columbia River Highway: They Said It Couldn’t Be Done”

• **Saturday, June 18; 2 p.m.**
 • Maryhill Museum of Art
 • Off Highway 97 near Goldendale, Wash.
 Free admission for Umatilla County residents June 18-19. The Pendleton author discusses her book in conjunction with centennial celebration of the historic highway.

Nika Blasser
 • **Tuesday-Fridays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

• **Saturdays; noon-5 p.m.**
 • Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.
 Free. Blasser’s recent works provide an environment of reflection. Runs through July 2.

“Book Sort”

• **Monday-Thursdays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**
 • **Friday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

• Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave.
 Free. Documentary photographs by Teresa Rae. Runs through June 30.

Music

Music on the Lawn:

Retro Ed
 • **Saturday, June 11, 6 p.m.** All ages No cover
 • Hamley Steakhouse lawn, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

“Young at Heart”
 • **Saturday, June 11; 6 p.m.**
 • Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

• **Saturday, June 18; 7 p.m.**
 • Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.
 \$12. An eclectic mix of jazz, world music, New Orleans street beat and Latin.

WHAT TO DO

Jilt

• **Saturday, June 11; 8 p.m.**
 No cover
 • Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

Bram Brata

• **Sunday, June 12; 5-7 p.m.**
 • Heppner City Park, 444 N. Main St.

Free. The popular Tri-Cities steel drum band kicks off Heppner’s monthly Music in the Park series. Food available for purchase.

James Dean Kindle

• **Monday, June 13; 7 p.m.**
 • Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton
 No cover. All ages. Woodshedding residency with the Pendleton musician. Adam Lange opens the show.

Dallin Uzey

• **Monday, June 13; 7 p.m.**
 • Boardman Marina Park
 Free. Hermiston musician kicks off Music in the Parks series, which alternates weekly between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. Food available for purchase.

Boogie at the Balch

• **Friday, June 17; 7-9 p.m.**
 • Historic Balch Hotel, 40 S. Heimrich St., Dufur
 No cover. Outdoor summer concert series features Mayfield/Powers, playing a mix of Americana and original tunes.

Big Bad Beat

• **Friday, June 17; Saturday, June 18; 8 p.m.** No cover
 • Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

Pendleton Men’s Chorus

• **Saturday, June 18; 7 p.m.**
 • Pendleton High School, 1810 N.W. Carden Ave.
 \$10. A wide array of music spanning the Renaissance to the 20th century, and folk music to the Broadway stage.

Louis Romanos Quartet

• **Saturday, June 18; 7 p.m.**
 • Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.
 \$12. An eclectic mix of jazz, world music, New Orleans street beat and Latin.

98% Angels

• **Monday, June 20; 7 p.m.**
 • Irrigon Marina Park
 Free. Music in the Parks series alternates weekly between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. Food available for purchase.

Night life

Open Mic Night

• **Friday, June 17; 8 p.m.**
 • Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla
 No over. Hosted by Mondo Ray.

Black Light Party

• **Saturday, June 18; 9 p.m.**
 • The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston
 No cover. Features DJ music. Dance and glow the night away.

DJ music

• **Saturdays, 8 p.m.**
 • The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

Whiskey Wednesday Game Night

• **Wednesdays; 3-7 p.m.**
 • The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

No cover. Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 3 and Nintendo 64.

Thursday Night Comedy

• **Thursdays, 8 p.m.** No cover.
 • Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.
 June 16: Heath Harmison

Digital Karaoke

• **Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m.**
 • The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

Wine tasting

• **Fridays, 4-8 p.m.**
 • Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo.

Open Mic

• **First/Third Friday** each month, 8 p.m.-midnight
 • The Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

Karaoke

• **Fridays 8 p.m.** (9 p.m. if game on)
 • Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

DJ and dancing

• **Fridays, 8 p.m.**
 • The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

Theater & film

“MILTON”

• **June 16-19; 7 p.m.**
 • **June 18-19; 2 p.m.**
 • McLoughlin High School, 120 Main St., Milton-Freewater
 Free/Milton-Freewater residents, \$5-\$15 suggested donation from others. The story behind “MILTON,” a play about five towns named Milton (and Milton-Freewater) and the constellation they create. Local presentation is in English and Spanish. Child care provided during Sunday matinee.

Movies in the Park

• **Saturday, June 18; at dusk**
 • Community Park, 1000 S.W. 37th St., Pendleton
 Free. Concessions available for purchase.

Hot tickets

• **Vanilla Ice and Morris Day & The Time.** July 30 at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Tickets (\$29-\$59) available via www.wildhorse.com

• **KISS.** July 10, Toyota Center, Kennewick. Tickets (\$39.50-\$125) via www.ticketmaster.com

• **Umatilla County Fair Main Stage entertainment:** A Thousand Horses (Aug. 9), The Bellamy Brothers (Aug. 10), Brothers Osborne (Aug. 11) Baile (Aug. 12), Creedence Clearwater Revisited (Aug. 13). Festival seating free with fair admission; reserved seats are \$12. (541-567-6121).

• **Hunter Hayes.** Aug. 26, Benton-Franklin Fair, Pasco. Also Salt N Pepa (Aug. 23). Tickets (\$15) available via Kennewick Ranch & Home or www.benton-franklinfair.com

Want to get your event listed in our calendar? Send information to tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com, or c/o Tammy Malgesini, 333 E. Main Street, Hermiston, OR, 97838.

Lecture on historic highway coincides with centennial

GOLDENDALE, Washington — Peg Willis has had a life-long love affair with the Columbia River Highway and years of research culminated in her book “Building the Columbia River Highway: They Said It Couldn’t Be Done.”

The Pendleton author will present a lecture and sign books Saturday, June 18 at 2 p.m. at Maryhill Museum of Art. Through a special promotion, Umatilla County residents are admitted free June 18-19 at the museum.

The highway’s centennial is being celebrated this year. Willis will discuss the monumental task of building the nation’s first scenic road through the rugged gorge. She also shares about people who helped make the project possible, including Maryhill founder Sam Hill.

Maryhill Museum of Art is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located off Highway 97 at 35 Maryhill

Museum Drive, Goldendale, Wash. To get there, drive west on Interstate 84 and take Exit No. 104.

For more information, call 509-773-3733 or visit www.maryhillmuseum.org. For more about Willis, visit www.pegwillis.com.

Men’s chorus presents annual concert

PENDLETON — A wide array of music spanning the Renaissance to the 20th century, and folk music to the Broadway stage, is featured in the annual concert of the Pendleton Men’s Chorus.

Familiar songs include “Fascinating Rhythm” by George and Ira Gershwin, “Seize the Day” from the Broadway musical “Newsies” and the American folk song “Cindy.”

The concert is Saturday, June 18 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Pendleton High School, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at

Pendleton Art + Frame, 28 S.W. Court Ave. They also will be sold at the door.

The program also includes Wade Coleman, accompanied by Emily Callender, singing a song from “The Lion King II: Simba’s Pride.” Callender also plays a fiddle solo in “Kansas City Kitty.” Harper Jones and Bill Mayclin will sing a duet from Bach’s “Wedding Cantata,” and Andy Cary will lead the choir in the traditional Zulu song “Ukuthula.” An ensemble of nine men from the chorus will perform the fast-paced Irish song “Dúlamán.”

The Pendleton Men’s Chorus is directed by Mayclin and accompanied by Sue Nelson. For more information, call Mayclin at 541-276-4540.

Quartet weathers storm to new album

PENDLETON — An eclectic mix of jazz, world music, New Orleans street beat and Latin makes up the

Louis Romanos Quartet.

The quartet will perform Saturday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Tickets are \$12 each.

Originally founded in New Orleans in the early 2000s, the group was set to record its first album in 2005. Hurricane Katrina resulted in the members relocating, unfortunately to different states. With his band scattered across the country, founder and percussionist Louis Romanos was forced to start over.

It took 10 years and stubborn determination to pull it together, but the band finally released its

first album in January 2015 — followed by spring and summer tours. In March, the group recorded its second album in only two days, after not having played together for nine months. That album is scheduled for release in January 2017.

During the Pendleton show, the Louis Romanos Quartet will play music from its current album, as well as new music from the upcoming one.

Tickets will be sold at the door or to reserve one in advance, call 541-278-9201. For more about the band, visit www.louisromanosquartet.com.

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