

## BRIEFLY

## Park series welcomes Zac Grooms

BOARDMAN — The upcoming Music in the Parks concert series features country singer Zac Grooms.

Highly recognized in the Columbia River Gorge music community, Grooms has been writing and performing country music in the Pacific Northwest as a solo artist and band frontman for more than 15 years. Since recording his first single at age 14, he has won several awards, has shared the stage with country legends and has appeared on numerous radio shows.

The free concert is Monday at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park. Concessions by Judy's Chuck Wagon will be available for purchase. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the music.

The concert series alternates each Monday (except July 4) between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. It runs through Aug. 22. For more information, call Tami Sherer at 541-571-0844 or Renee Couchman at 922-1560.

## Summer heats up for Brass Fire

Brass Fire, a 10-piece jazz, blues and rock band, is performing several shows throughout the region, including upcoming concerts in Heppner and Pendleton.

All ages are welcome to attend Saturday, June 25 from 6-8 p.m. at Sweet Productions, 233 N. Main St., Heppner. Admission



Country musician Zac Grooms will perform as part of the Music in the Parks series Monday, June 27 at Boardman Marina Park. Contributed photo

is free. The band also is scheduled to perform a 21-and-over show Saturday, July 2 from 7-10 p.m. at the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. There is no cover charge.

In addition, they are the featured performers for the Monday, Aug. 1 Music in the Parks. The free outdoor concert starts at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park.

The group performs jazz, funk, blues, rock and swing, including the music of Chicago, Earth

Wind and Fire, and many other top artists.

For more about the group, contact Brad Rozema at 541-314-5416, brassfireband@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/brassfire.

## Ana Popovic headlines Boise festival

BOISE — Smoking hot blues guitarist/vocalist Ana Popovic headlines this year's Boise Blues Festival.

The all-ages event is

Sunday, July 17 from 5-10 p.m. at the Idaho Botanical Garden, Boise. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate. Children under 12 are admitted free. Food trucks and beverage sales will be available onsite.

For more information, visit www.boiseblues.org/festival or call 208-440-4590.

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## Led Zeppelin happy 'Stairway' origin question settled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Led Zeppelin did not steal a riff from an obscure 1960s instrumental for the introduction of its classic rock anthem "Stairway to Heaven," a federal jury decided Thursday, legally settling a debate that has divided music fans for decades.

The trust of the late Randy Craig Wolfe claimed that Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page lifted a passage that Wolfe, better known as Randy California, wrote for "Taurus," a short work he recorded with his band Spirit in 1968.

The "Taurus" recording contains a section that sounds like the instantly recognizable start of "Stairway," but it was never played for jurors. In trying to show the works were substantially similar, the trust had the tricky task of relying on expert renditions from the sheet music filed with the U.S. Copyright Office.

Jurors, who deliberated about five hours, reached their verdict shortly after having videos of a guitarist performing both passages in question replayed in court. Those renditions seemed more like distant cousins than twin siblings.

Page, 72, and singer Robert Plant, 67, both wearing suits and with their long hair pulled back in ponytails, hugged their lawyers after prevailing.

"We are grateful for the jury's conscientious service and pleased that it has ruled in our favor, putting to rest questions about the origins of 'Stairway to Heaven' and confirming what we have known for 45 years," the two said in a statement issued by a publicist.

Jurors found the trust had proven Page and Plant had "access" to "Taurus," meaning they would have been familiar with it — something they denied on the witness stand.

"The reality is that we proved access, but (the jury) could never hear what (Page and Plant) had access to," said trust attorney Francis Malofy, who called the verdict sad and disappointing. "It's bizarre."

Page and Plant, who wrote the "Stairway" lyrics, said their creation was an original. In several hours of often-animated and amusing testimony, they described the craft behind one of rock's best-known songs, all the while denying knowledge of one of the genre's least-known tunes.

Plant cracked up the courtroom when said he didn't remember most people he had hung out with over the years.

In closing arguments, Malofy criticized Page and Plant's "selective" memories and "convenient" truths.

Experts dissected both compositions, agreeing mainly that they shared a descending chord progression that dates back three centuries.

Trust experts, however, noted



In this July 13, 1985 file photo, Led Zeppelin bandmates, singer Robert Plant, left, and guitarist Jimmy Page, reunite to perform for the Live Aid famine relief concert at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia. A federal court jury decided Thursday that the band did not steal a riff from an obscure 1960s instrumental tune to use for the introduction of its classic rock anthem "Stairway to Heaven." AP Photo/Amy Sancetta, File

several other similarities that made the two works unlike the many other tunes they were compared to, including "My Funny Valentine."

Led Zeppelin's lawyer said the trust failed to prove a case that should have been brought more than 40 years ago when Wolfe was alive and Page and singer Robert Plant would have had better memories.

"How can you wait a half century and criticize people ... 45 years later for the delay you caused?" Peter Anderson said.

Wolfe, who drowned in 1997 saving his son at a beach in Hawaii, had talked about suing, but lawyers didn't want to take an old case, said Glen Kulik another lawyer for the trust. A 2014 Supreme Court ruling over "Raging Bull" allowed a copyright suit to be filed anytime with damages dating back three years from the court filing and extending to the future.

Malofy asked jurors to give Wolfe a songwriting credit and unspecified millions of dollars in damages.

The trial took jurors and observers lucky to pack into the courtroom on a musical journey through the late 1960s and early 1970s, when Spirit, a California psychedelic group that blended jazz and rock was achieving some stardom as the hard-rocking British band was founded.

Stops on the tour of testimony included Spirit shows at "love-ins" during the "Summer of Love," Led Zeppelin's 1968 U.S. debut as opener for Spirit and Vanilla Fudge and, finally, to a country house in the south of England where Page, Plant and keyboardist and bassist John Paul Jones described how "Stairway" was born.

Page said his ambition was to write a song that would accelerate to a crescendo and he first shared the opening at Headley Grange in the spring of 1970 with Jones to get an ally in his scheme.

Plant recalled sitting by the fire when Page played the intro on acoustic guitar and he offered the start of a couplet he had been working on: "There's a lady who's sure all that glitters is gold/and she's buying a stairway to heaven."

Jurors never heard a note from Page or Plant live, but they were treated to vintage recordings of the band creating the song. Plant could be heard singing off key and humming sections without lyrics and Page played chords that didn't make the final cut.

When the full recording was played, Page bobbed his head and moved to the music.

The rock stars didn't chat with fans in the gallery and they were accompanied everywhere by bodyguards. One afternoon, a group of women clapped and Page flashed a smile as they crossed the courthouse corridor.

The band has settled at least six other cases accusing them of copyright violations, including the songs, "Whole Lotta Love," "The Lemon Song," and "Dazed and Confused."

This was the first case they took all the way to trial, said Steven L. Weinberg, a copyright lawyer who watched the case.

"This jury verdict in favor of Led Zeppelin is monumental," Weinberg said. "But in terms of the internet pundits and armchair quarterbacks who are comparing the two audio recordings, I think that debate will go on for a long time to come."

## WHAT TO DO

## Festivals

## Hodaka Days

•June 23-26  
•Athena & Weston  
[www.hodakadays.org](http://www.hodakadays.org)  
Hodaka enthusiasts gather to celebrate. Includes rides, parade, park vendors, swap meet, awards banquet and auction.

## Wiener Weekend

•Saturday, June 25; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
•In & around Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave.  
[www.cmeo.org](http://www.cmeo.org) & [www.travelpendleton.com](http://www.travelpendleton.com)

Some activities free. Family-friendly event includes Color My Pendleton color run, Chalk Art Festival and children's games.

## Landing Days

•Saturday, June 25  
•Umatilla Marina Park  
[www.facebook.com/umatillaoregonchamber](http://www.facebook.com/umatillaoregonchamber)

Free. Parade at 11 a.m. in downtown. Park activities at 1 p.m.; Blue Tattoo plays from 6 p.m. to dusk, followed by fireworks show.

## Frazier Farmstead Summer Festival

•Saturday, June 25; 6-10 p.m.  
•1403 Chestnut St., Milton-Freewater  
[www.facebook.com/events/261605557563496](http://www.facebook.com/events/261605557563496)

\$40. 21-and-older event features dinner, dancing and music by features Robin Barrett and Coyote Kings with Tiph Dames.

## Wildhorse Pow Wow

•Friday, July 1; 7 p.m.  
•Saturday, July 2 Sunday, July 3; 1 p.m.  
•Pow Wow Arena, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.  
[www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com)

Free. Competition features 25 drum groups and more than 300 American Indian dancers. Food and craft booths available.

## Wheeler County Bluegrass Festival

•Friday, July 1; noon-8 p.m.  
•Saturday, July 2; 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
•Sunday, July 3; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
•Wheeler County Courthouse Lawn, 701 Adams St., Fossil  
[www.wheelercountybluegrass.org](http://www.wheelercountybluegrass.org)  
Free. Nearly a dozen bands, food vendors, open mic, parade, jamming, art show and workshops. Camping available. Also, the Fossil Cruz-In car rally.

## Brewh by the Blues Festival

•Friday, July 8; 3-9 p.m.  
•Saturday, July 9; noon-9 p.m.  
•Milton-Freewater Jr. Show Grounds, 84575 Highway 11  
[www.facebook.com/events/1596192717363387](http://www.facebook.com/events/1596192717363387)

\$25/one-day, \$40/two days: includes logo beer glass, six tasting tokens and live entertainment. Food trucks available. \$80/VIP, includes two-day entry, pavilion seating, Saturday dinner with complimentary drinks, eight tasting tokens and private parking and indoor restrooms.

## Athena Caledonian Games

•Friday, July 8; 5:30 p.m.  
•Saturday, July 9; 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
•Sunday, July 10; 9 a.m.-mid-afternoon

•Athena City Park  
[www.athenacaledoniangames.org](http://www.athenacaledoniangames.org)  
Free. Park and other venues features Scottish games, dancing, piping contests, vendors, live entertainment and more.

## Art &amp; Museums

## Oregon Trail: Honoring our Pioneer Forefathers

•Saturday, June 25; 4 p.m.  
•Oregon Trail Library District, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon  
Free. Features award-winning western author and storyteller Rick Steber. Book-signing that follows includes local author Stuart Dick.

## "Real People"

•Saturday & Sundays; noon-5 p.m.  
•Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater  
Free. Exhibit features Central Middle School Art teacher Jenny Hegdal.

## "Circuit Chautauquas: Educating Dayton and America"

•Wednesday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
•Dayton Historic Depot, 222 E. Commercial St., Dayton, WA  
[www.daytonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.daytonhistoricdepot.org)  
Admission by donation. Exhibit explores the history of traveling shows and assemblies popular in the late-19th and early-20th century.

## Nika Blasser

•Tuesday-Fridays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
•Saturdays; noon-5 p.m.  
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.  
[www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org)  
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.  
[www.pendletonlibrary.weebly.com](http://www.pendletonlibrary.weebly.com)

Free. Documentary photographs by Teresa Rae. Runs through June 30.

## Mike King: Smash Hits!

•Opens Thursday, July 7; 5:30-7 p.m.  
•Tuesday-Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.  
[www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org)  
Free. Exhibit features concert artwork of Mike King, who has designed more than 4,000 posters. To view samples, visit [www.crashamerica.com](http://www.crashamerica.com).

## Music

## Music on the Lawn-Carter Freeman

•Saturday, June 25, 6 p.m. All ages no cover  
•Hamley Steakhouse lawn, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

## Nuketown

•Saturday, June 25; 8 p.m. No cover  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

## Brass Fire Band

•Saturday, June 25; 6-8 p.m.  
•Sweet Productions Restaurant & Bakery, 233 N. Main St., Heppner  
No cover. All ages event features regional brass band.

## James Dean Kindle

•Monday, June 27; 7 p.m.  
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton

No cover. All ages. Woodshedding residency with the Pendleton musician. Ian Summerfield will open the show.

## Zac Grooms

•Monday, June 27; 7 p.m.  
•Boardman Marina Park  
Free. Music in the Parks series, which alternates weekly between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. Food available for purchase.

## Inland Northwest Musicians

•Thursday, June 30; 6:30 p.m.  
•Heppner City Park, 444 N. Main St.  
[www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com](http://www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com)

Free, donations accepted. A Musical Tribute to Our Nation's Heritage featuring Carolyn Mildener and Lonnie Shurtleff.

## Groove City

•Friday, July 1; Saturday, July 2; 8 p.m. No cover  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

## Brass Fire

•Saturday, July 2; 7-10 p.m. No cover  
•Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton

## Lone Fourth of July

•Monday, July 4  
•Lone City Park  
[www.facebook.com/lone4thofjuly](http://www.facebook.com/lone4thofjuly)  
Free. Activities during the day and live entertainment in afternoon/evening: Corey Peterson Band (3:30 p.m.), talent show (4:30 p.m.), Martin Gerschwitz, (7 p.m.), Quarterflash (8:30 p.m.).

## Boogie at the Balch

•Friday, July 8; 7-9 p.m.  
•Historic Balch Hotel, 40 S. Heinrich St., Dufur

No cover. Outdoor summer concert series features PT Barton, who draws influence from traditional folk, bluegrass and country.

## Raucous

•Friday, July 8; Saturday, July 9; 8 p.m. No cover  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

## Cale Moon

•Saturday, July 9; 9 p.m. No cover  
•Midway Tavern, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston

## Slipshod

•Sunday, July 10; 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.

## Night life

## 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 30: Marc Yafee, July 7: Todd Johnson

## 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  
[www.facebook.com/groups/pendletonopenmic](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pendletonopenmic)

## 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 &amp; film

## Movies in the Park

•Saturdays; dusk  
•Community Park, 1000 S.W. 37th St., Pendleton  
[www.pendletonparksandrec.com](http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com)  
Free. June 25: "Paddington" July 2: "Despicable Me 2." Concessions available for purchase. In case of inclement weather, cancellations posted by 5 p.m. at the park and Pendleton Parks & Recreation's Facebook page.  
•"The Dog Lover"  
•Friday, July 8, Saturday, July 9; times TBA  
•Hermiston Cinema, 355 W. Theater Lane  
[www.thedoglovermovie.com](http://www.thedoglovermovie.com)  
\$10/adults, \$7.50/children and senior citizens. Hermiston is one of nearly two dozen cities where the film is premiering. Actress Christina Moore will be on hand to meet movie-goers.

## Hot tickets

•Zac Brown Band. July 16 at Pendleton Round-Up Stadium. The Pendleton Whiskey Music Fest also features Drake White and the Big T. Jackson Michelson and DJ Sovereign-T. Tickets (\$45-\$135) available via [www.pendletonroundup.com](http://www.pendletonroundup.com) or 800-457-6336.

•Vanilla Ice and Morris Day & The Time. July 30 at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Tickets (\$29-\$59) available via [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com)

•Umatilla County Fair Main Stage entertainment: A Thousand Horses (Aug. 9), The Bellamy Brothers (Aug. 10), Brothers Osborne (Aug. 11) Montez De Durango, Tormenta De Durango and Domador De La Sierra (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.bentonfranklinfair.com](http://www.bentonfranklinfair.com)

•Lee Brice. Sept. 10 at the Happy Canyon Arena. Tickets (\$40-\$130) available via [www.pendletonroundup.com](http://www.pendletonroundup.com) or 800-457-6336.

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