

ECHO

Oktoberfest offers fun, food and frights

Will feature live music from Pendleton's Rowdy Fix Band

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The town of Echo is spreading Oktoberfest fun all over town this weekend.

Coordinated by the Echo Kiwanis, it's designed as a fundraiser for a restoration project of the historic St. Peter's Catholic Church. The event is Saturday from 2-10 p.m. Although the Echo Ridge Cellars warehouse — located on the left at the bottom of the hill as you come into Echo — is "Oktoberfest central," children's activities are part of downtown's Scarecrows on Main.

Oktoberfest costs \$15, which provides four coupons if purchased in advance (three if bought at the door). Additional coupons are \$5 each. The coupons can be used for food, beer, the haunted house or half-off at the Echo Crazy Corn Maze & Haunt.

Children are welcome at Echo Ridge Cellars from 2-6 p.m., which features hot dogs, potato sausage, salads, homemade sauerkraut and handmade artisan chocolates. In addition, the 21-and-older crowd can enjoy beer and wine. From 6-10 p.m., the adult-only hours will feature Pendleton's Rowdy Fix Band, who will take the stage at 6:45 p.m.

In its third year, the Scarecrows on Main activities run from 2-5 p.m. on Main Street and George Park. Kids are invited to decorate pumpkins, play games and receive a free children's book, while supplies last. Things will blast off between 2:15-3 p.m., as Pendleton Center for the Arts presents a Halloween-themed rocket project.

People can build or bring a scarecrow for the contest from 10 a.m. to noon at Gathered Over Time, 210 W. Main St. Registration



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Dan McClinton lurks in the Haunted Warehouse Saturday at Echo Ridge Cellars. The attraction is part of this weekend's Echo Oktoberfest. It also will be open Saturday, Oct. 29 and Halloween.

forms are available at www.echo-oregon.com/news/b.html. Ribbons will be presented at 2 p.m. and cash prizes of \$50 will be awarded to best of show (for an adult entry and a youth entry), a trophy and \$25 for peoples' choice, and \$25 for the scarecrow deemed the "most fun."

Calling Echo a tight-knit community, Joe Ramos, Echo Kiwanis president-elect, said there has been an outpouring of support for the Oktoberfest event. Many individuals and businesses have come forward to assist with the effort because of their interest in supporting the preservation of the old church building, he said.

Echo Kiwanis president Michael Duffy said the grassroots effort to restore the building has sprouted quickly. He said everyone seems to have a sense of

appreciation for the value of the building and are willing to pitch in where needed.

Gary Marcum jumped at the chance to create the Haunted Warehouse as part of the Oktoberfest event. The Echo man enjoys providing frightening fun. Marcum rounded up a crew and went all out in creating the attraction, which opened this past Saturday. In addition, to this weekend's Oktoberfest, the haunt will be open Saturday, Oct. 29 and Halloween from 7-9 p.m.

A deconsecrated Catholic church, the St. Peter's structure was built in 1913. Currently owned by the Fort Henrietta Foundation, the structure is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Admission tickets for Oktoberfest can be purchased in advance at Echo locations, including H&P Cafe, Echo

Ridge Cellars, Gathered Over Time; in Pendleton at Alexander's Chocolaterie & Vino Bistro, 363 S. Main St.; and in Hermiston at Columbia Bank, 1033 S. Highway 395; Hermiston Brewing Co. & Nookies Restaurant, 125 N. First St.; Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395; and Hermiston Parks & Recreation, 180 N.E. Second St.

For Oktoberfest information, call Joe Ramos at 509-366-3980 or Phyllis Shoveliski at 541-379-6992. For more about Scarecrows on Main, contact City Administrator Diane Berry at 541-376-8411, ecpl@centurytel.net or Dottie Sheffield at 509-948-1851.

Contact Community Editor Tammy Malgesini at tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4539

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCT. 18

TERRIFICALLY FREE TUESDAY, all day, Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. (541-276-1066).

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

"NAVIGATING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS: STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS," 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. For anyone caring for an aging Oregonian. Learn about quality improvement strategies and medication safety within a care setting. Free, but registration requested. (www.OregonCarePartners.com).

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, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. (541-966-0380).

CAYUSE TECHNOLOGIES 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 5:30-7 p.m., 72632 Coyote Road, Pendleton. Everyone welcome. (Phyllis Barrett 541-278-8488).

CLEANER AIR OREGON PUBLIC FORUM, 6-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Provide input on rulemaking process for Cleaner Air Oregon Regulatory Advisory Committee. Presentations by DEQ and OHS staff, followed by Q&A session. Free, but RSVP requested at <http://cleanerair.oregon.gov/forum-rsvp/>

INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 Main St. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share.

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)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19 **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).

BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS, 10:10:45 a.m., 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.

"HAMMERSTEIN!", 7:15 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Bob Clapp Theatre, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. A musical revue about the life and work of Oscar Hammerstein II. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors or \$30 for a family of four, available at Pendleton Art + Frame, the BMCC Foundation office or at the door. (541-278-5775).

The EO publishes a list of coming events as space allows. It's posted weekly at www.eastoregonian.com. All items are assumed free, nonprofit and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Coming events items should be submitted well in advance to calendar c/o East Oregonian, 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801, 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, OR 97838 or community@eastoregonian.com.

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