

HERMISTON

Event celebrates visions of Martin Luther King Jr.

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People are invited to honor the life and dreams of Martin Luther King Jr. during a Hermiston event.

Coordinated by the Black International Awareness Club, the program includes a community walk, special speakers and music.

John Carbage, president of the Hermiston group, said it's important to bring awareness to King's accomplishments and the work that he began years ago.

"It's a very important time that we need to build a positive community," said Rome-Garcia, who serves on the club's board of directors.

The event is Monday, Jan. 16, from noon to 2 p.m. People are invited to gather at 11:45 a.m. in front of the First United Methodist Church.

The ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m. in the church's sanctuary. It will include opening remarks by Jody Frost and an introduction of the keynote speaker by Jesus Rome.

Carbage and Rome-Garcia are excited about having Jordan Chaney making the presentation. An author/poet and community activist, he resides in the Tri-Cities.

Pendleton plans musical celebration

Plans are underway for a special tribute to the civil rights activist in Pendleton. However, due to inclement weather, organizers have had several cancellations.

Described like "a soundtrack of the civil rights movement," last year's event featured more than a dozen musicians, who performed freedom songs written around the time of Martin Luther King Jr.'s death.

Sponsored by the Pendleton Interfaith MLK Day Committee, A Musical Celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. will again be held at Great Pacific.

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 16, 6-8 p.m. WHERE: 403 S. Main St., Pendleton

experiences while growing up, Rome-Garcia said Chaney encourages a positive and nurturing environment.

"With his poems, he brings people together," she said. "He's a very phenomenal speaker."

The ceremony also includes prayers by Rev. Robert Edie of Greater Faith Baptist Church and Rev. Albert Wilkins of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, both in Pasco.

In addition, an open mic offers people an opportunity to briefly share their thoughts. Carbage will provide closing remarks. Refreshments will be served in the church's fellowship hall.

Upwards of 100 people usually attend the annual event, which is in its 17th year in Hermiston. It celebrates King's work in civil rights for all minorities.

King, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, was a pastor, author and civil rights advocate. In 1963, he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech with more than 250,000 people present in Washington, D.C.

The Black International Awareness Club meets the

second Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. at Starbucks, 1235 N. First St., Hermiston. People of all races and cultures are invited to attend.

For more information about the event or club meetings, call Carbage at 541-701-7073 or Rome-Garcia at 541-720-6895.



People participate in Peace Walk as part of the 2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration in Hermiston. Events to honor the civil rights activist are planned Monday in Hermiston and Pendleton.

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BRIEFLY

Weather cancels more events

PENDLETON — The Oregon East Symphony is postponing Saturday's Chamber Winds concert due to inclement weather.

A new date will be announced as soon as possible by the symphony. Tickets for the Jan. 14 performance, which features an ensemble of wind instruments, will be honored for the rescheduled concert.

Other area cancellations include:

Pendleton Bird Club. The January meeting has flown south with the warmer weather. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Feb. 9 at the First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St.

Delphian Club. The Friday meeting is canceled. The next meeting is Friday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St.

White Eagle Grange. This weekend's all-you-can-eat breakfast is rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21 from 6-10 a.m. at 43828 White Eagle Road, off Highway 395 between Pendleton and Pilot Rock.

It's time to dance

PENDLETON — Classes offered through Pendleton Parks & Recreation provide basic instructions to help people get in step on the dance floor.

A pair of classes are available, one featuring the cha cha and salsa and the other includes the waltz and foxtrot. Both classes are held Tuesday evenings at the Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave.

Recreation program offers warm walk

PENDLETON — With the blanket of snow of the region, some people may want to take advantage of Pendleton Parks & Recreation's Walking for Wellness.

The public is invited to get out of the elements and enjoy a warm place for people to walk.

The program is Monday through Fridays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Music is played throughout the hour.

For more information, call 541-276-8100 or visit www.pendletonparksandrec.com.

Forums address chronic pain

A pair of free community forums providing information for chronic pain management (not cancer-related) is being offered in the area.

Presented by the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization, the events are Thursday, Jan. 26 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston; and Thursday, Feb. 23 from 6:30-9 p.m. at St. Anthony Hospital, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton.

Participants can enjoy refreshments and have an opportunity to win prizes. Topics addressed include acute verses chronic pain, non-narcotic and non-medication options, and the role of psychosocial support in managing chronic pain.

For more information or to register, contact Briona at 503-952-5010, briona.campbell@modahealth.com or visit www.eocco.com/community.

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