

Murder mystery event unravels sweet revenge in Hermiston

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A sweet fundraiser offers people a chance to play amateur sleuths while raising money for Agape House programs.

"Til Death Do We Part... And We Part Tonight" offers a Valentine's Day theme — complete with an array of delectable desserts.

The storyline centers around Hanna and Harry Heart — legends in their hometown of Amorville, said Dave Hughes, executive director of Agape House.

Purchasing the rights to present the murder mystery production, Hughes made a few modifications to the script.

Jodene said she mostly helps behind the scenes

during the murder mystery fundraisers — often cooking, or in the case of the dessert event, cutting the desserts.

The dessert murder mystery finds the Hearts back in Amorville for a big soirée. The audience will have to figure out whodunnit when Dr. Ador Candyman, a nerdy rocket scientist, ends up dead.

"There are about four or five subplots running through," he said. "People have to figure out what's going on."

While many organizations hold golf tournaments and

auctions, Hughes said Agape House seems to have found its niche with a dramatic flair. Their success has intrigued other regional organizations.

"That's a good fuzzy feeling for me," Hughes said. "We can share a fun afternoon and maybe introduce the murder mysteries to Habitat for Humanity."

Money raised from the event will be used by Agape House to serve those in need in the community.

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Boyd Sharp of Umatilla tries to shift blame to another character during a past murder mystery fundraiser for Agape House.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 9 ADULT OPEN GYM, 6 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only.

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Stories and activities for young children. (541-966-0380)

PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 10:30 a.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. 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)

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to Senior Center by donation. (541-567-3582)

SENSORY STORY TIME, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities and life skills for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Danny Bane 541-379-4250)

ARTIST'S RECEPTION: WHITNEY MINTHORN, 5:30-7 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Meet Whitney Minthorn and view his artwork and commercial projects in the East Oregonian Gallery. Refreshments available by donation. Free admission. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

TOWN & COUNTRY COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET, 6 p.m., Morrow County Fairgrounds, 74473 Highway 74, Heppner. Recognition of local individuals and their support for the community. Includes prime rib dinner and a jewelry giveaway. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 after Feb. 6, available at the chamber office. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)

FIDDLERS NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookedale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)

FRIDAY, FEB. 10 ADULT OPEN GYM, 6 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only.

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

TODDLER STORY TIME,

10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

VFW BINGO, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

GAMER'S NIGHT, 7-10:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Tournament gaming and activities for teens. (541-276-8100)

ROOTS & BOOTS TOUR, 8 p.m., Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd, Pendleton. Country stars Sammy Kershaw, Aaron Tippin and Terri Clark will perform acoustic versions of their biggest hits. Tickets are \$49.99 for general seating, \$69.99 for premium and \$125 for VIP package, which includes seating in the first two rows, a meet-and-greet pass and more. All seating assigned, 21 and over only, no-host bar available. Purchase tickets at www.wildhorse.com or at the Wildhorse gift shop.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST, 6-10 a.m., White Eagle Grange, 43828 White Eagle Road (between Pendleton and Pilot Rock on Highway 395 South), Pendleton. Suggested donation is \$7 for ages 8 and up, \$4 for ages 5-7 and free for age 4 and under. (Gail Wilson 541-276-3778)

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

SATURDAY CRAFT TIME, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Free craft projects for children in 5th grade and younger. (541-567-2882)

SAGE SATURDAY, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Make farm animal valentine portraits. Free admission. (541-481-7243)

HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

COUNTRY HOEDOWN, 1-4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Neighborhood Senior Center, 311 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Live music, dancing and singing. Admission \$2, refreshments available for purchase. (541-938-3311)

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION, 5-7:30 p.m., Pendleton First Assembly of God, 1911 SE Court Ave., Pendleton. A fundraiser for Ryan Jokinen and his family. He was transported via air ambulance to OHSU after a sledding accident. (Josh English 541-969-9989)

SUNDAY, FEB. 12 FAMILY BREAKFAST, 8:30-9:15 a.m., First Christian Church, 516 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Cost is by donation. Everyone welcome. (541-938-3854)

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

INLAND NORTHWEST ORCHESTRA CONCERT, 4 p.m., Columbia High School, 755 Maple St., Burbank. Featured selections include "Western Suite" by Elie Siegmeister. "Peer Gynt Suite I, Opus 46" by Edvard Grieg and "Funeral March of a Marionette" by Charles Gounod. Local concert sponsor is Bob Bone. A reception will follow the concert. Donations gladly accepted. (Salli Ketchersid 541-289-4696)

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only.

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