

BRIEFLY

Student art show features preview night

PENDLETON — Entertainment, highlighting students from the Pendleton School District, is featured during a special preview night of the Student Art Show.

Held in conjunction with the Education Foundation of Pendleton, the event is Tuesday from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. There is no admission charge.

Performances include readings, theater, strings ensembles, choirs and more. The public can view artwork created by students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

"This is a great opportunity for students, families and the community to enjoy the Pendleton School District Art Show and to experience some wonderful talent by our local students," said Michele Madril, education foundation communication representative.

In addition, Altrusa International of Pendleton will serve birthday cake in celebration of Altrusa International's centennial year. People are invited to talk to Altrusans about the support they provide students in the district.

The art show also is available for view Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Education Foundation of Pendleton provides grants for enrichment opportunities for Pendleton students. Money has helped support field trips, conferences and workshops, special speakers and artist-in-residence programs at local schools.

For more information about the foundation, contact Madril at 541-966-3115, michele.madril@imesd.k12.or.us or visit www.educationfoundationofpendleton.org.

Earth Day event seeks local talent

PENDLETON — Local musicians are invited to participate in the Earth Day-Community Science Fair.

The free event is Saturday, April 22 from noon to 4 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. The entertainment will be presented in an open mic format, with performance times varying depending on the number of players.

Area musicians who are interested in participating should plan on at least 15 minutes of material. Amplification may be available; however, each musician needs to bring their own equipment.

Those interested in performing need to register by Wednesday, April 19 by 5 p.m. For more information or to sign-up, contact Dave Byrd at 541-276-2422 or tweee65@msn.com.

Student performance to fund field trip

IRRIGON — The Awesomely Creative Theater, a group of talented Irrigon High School students, will present "Diary of Anne Frank."

Entirely staged and directed by students, the production is Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. The curtain time is 7 p.m. each night in the school's cafetorium, 315 E. Wyoming Ave., Irrigon.

The play is based on writings by Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl. She received a diary on her 13th birthday and began writing about things typical teenagers would — daily events, her thoughts, school and boys. Within a month, her entire life changed.

The diary chronicles the next two years as her family is in hiding to avoid being captured by Germans. The diary was retrieved and later returned to her father when he returned from the war. Several years later, her father had it published.

There is no admission charge for the performances, but donations will be accepted. The drama club members are raising money to be used to attend a performance of "West Side Story."

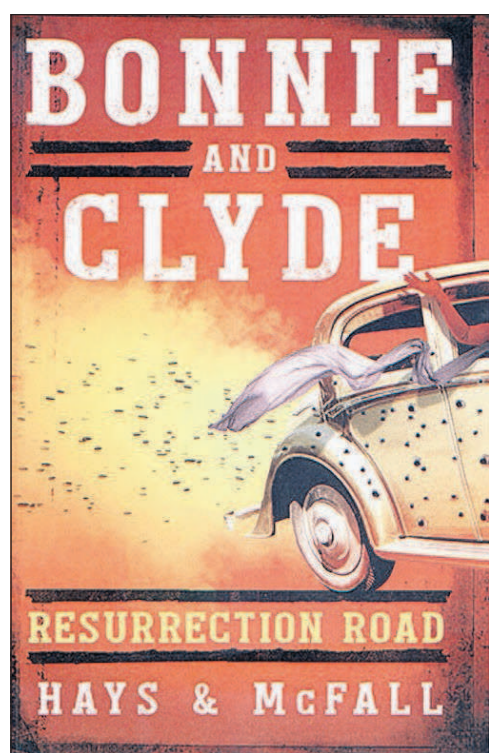
For more information, contact Linda Pedro at 541-922-5551 or linda.pedro@morrow.k12.or.us.

Renaissance Faire offers family fun

WALLA WALLA — Jousting, theater performances, live music and other performers are featured in the Renaissance Faire at Whitman College.

Hear ye, hear ye: the family-friendly event is free. It is Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the campus in front of Memorial Hall, located at Boyer Avenue and South Park Street, Walla Walla.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Wong at wonger@whitman.edu visit www.whitman.edu/faire.



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Alt-history turns robbers to Robin Hood

In the depths of the Great Depression, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were front-page news with their daring robberies and cop-killing escapades. Seen by the working class as anti-heroes thumbing their noses at the economic system that impoverished them, Bonnie and Clyde died in a hail of bullets on May 23, 1934, when law enforcement and a posse of vigilantes ambushed them near Sailes, Louisiana.

Or did they? Clark Hays and Kathleen McFall are back with an alternate-history series exploring what might have happened if Bonnie and Clyde were given a second chance to atone for their crimes, and

their signature blend of sex, danger and intrigue, coupled with just the right dose of cheeky humor, is along for the ride.

"Bonnie and Clyde: Redemption Road" posits that the murderous duo didn't perish that day, but instead are given a choice: Embark on a secret life to save American democracy, or pay the ultimate price. President Franklin Roosevelt is trying to pass his New Deal legislation, but the fat cats of Wall Street are willing to go to any lengths, including murder, to maintain the status quo: All for us, and none for the common man. Will America's favorite bad seeds save the day, and their own skins in the

process? As the rich get richer and the middle class becomes more desperate in present-day America, "Redemption Road" is a timely reminder that sometimes the solution to a problem comes from the least likely source.

The book will be released May 23 on the 83rd anniversary of the deaths of Bonnie and Clyde.

"Bonnie and Clyde: Redemption Road," by Clark Hays and Kathleen McFall. © 2017, Pumpjack Press.

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WHAT TO DO

Festivals

Prestige Championship Wrestling 1
•Saturday, April 15; 7-11 p.m.
www.ppcrowrestling1.eventbrite.com

•Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston \$15-\$50. Features some of the biggest current and former stars in WWE, TNA and UFC, including former UFC star "Filthy" Tom Lawlor.

Midget Wrestling Fiesta

•Saturday, April 15; 8-11 p.m.
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston
thepheasant.ticketleap.com
\$20-\$40. Micro Wrestling Federation event.

BMCC Arts & Culture Festival

•April 17-20, various times
•Blue Mountain Community College
www.bluecc.edu
Free. Open to the public, activities are planned on the Pendleton and Hermiston campuses of BMCC.

Renaissance Faire

•Saturday, April 22; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Whitman College, Boyer Avenue/South Park Street
www.whitman.edu/faire
Free. Features jousting, theater performances, live music and other performers. Also food and vendors available.

Art, Museums & Authors

"A Place for All People"

•April 10-21; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Monday, April 17; 4:30 p.m., public reception
•Pioneer Hall, BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton
www.si.edu

Free. The poster exhibition introduces the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The newest Smithsonian museum opened last fall in Washington, D.C. The reception features a presentation by Gwendolyn Trice, executive director of the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center.

Student Art Show Preview Night

•Tuesday, April 18; 5-7:30 p.m.
•Wednesday, April 18-Thursday, April 20; 8 a.m.-8 p.m., art viewing
•Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate

Free. Entertainment includes student performers. View artwork of students from all grade levels in the Pendleton School District. Altrusa International of Pendleton will share birthday cake in celebration of Altrusa International's 100th anniversary. Art viewing also is available Tuesday through Thursday.

First Draft Writers' Series

•Thursday, April 20; 7 p.m.
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.
www.pendletonarts.org

Free. Features Tiffany Midge and Xavier Cavazos. Also, short open mic readings from the audience.

Terrific Tuesday

•Tuesday, April 25; 7-8:30 p.m.
•Heritage Station Museum, 108 S.W.

Frazier Ave., Pendleton
www.heritagestationmuseum.org
Free. Joey Lavadour presents a basketweaving presentation and demonstration.

Chuck Close: Portraits

•Tuesday-Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, noon-4 p.m.
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.
www.pendletonarts.org
Free. Selection of Close's works from the collection of Jordan Schnitzer. Runs through April 29.

Open Regional Exhibit

•Saturday, April 29; noon-4 p.m., accept entries
•Thursday, May 4; 5 p.m., opening reception
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.
www.pendletonarts.org

\$10/adults; \$5/youths entry fee per piece of art. Cash prizes awarded.

"The Path of Totality"

•Monday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn St., Baker City
www.crossroads-arts.org
Free. Amateur and professional artists' work depict the theme inspired by the upcoming Aug. 21 total solar eclipse. Show and sale runs through April 29.

Music

Restless Vocal Band

•Saturday, April 15; 7 p.m.
•Hermiston High School auditorium, 600 S. First St.
www.desertartscouncil.com

\$20/adults, \$10/youths. Desert Arts Council presents the event featuring the a capella group that performs multiple genres — from The Temptations to Taylor Swift, the performance will have everyone singing and dancing.

Design

•Saturday, April 15; 8 p.m. No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

Scott Garred

•Monday, April 17; 7-9 p.m.
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton
No cover, all ages.

Live Music Thursday

•Thursdays 7-9 p.m. No cover
•40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton

Cadillacs for Everyone

•Friday, April 22; Saturday, April 22; 8 p.m. No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

"Go Fourth and Be Merry"

•Saturday, April 22; 7:30 p.m.
•Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton

www.oregoneastsymphony.org
\$20/adults, \$15/students, seniors, \$45/family. Oregon East Symphony and Chorale. The program includes Beethoven's "Symphony No. 4," Mozart's "Pi-

ano Concerto No. 21," featuring James Cook on piano, and Rossini's Overture to "L'Italiana in Algeri."

James Dean Kindel

•Tuesday, April 25; 7-9 p.m.
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton
No cover, all ages.

Open Mic at GP

•Thursday, April 27; 7-9 p.m.
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton
No cover. All ages are welcome during the last Thursday of each month. Bring your instrument, voice, family and friends.

Night life

DJ music

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

Karaoke w/DJ David

•Saturdays; 8 p.m.
•Umatilla Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

Lock, Stock & Lipstick Ladies' Night

•Saturdays; 8 p.m.-2 a.m.
•Sub Zero Restaurant & Lounge, 100 W. Highway 730, Irrigon
No cover. Drink specials from 8-10 p.m. Live DJ with female-friendly music.

The Office Trivia Tuesday

•Tuesday, April 25; 7 p.m. No cover
•40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton

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.

Digital Karaoke

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

LOL Comedy Jam

•Thursdays; 8 p.m.
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

No cover. April 20: Jack Willhite. April 27: Live DJ

Mac's Trivia Night

•First Thursday of month, 8 p.m. No cover
•Mac's Bar & Grill, 1400 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton

21 and older. East. Drink. Think. Teams of 2-8 compete in trivia contest with other teams. Live host and prizes.

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

Karaoke w/DJ David

•Fridays; 8 p.m.
•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth

St., Umatilla

DJ and dancing

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

Cimmi's Late Night Martini Lounge

•Fridays; 9 p.m.-midnight
•Virgil's at Cimmiyotti's, 137 S. Main St., Pendleton
No cover. Features martinis, mixology and music.

Theater, Stage & film

Chippendales

•Thursday, April 29; 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.
•Rivers Event Center, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.
www.wildhorseresort.com

\$54/premium seats, \$44/general seats (Club Wild members receive \$10 discount). The male revue features chiseled bodies, cheeky humor and charm. 21-and-older.

"Live Wire!" w/Luke Burbank

•Saturday, April 29; 7:30 p.m. No cover
•Hamley Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

www.livewireradio.org/live
\$15/general; \$25/VIP. Join Emmy award-winning host Luke Burbank for a live taping of the fastest growing entertainment show on public radio. An evening of Late Night stride, Oscar Wilde wit and the charisma of Ferris Bueller grand marshaling a parade. Music, comedy and conversation. Also features James Lavadour and Jim Brunberg.

Hot tickets

•**The Pilot Tour:** (featuring hip-hop artists Gem Starks and US1+) from Portland) May 12, Flower Building in Walla Walla; and May 13, Little Vert Theater in Pendleton. Tickets available (\$10) via www.thepilotour.com

•**What the Festival:** June 16-19, Wolf Run Ranch, near Dufur. Three-day music, art, film and interactive festival. Features 90 electronic music DJs on eight stages and the largest splash pool in North America. Camping options available (\$300-\$2,500) via www.whatthefestival.com

•**Pendleton Whisky Fest:** (featuring Maroon 5) July 15, Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. Box/grand stand seats still available (\$70-\$95) via www.pendleton-whiskymusicfest.com

•**Northwest World Reggae Festival:** (music, camping, food, vendors) July 28-30, Pfau Pfamily Pfarma, 13 miles west of Sandy. Early bird prices (\$120) via www.nwrrf.com

•**Eclipse Wine Festival:** (music, rooms, camping, wine, meals, tours, eclipse viewing) Aug. 18-21, Eola Hills Legacy Vineyard, near Salem. Single event or multiple-day packages (free-\$2,900) via www.eolahillswinery.com

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

MOVIE REVIEW

'The Fate of the Furious' ups the action, dials down story

By SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

"The Fast and the Furious" hasn't become a billion-dollar global franchise because of its scintillating dialogue and high-minded drama. It's all about the cars, the action, the international settings and the good-looking cast.

So don't give too much thought to the story holes and convoluted plot in "The Fate of the Furious," the eighth installment in the saga. If things don't add up or characters killed off in previous films suddenly re-emerge, just go with it, knowing that it's leading up to an epic final chase across a remote Russian ice field between sports cars, Humvees and a nuclear submarine.

Suspension of disbelief is required for these films. Remember in "Furious 7" when parachute-equipped cars fell from a cargo plane and the drivers were shown "steering" the airborne vehicles? Here, they speed across ice with unbelievable accuracy. One character even wakeboards through the tundra on a detached car door.

"F8" begins with Dom (Vin Diesel) and Letty (Michelle Rodriguez) honeymooning in Havana. Charmed by the city's car culture, they're soon in a street race — a thrilling sequence with motorcycles swooping in to stop traffic as the drivers speed



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Charlize Theron, left, and Vin Diesel in "The Fate of the Furious."

by. After finishing with his car on fire, Dom is approached by the mysterious Cipher (Charlize Theron), who blackmails him into betraying his colleagues and working for her.

Despite her ridiculous hairdo and having to utter such lines as "Your team's about to go up against the only thing they can't handle: You," Theron is a great villain. She anchors the story with her gravitas by making Cipher a convincingly capable and determined foe.

Meanwhile, Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) taps Dom and his ace driving team to help recover a missing electro-magnetic pulse weapon. The job brings them to Berlin, where Dom abandons his crew and links up with Cipher.

Hobbs ends up in jail, practically cellmates with Deckard Shaw (Jason Statham), the villain from "Furious 7." They're set free by secret operative Mr. Nobody (Kurt Russell), who wants the adversaries to work together to find Cipher and Dom.

Joined by franchise stalwarts Roman (Tyrese Gibson) and Tej (Chris "Ludacris" Bridges), the crew heads to New York City, where some of the film's most spectacular car action is set. One scene shows hundreds of driverless cars coming to life at the hands of a hacker. Vehicles go flying out of showrooms and crashing onto the streets.

Directed by F. Gary Gray ("Straight Outta Compton"), "F8" delivers the same big scope

"The Fate of the Furious"

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PG-13, 160 minutes

and quick pace of the previous "Fast" films, though he cuts together the fight sequences so quickly they're hard to appreciate. The action satisfies, even if the lines veer past campy into full-on cheese territory and the story is hazier than the smoke from a broken tailpipe.

The cast and the cars are what carry this franchise. Johnson is eminently likable, Gibson and Bridges provide comic relief and Rodriguez is full of heart. Statham shines during a sequence where he navigates a deadly gun battle while toting a baby in a bassinet — especially sweet considering the actor is about to become a first-time father. Helen Mirren makes a charming, if odd, cameo. And Scott Eastwood joins the ensemble as Little Nobody, a cute but unnecessary character likely put in place because two more "Fast" films are planned.

It's hard to imagine where "Fast" will go next. They've already incorporated all manner of motor vehicles, including a helicopter and a submarine. But the franchise has a proven formula, so long as they keep the tires screeching and the cast intact.