

MISSION

Wildhorse to feature country stars and soul sensations

Tickets go on sale August 3

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When autumn is in the air, Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the place to be, as its Fall Concert Series features Travis Tritt, Sawyer Brown and Tony! Toni! Toné!

The first show kicks off Thursday, Sept. 21 with Tony! Toni! Toné!, a '90s group with new jack swing and urban/soul sounds. Prior to the show, the group will be in attendance at a Pre-Funk Party in Cayuse Hall.

The group's first single to crack the Top 10 on the Billboard Hot 100, "Feels Good," reached gold status. In addition, Tony! Toni! Toné! is known for several No. 1 hits, including "Whatever You Want," "It Never Rains (In Southern California)" and "Let's Get Down."

Their greatest commercial success came with "Sons of Soul," which was double-platinum certified. In addition, the group was nominated for a Grammy Award as best R&B vocal performance by a duo or group.

Audience members are invited to kick up their heels as seven-time Country Vocal Group of the Year Sawyer Brown takes the stage Saturday, Oct. 7. Billed as a barn dance, the standing-room-only show invites people to dance the night away to such tunes as "Some Girls Do," "All These Years" and "The Boys and Me."

Founded in 1981, doors began to open for Sawyer Brown when they were recognized as the top vocal group during the first season of "Star Search," a predecessor to TV shows like "American Idol" and



Contributed photo
Grammy Award winner Travis Tritt is featured during the Fall Concert Series at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

"America's Got Talent." Hosted by Ed McMahon, Sawyer Brown cashed in with a \$100,000 grand prize and a "chance to get noticed by record companies."

And they've been noticed — the group has been recognized numerous times, including receiving the Horizon Award from the Country Music Association in 1985. The band has 20 studio albums to their credit and more than 50 hit singles have made the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, including seven No. 1 singles.

The fall concert finale features country music superstar Travis Tritt. The two-time Grammy Award winner will perform an intimate acoustical show Saturday, Nov. 18.

Nearly 30 years after Tritt burst into the country music scene, the Southern rock artist continues to perform before sold-out crowds. Known for songs like "It's A Great Day To Be Alive," "Anymore" and "Here's A Quarter," Tritt



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Country sensations Sawyer Brown will perform during the Fall Concert Series at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.



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Tony! Toni! Toné!, a rhythm and blues urban/soul group, will perform during the Fall Concert Series at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

has received three Country Music Association Awards and racked up more than 25 million in album sales.

The Marietta, Georgia, native also has enjoyed performing at venues in his home state, including the 1996 Olympics, the final Braves game at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, a pair of Super Bowls, a World

Series game and during the 2013 NCAA men's basketball championships.

Fallout from the record label that produced "The Storm" in 2007 resulted in Tritt creating Post Oak Recordings. In 2012, Tritt released "The Calm After..." on his newly formed label. And, in 2016, "A Man and His Guitar: Live From The

Franklin Theatre" features a 2-disc CD and DVD. Recorded and shot at the historic landmark, it highlights the musician's soulful voice and guitar prowess in an intimate setting.

"I am honestly as excited about the creative process and performing now as I was the day I signed my first record deal," Tritt said.

Summer crescendos with Dokken concert

Selling more than 10 million albums worldwide, Dokken continues to perform and will rock the region during a show at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

The heavy metal band will take the stage Thursday, Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. in the Rivers Event Center. Tickets, which are \$29 each, are now on sale for the 21-and-older show. The band was nominated for a Grammy for best metal performance in 1989. Familiar top singles include "Alone Again," "In My Dreams" and "Into The Fire."

All tickets are general admission for the standing/dancing-room-only show. There will be no tables or chairs — providing an opportunity for audience members to stand near the stage or dance. In addition, a no-host bar will be available.

Tickets are available at the Wildhorse Gift Shop or www.wildhorseresort.com.

Each of the concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Rivers Event Center. Tickets for the 21-and-over shows go on sale Thursday, Aug. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Wildhorse Gift Shop and www.wildhorseresort.com. According to Tiah DeGroff, Wildhorse community relations, ticket prices haven't been confirmed but there will be different pricing level options, which will be noted on the website when making purchases.

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BRIEFLY

Seasoned musicians offer foot-stompin' entertainment

IRRIGON — Audience members will enjoy foot-stompin' music as the Buttercreek Boys take the stage during the upcoming Music in the Park series in Irrigon.

The popular group will perform Monday at 7 p.m. at Irrigon Marina Park. People are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy an evening of free music. In addition, concessions will be available for purchase from Judy's Chuck Wagon.

A handful of seasoned musicians, the Buttercreek Boys play a variety of old-time music, inviting the crowd to sing along when the music moves them. The group features Lou Reeves, guitar; Wynn Weston, guitar; Curt Clauton, stand-up bass; Tom Watkins, violin-fiddle; Rusty Roe, saxophone; and Jim Simpson, banjo and harmonica. In addition, several of the musicians share in the vocals.

The Buttercreek Boys hold monthly meetings and rehearsals at the Chuckwagon Cafe in Hermiston. In addition, they regularly play around the region.

The concert series alternates between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks each Monday through Aug. 14. For more information, call Tami Sherer at 541-571-0844.

New album frames solo artist

PENDLETON — Since recently taking up residence in Pendleton, Lincoln Barr has been making the rounds in the region's music scene.

Barr is the featured performer for the upcoming Wednesdays in the Park. The free event is Wednesday, Aug. 2 from 6-8 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Earlier this year, the Seattle transplant released "Trembling Frames," his debut solo album. A singer-songwriter for the Seattle-based band Red Jacket Mine, Barr's solo album has been described as "deeply personal" with a "café jazz vibe."

Presented by Pendleton Parks & Recreation and Sounds Like Entertainment, the all-ages concert series runs each Wednesday through Aug. 16. For more information, call 541-276-8100 or search Facebook for "Wednesdays in the Park." For more about Barr, visit www.lincolnbarrmusic.com.

Film festival features people with disabilities

PENDLETON — The public can view entertaining and memorable films featuring people with intellectual and developmental disabilities during a program sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage.

On tour from the New York-based Spring Film Festival, the free event is Saturday, Aug. 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. In addition, there will be local people on hand who will share their own stories of community and work inclusion.

For more information, contact Lon Thornburg, transition network facilitator at InterMountain Education Service District, at lon.thornburg@imesd.k12.or.us or 541-966-3162. For more about the film festival, visit www.gosprouit.org/film-festival.

WHAT TO DO

Festivals

Irrigon Watermelon Festival

•Saturday, July 29
•Irrigon Marina Park
www.facebook.com/irrigonwatermelonfestival
Free admission. Parade (10 a.m.), live entertainment, raffles, vendors, food, boat rides, kids' activities, a street dance (9 p.m. to midnight) and lots of watermelon.

Show N Shine Car Show

•Saturday, July 29; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
•Earl Snell Park, Arlington
www.visitarlingtonoregon.com
Free admission, \$10/per vehicle entry. Car show registration at 9 a.m.; awards at 3:15 p.m. Park activities: hula hoop contest, Rubber Duck Regatta, poker walk, barbecue lunch and strawberry shortcake.

Chief Joseph Days

•July 25-30
•Joseph
www.chiefjosephdays.com
Many free activities. Rodeo tickets \$14-\$20; event also features dances, mechanical bull rides, a parade, Friendship Feast, Indian dance contest and a cowboy church service.

Yoga Round-Up

•July 28-30
•Pendleton Round-Up Grounds, 1205 S.W. Court Ave.; Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate
www.wellnesswave.org
\$50. Bring yoga mat, journal and pen. Camping available.

Umatilla County Fair Parade Kick Off

•Saturday, Aug. 5; 5:30-11 p.m.
•Nookies/Hermiston Brewing Co., 125 N. First St., Hermiston
www.facebook.com/hermistonbrewingcompany
No cover. Make reservations to celebrate along the parade route. All ages. Call 541-701-1224.

Art, Museums, Authors

PDX in PDT

•Saturday, July 29; noon-4 p.m.
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.
www.pendletonarts.org

Free. Features selected artists from PDX Contemporary Art, a gallery in Portland's Pearl District. Lorenzen Board Room includes works of Walla Walla photographer Susan How. Runs through July 29.
Naami Nishaycht, Our Living Culture Village
•Monday-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; opens Aug. 1
•Tamástsiikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.
www.tamastsiikt.org
\$10/adults, \$9/senior citizens, \$6/youths, free/5 and under or \$25/family of four. Highlights American Indian life, including local foods, survival skills, manufacturing of goods, games and stories from tribal leaders. Runs through Sept. 4.

A Kaleidoscope of Color: American Indian Trade Blankets

•Friday, Aug. 4; exhibit opens
•Monday-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Tamástsiikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.
www.tamastsiikt.org
Free on First Friday, \$10/adults, \$9/senior citizens, \$6/youths, free/5 and under or \$25/family of four.

Showcases pre-1925 Indian trade blankets from historic manufacturers, including Pendleton Woolen Mills. Runs through Oct. 14.

"A Love of Western Color"

•Monday-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
•Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave.

Free. Features watercolors and fluid acrylic paintings by The Dalles artist Mary Rollins. Runs through Aug. 31.

Ozark Hippie Exhibit

•Monday-Thursdays; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
•Friday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.
www.hermistonlibrary.us

Free. Watercolors of Kim La Plant, aka Ozark Hippie, on display. Runs through July 31.

"Collected Works: Black and White"

•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

Free. Features Walla Walla artist Susan How. Runs through Aug. 31.

"In the Darkness I Find Light"

•Tuesday-Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

•Peterson's Gallery and Chocolatier, 1925 Main St., Baker City
www.petersonsgallery.net

Free. Features a collection of photos by Amy Friedman shot exclusively at night. Runs through July 30.

SAGE Saturday

•Saturday, Aug. 12; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
•SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman
www.visitsage.com

Free. Activities for kids and their parents features designing and making your own eclipse glasses for protection during the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse. The museum's regular hours are Sunday-Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday/Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Quilters by 12 Walla Walla

•Saturday & Sundays; noon-5 p.m.; 1st/3rd Thursdays; 5-8 p.m.
•Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater

Free. Quilt lovers won't want to miss this display. Runs through July 31.

Music

Ruckus in the Boonies

•July 28-30 (approximately 2 a.m.)
•Morrow County Fairgrounds, 74473 Highway 74, Heppner
www.ruckusintheboonies.com
\$40/all-ages festival passes. More than 40 bands/solo acts of multiple genres. Camping available.

Carter Freeman

•Saturday, July 29; 6-9 p.m.
•Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton
No cover. All ages Music on the Lawn concert series.

Ramón Ayala

•Saturday, July 29; 8 p.m.
•Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.
www.wildhorseresort.com

\$39-\$109. All ages outdoor show features the King of Accordion. No-host bar and food vendors available.

Los Patrillos De Juan Carrillo

•Saturday, July 29; 8 p.m. No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

Buttercreek Boys

•Monday, July 31; 7 p.m.
•Irrigon Marina Park
Free. Music in the Parks series alternates weekly between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Food available for purchase.

Lincoln Barr

•Wednesday, Aug. 2; 6-8 p.m.
•Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton
www.facebook.com/soundslikeentertainmentbooking

Free. Wednesdays in the Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the family-friendly shows. Food, beer and wine available for purchase.

Hawaiian Luau on the Lawn

•Friday, Aug. 4, 4 p.m. All ages No cover
•Hamley Steakhouse lawn, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

Free. Live music features Murray Dunlap (5:30 p.m.) and Tyler Brooks & The Hook (8 p.m.). Food and drink specials, free lei and prize drawings.

Raucous

•Friday, Aug. 4; Saturday, Aug. 5; 8 p.m. No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

Fair & Rodeo Kick Off Party

•Saturday, Aug. 5; 9 p.m.
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston
www.facebook.com/thepheasantbluecollarbargrill

Blue Mt. Spanish Sound

•Monday, Aug. 7; 7 p.m.
•Boardman Marina Park

Free. Music in the Parks series alternates weekly between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Food available for purchase.

Ian Moore & the Lossy Coils

•Wednesday, Aug. 9; 6-8 p.m.
•Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton
www.facebook.com/soundslikeentertainmentbooking

Free. Wednesdays in the Park features the Seattle-based band with Texas roots. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the family-friendly shows. Food, beer and wine available for purchase.

Night life

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

Karaoke w/DJ David

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

Watermelon Wrestling

•Saturday, July 29; 9 p.m.
•Sub Zero Restaurant & Lounge, 100 W. Highway 730, Irrigon

Free or \$5/after 8 p.m. Cash prizes and followed by Lucky Coyotes dancing. Call 541-922-4374.

LOL Comedy Jam

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

No cover. Aug. 3: Bill Scott; Aug. 10: Marc Yaffee

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

Karaoke w/DJ David

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

Theater, stage, film & lectures

Pendleton Movies in the Park

•Saturdays; dusk
•Community Park, 1000 S.W. 37th St., Pendleton
www.facebook.com/PendletonParksRec

Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Concessions available for purchase. July 29: "Happy Feet Two." Weather cancellations posted at park and Facebook page.

Ione Movies in the Park

•Saturdays; dusk
•Ione City Park
Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and a cooler. July 29: "Lilo & Stitch," Aug. 5: "Pocahontas."

Hermiston Movies in the Park

•Fridays; dusk
•McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston
www.facebook.com/hermistonrec

Free. Aug. 4: "ET the Extra-Terrestrial," Aug. 11: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Out of the Shadows." Bring a blanket, chairs and snacks.

Hot tickets

•Umatilla County Fair Main Stage: Reserved seats \$12-\$20. LoCash (Aug. 8), Tracy Lawrence (Aug. 9), Marshall Tucker Band (Aug. 10), Latino Night (Aug. 11), Great White (Aug. 12). Tickets via www.umatillacounty.net/fair

•Dokken: Aug. 31, Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Tickets for the 21-and-older show (\$29) available via www.wildhorseresort.com

•Round-Up Happy Canyon Kick-off Concert: (Gary Allan) Sept. 9, Happy Canyon Arena. Tickets (\$40 to \$130) via www.pendletonroundup.com

•Maryhill Winery Summer Concert Series: Michael McDonald & Boz Scaggs, Aug. 12 (\$46-\$325), ZZ Top & The Doobie Brothers, Aug. 26 (\$76-\$400), Steve Winwood, Sept. 9 (\$46-\$86), Goo Goo Dolls & Phillip Phillips, Sept. 17 (\$50-\$1,500) near Goldendale, Washington. Tickets via www.ticketfly.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.