

Murder mystery dinner fires up the barbie

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A barbecue meal is featured during the upcoming murder mystery dinner theater event presented by Agape House.

However, before the barbie even gets fired up, a mate's getting skewered. With an Australian barbecue theme, the menu features a choice of maple bacon chicken or rotisserie pork loin. The meal, catered by Nookie's Restaurant, also includes corn on the cob, baked beans and coleslaw. The cost is \$30 per person.

"Bump Off at the BBQ" is Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Maxwell Siding Event Center, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston. Guests are invited to enjoy the meal while attempting to crack the case before their chicken gets cold.

It seems someone is as mad as a cut snake at Willy Willy, the host of the barbecue. Among the potential suspects are Sally Monella, Willy's voluptuous neighbor; Crocodile Dunkirk, the muscular park ranger; Frank Furter, who is known to



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Trish Rossell interacts with guests during a past murder mystery fundraiser for Agape House. A few tickets remain for "Bump Off at the BBQ" Saturday at Maxwell Siding Event Center, Hermiston.

tip back a few too many Foster lagers; Sheila Swheels, a car insurance broker and professional boomerang thrower; and Sidney Oprahaus, who works in importing/exporting. Or maybe it's Dame Edna Average, Willy's outrageous girlfriend, who is anything but average.

"Obviously, every one of the characters have a reason

to want to see him not alive anymore," said Dave Hughes, Agape House executive director.

The murder mystery presentations have been real corkers for Agape House. Hosting the dramatic fundraising events every few months, Hughes said they each net about \$1,000 for the nonprofit organization. Agape House assists with

providing basic services for people in need in Hermiston and the surrounding area.

This is the second time the event will be held at the Maxwell Siding Event Center, which offers about the same amount of seating as the venue at Agape House. Hughes is stoked with the arrangement.

"The biggest advantage is when the play is over, my wife and I can walk out the door and we don't have to clean up the building," he said with a laugh.

All joking aside, Hughes is appreciative of the partnership in working with personnel from Nookie's and the event center.

"With their donation of a good portion of the user's fee and what they do for us, it makes it a lot easier," he said.

The helpful bloke that he is, Hughes will hook you up with tickets or answer questions if you ring him at 541-567-8774 or 541-571-7293.

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BRIEFLY

Dirt Dabblers reschedule meeting

PENDLETON — The Dirt Dabblers Garden Club of Pendleton has moved its regular monthly meeting to Monday, Aug. 28. The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in the Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St.

Members are encouraged to bring flowers from their yards and gardens for a club flower show. For more information, email johnsonstub@yahoo.com.

IMAC cooks up fundraising breakfast

IRRIGON — A home-cooked breakfast will help support the Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center. The fundraising meal is Saturday from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon. The cost is \$4.50 per person.

The group is dedicated to preserving Irrigon's 1921 school building and developing a regional art venue. For more information, call Peggy Price at 541-567-3806.

Kayak trip features moonlight fun

HERMISTON — A unique opportunity to enjoy the Columbia River via kayak as the sun sets is being coordinated by Hermiston Parks & Recreation.

The Harvest Moonlight Paddle is Friday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Hat Rock State Park. Participants will meet at the main boat ramp parking lot. Afterwards, a bonfire will feature harvest-themed treats.

The cost is \$30 for Hermiston residents or \$38 for non-residents. In addition, there is a \$10 kayak rental, if needed. The activity is open to ages 14 and up (youths must be accompanied by an adult). Those planning to attend need to register by Friday, Sept. 1.

Sponsored by Hat Rock State Park and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, paddlers will enjoy an evening along the river under the enchanting night sky. Participants are encouraged to bring a headlamp and glow sticks.

For more information, visit www.hermistonrecreation.com. To register, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the recreation office, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston.

East Moraine work party seeks volunteers

JOSEPH — A work party to help restore habitat for mule deer, elk and other animals is planned on the East Moraine at Wallowa Lake.

The public is invited to assist with removal of barbed-wire fencing and other tasks to help make the landscape more accessible for animals who live and roam in the area.

Coordinated by the Wallowa Land Trust, the Habitat Restoration on the East Moraine is Saturday, Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. To RSVP and for directions to the gathering place, contact info@wallowalandtrust.org or 541-426-2042.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 CREDIT PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL, 7:30-9 a.m., Shari's Restaurant, 319 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (LaFrance Grubbs 541-276-5318) WILLOW RUN LADIES GOLF CLUB, 8 a.m., Willow Run Golf Course, 78873 Toms Camp Road, Boardman. Rain or shine. Need not be a member to play. (541-481-4381) HERMISTON KIWANIS CLUB, 12 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 145 N. First St., Hermiston. (541-567-6728) CAY-UJMA-WA TOASTMASTERS, 12-1 p.m., Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd, Pendleton. Everyone welcome. (Jeannette Taylor 541-276-9492) ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF PENDLETON, 12 p.m., Red Lion Inn, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. HERMISTON ELKS DINNER, 5:30-8 p.m., Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main St., Hermiston. (541-567-6923) FRIENDS OF IRRIGON LIBRARY, 6 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-0138) UMATILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD, 6 p.m., Umatilla Chamber of Commerce, 100 Cline Ave., Umatilla. (541-922-4825) MILTON-FREEWATER JAYCEES, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater

Elks Lodge, 611 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-9317) PENDLETON EAGLES AUXILIARY AND AERIE, 7 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. (541-278-2828) THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 TUMBLEWEED TOASTMASTERS, 6:30 a.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Visitors welcome. (541-567-3360) ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM THE DRY SIDE, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. Use Seventh Street entrance. Monthly business meeting at noon. (541-567-4446) CONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 12 p.m., Gilliam County Courthouse, 221 S. Oregon St., Condon. (541-384-7777) PENDLETON LIONS CLUB, 12 p.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton. MILTON-FREEWATER REPUBLICAN WOMEN, 12 p.m., Milton-Freewater Community Building, 109 N.E. Fifth Ave., Milton-Freewater. Bring a sack lunch; coffee will be provided. (Suni Danforth 541-215-9389) ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF HERMISTON, 12 p.m., ARC Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

HERMISTON HORSESHOE CLUB, 5 p.m., Hermiston High School Weber Field, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. (Rick Rebman 541-720-6402) WRITER'S GROUP, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Writing support group offering encouragement, inspiration and motivation. All writers welcome. (Jodi Hansen 541-567-2882) PENDLETON EAGLES BURGERS AND KARAOKE, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828) ATHENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 6-7:30 p.m., Athena Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. Current and interested members as well as the public are welcome. (April McKenna or Katie Zmuda 541-310-9557) MAIN STREET COWBOYS, 7 p.m., Main Street Cowboys, 29 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3901) PENDLETON KIWANIS CLUB, 7 p.m., location varies, location varies, Pendleton. If there are 5 Thursdays in the month, the 4th Thursday meeting is held at noon. Guests welcome. (541-278-5785) HERMISTON ELKS LODGE NO. 1845, 7 p.m., Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main St., Hermiston. (541-567-6923)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 PENDLETON MASTERS SWIM CLUB, 5-6 p.m., Roundup Athletic Club pool, 1415 Southgate, Pendleton. \$5 per session coaching fee; non-RAC members pay \$8 pool fee per session. (Tania Wildbill 541-310-9120) PENDLETON EAGLES LADIES AUXILIARY KITCHEN, 6-8 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828) SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 MEN'S BREAKFAST, 8 a.m., Bethel Assembly of God Church, 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton. (541-276-7559) STANDING WITH STANDING ROCK, WATER, AIR AND EARTH PROTECTORS, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. UMATILLA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE, 12:30 p.m., Columbia Grange Hall, 32339 Diagonal Road, Hermiston. Lunch will be followed by a meeting. (Tom or Doris 541-567-9742 or 541-567-8663) PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-11:30 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Dinner from 6-8 p.m., music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

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WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT & THURSDAY MORNING

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