

PENDLETON

'A Talk with Teddy' features Roosevelt re-enactor

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Joe Wiegand, an actor and historian, will present "A Talk with Teddy" during the Heritage Dinner 2017. The Oct. 10 event benefits Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton.

Local audiences will be treated to a top-notch performance by Joe Wiegand — a premiere Theodore Roosevelt impersonator.

An actor and historian, Wiegand is featured during Heritage Dinner 2017: "A Talk with Teddy." The event, which benefits the Umatilla County Historical Society, is Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. at Heritage Station Museum, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. Tickets are \$50 for historical society members and \$55 for non-members.

According to his biography, Wiegand, who offers riveting performances as the 26th president of the United States, first started portraying Roosevelt in 2004. Rather than calling himself an impersonator or re-enactor, he refers to his role as a repriser.

In 2008, Wiegand and his family traveled across the United States in celebration of Theodore Roosevelt's 150th birthday. Performances at Roosevelt's New York City birthplace and the White

House highlighted the 50-state adventure.

Wiegand even received a letter of appreciation from then-President George W. Bush.

"Your spirited performance for Theodore Roosevelt's 150th birthday celebration at the White House was a great way to commemorate the many accomplishments of our 26th president. I appreciate your help in making the event memorable for all our guests," Bush wrote.

Also, he has been featured

as President Roosevelt in "The Men Who Built America" on the History Channel, served as the model for a Roosevelt sculpture at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, and has a feature role in "National Parks Adventure," a film about U.S. national parks.

Wiegand performs throughout the year, including special summer tours in Medora, North Dakota, the gateway town to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Several years ago, he started

a Gathering of the TRs in Medora, which attracts Roosevelt impersonators who perform and discuss their characterization of the 26th president.

Performing and politics come naturally for Wiegand. His father was a stand-up comedian and Wiegand received a degree in political science at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He served in student government and was president of the American Legion Boys Nation program.

Before launching his career as a Roosevelt impersonator, Wiegand worked as a public policy professional, opinion survey expert and a political campaign consultant. His resume includes working on Mike Huckabee's 2008 presidential campaign in Illinois.

Tickets for the dinner and performance are available at Heritage Station Museum. For more information, call 541-276-0012 or visit www.heritagestationmuseum.org. For more about Weigand, visit www.teddyrooseveltshow.com.

BRIEFLY

Adult paint party focuses on fall color

PENDLETON — Fall Red Trees is the theme for an adult paint party Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. at Jeny's Heart With Art on Main.

The beginner's art class for ages 18 and over introduces participants to a variety of fun painting techniques with step-by-step instructions, so no previous painting experience is necessary. All supplies are included in the \$30 class fee.

Registration is required, and now people can register multiple seats at once, by popular demand. Contact Pendleton Parks and Recreation at their office, 875 Tutuilla Road, or call 541-276-8100.

Basketball skills program offered

PENDLETON — Pendleton Parks and Recreation is offering a basketball skills program tailored for kids in third grade and up. Classes begin Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Pendleton Recreation Center's gym, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave.

The program focuses on individual skill development, building confidence with ball handling, approaching the basket and pushing limits. Coach Garnett will tailor the drills with increasing intensity to challenge the kids to take their game to an entirely new level.

Students in grades 3-5 will meet from 3:15-4:30 p.m., and grades 6 and up will meet from 4:30-6:15 p.m. for five Sundays beginning Oct. 1, skipping Oct. 22. Cost to attend the program is \$55 for grades 3-5 and \$68 for grades 6 and up.

Registration is required by Sept. 26. Visit the parks and rec office, 875 Tutuilla Road, or by calling 541-276-8100.

Fall rehearsals begin for prep orchestras

PENDLETON — The Oregon East Symphony's preparatory orchestras will start their fall rehearsal series over the next few weeks.

The intermediate level A Sharp Players Orchestra will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Pendleton High School Music Department starting Sept. 28. A Sharps is open to strings, wind, and percussion players. Oregon East Symphony Assistant conductor and Columbia Basin College music chair Bruce Walker will direct.

The beginner level Preludes Preparatory Orchestra will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Blue Mountain Community College music department starting Oct. 5. Preludes is open to beginner lever string musicians that can read sheet music. Hermiston-based violin instructor and Oregon East Symphony section violinist Melinda Tovey will direct.

Contact the symphony office at 541-276-0320 or email oesofficeinfo@gmail.com for more information and registration forms.

In Her Shoes offers glimpse of victims

HERMISTON — An experiential exercise that provides insight as to what battered women and men go through is being presented in Hermiston.

Participants will move, do, think and experience what it's like from the role of victims. In Her Shoes is Tuesday, Oct. 3 between 7 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. in Conference Room 1-2 at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St.

For more information, contact the hospital's education department at 541-667-3509 or healthinfo@gshealth.org.

COMING EVENTS

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21 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)

**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., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston 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 parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 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)

**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)

**WINE AND FOOD EVET**, 5-8 p.m., Arts Portal Gallery, 508 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. (Laura Rose 541-938-5516)

**YARN CLUB**, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**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)

**FIDDLERS NIGHT**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light evening, listen to

some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)

**FIRST DRAFT WRITERS' SERIES**, 7-9 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Poets Amy McClennan and Amy Miller will share from their work. Open mic slots of 3-5 minutes available following main presentation. Free. (Roberta Lavador 541-278-9201)

**TONY! TONI! TONE! IN CONCERT**, 8 p.m., Wildhorse Resort & Casino Rivers Events Center, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. Pre-Funk party in Cayuse Hall featuring an appearance by the '90s hip-hop group will be followed by a 21-and-over concert. Tickets are \$19 (general admission) or \$49 (VIP) at the casino gift shop or online at www.wildhorseresort.com (800-654-9453)

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22 HEPPNER FARMERS MARKET**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Heppner City Park, 444 N. Main St., Heppner. Local produce, crafts, baked goods and more. (Don or Jo Ann Shannon 541-676-8957)

**WELCOME HOME VETER-**

**ANS**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Walla Walla VA Medical Center, 77 Wainwright Drive, Walla Walla. Veterans information, public job fair, unveiling of interpretive panels on VA campus, Buffalo Soldiers of Seattie, breakfast bagels, car show 'n' shine and more. Free. (Linda Wondra 509-525-5200 ext. 26520)

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

**PENDLETON FARMERS MARKET**, 4-7 p.m., 300 block, South Main Street, Pendleton. Local produce, baked goods, crafts, jewelry, live music, food vendors and more. (Cheryl Montgomery 541-969-9466)

**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)

**SAGE CENTER MOVIE EVENT**, 7:15 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Enjoy "Captain Underpants" and popcorn with \$3 admission. Bottled water will be available for cash purchase. All ages. (Stefanie Swindler 541-481-7243)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

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THURSDAY LATE NIGHT & FRIDAY MORNING

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