

ECHO

Corn maze, zipline open this week

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An elevated view of the Echo Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch gives a glimpse of the two miles of pathways within the eight-acre cornfield.

Growing up in and around the agriculture industry, Bob and Gina Tyhuis enjoy sharing their love for the outdoors with others.

For the second year in the row, the Echo couple has revived fall fun with the Echo Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch. The attraction opens this week with two miles of winding pathways cut through an eight-acre cornfield near downtown Echo at 100 N. Dupont St.

Regular hours are Wednesdays from 3-9 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Oct. 26-27 from 3-9 p.m. A decision will be made as the date gets closer if the attraction will be open on Halloween. The Field of Screams, which offers a haunted experience, is available Saturday, Oct. 21, Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28 from 7-9 p.m.

Gina Tyhuis is particularly looking forward to the frightful fun. This summer's warm weather contributed to extraordinary growth by the cornstalks, which tower at

12-13 feet, she said. "I haunted for the first time last year," Tyhuis said. "It's fun to see people smile and have a good time."

The \$10 wristband includes wandering through the corn maze, the corn crib (like a big sand box, only with kernels of corn), a mini maze, straw bale maze and a tunnel maze (for wee ones). Additional activities, including the zipline and kiddie carts are \$2 per ride. The Field of Screams

is \$12, which includes the regular maze. The event also offers limited concessions.

Tyhuis said people also can pick up fall decorations, including corn stalks, gourds and ears of corn. And, there are lots of varieties of pumpkins to choose from, which are available for purchase by the pound.

"It will be fun for people to hunt for that perfect pumpkin," she said. Moving to Echo nearly

three years ago, the Tyhuis family decided to celebrate last year's "adoption month" in a special way. It was the second October since adopting their son, Brent, who will be 4 in the spring.

"We wanted him to have a corn maze. What a gift for a kid and the community," Tyhuis said. "I like that we're not a carnival, we're just good outdoor fun."

The daughter of Lloyd and Lois Piercy, Tyhuis said her family has their own farm and is involved with Echo West Vineyard.

Offering the corn maze and other attractions to the community, Tyhuis said, is a way to help people make the connection from farm to table.

"It's just fun to see everyone enjoying agriculture," she said. "It's the end of the season. It's a fun celebration."

For more information, including to inquire about booking group events or fire pit rentals, contact 509-528-5808, echocommaze@gmail.com or visit www.echocornmaze.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFLY

Free workshop addresses health insurance

PENDLETON — A free two-hour workshop on understanding health insurance will be offered in Pendleton.

Health Insurance 101 is Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the Pendleton City Hall Community Room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave. While there is no admission fee, those planning to attend are asked to RSVP at www.eventbrite.com.

The session will explain how health insurance works and coverage options, dispel myths related to health insurance and the Affordable Care Act, and answer questions about health insurance in Oregon.

For more information, contact Amy Coven at amy.n.coven@oregon.gov or 855-268-3767.

in Pioneer Hall at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

An original play written and directed by Margaret Mayer, Osa Jubilee Forrester is the assistant director. Working through a series of reminiscences, Mayer said, the older show folk remind all of us what life was like "in the good days of vaudeville and Broadway." In all, there will be two hours of live music and fun, she said.

All proceeds will go to BMCC student scholarships. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. They are available in advance at Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave. They also will be sold at the door. Although there are no reserved seats, general reservations can be made through the BMCC Box Office at 541-278-5928 or the BMCC Foundation at 541-278-5775.

Old show highlights vaudeville fun

PENDLETON — Ever wonder what happens when you put a bunch of retired show business people together to celebrate New Year's Eve in 1985? Come find out!

The Blue Mountain Community College Foundation presents "That Night at the Old (Show) Folks Home."

The show features some of the greatest hits from vaudeville and musical theatre. Featuring an all-star cast including Bill Mayclin, Doreen Matteson, Jordan Leonard Uhlman, Dan Haug, Marcia Brown, Cheryl Carlson, Brittany Johnson, Lezlee Flagg and many others, the musical revue promises to make audiences laugh out loud. The show will be presented Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Bob Clapp Theatre, located

Couple to share about Cambodian School Project

PENDLETON — Vecie and Barry Grant will share about the Cambodian School Project during the upcoming AAUW general membership meeting.

The couple will share about their initiation, support and funding of the project. Open to anyone that's interested in attending, the meeting is Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton.

The American Association of University Women works to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The Pendleton affiliate is the closest group in the region.

For more information, contact Marlene Krout at mkaykrout@yahoo.com or 541-276-7596. For more about the AAUW, go to www.aauw.org.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

"IN HER SHOES" ACTIVITY AND PRESENTATIONS, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Walk in the shoes of a domestic violence victim and learn about the barriers, decisions and solutions for those experiencing abuse. Classes about domestic violence involving all ages, sexual assault, elder abuse and more will be given throughout the day. Free, but registration requested. (541-667-3409)

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)

SENSORY EXPLORATION, 11 a.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. For ages 0-3. Sensory Bins provide endless ways for little ones to experience new things with all of their senses and boost essential skills. (541-276-1066)

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)

CRAFTERNOONS, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)

SPINA BIFIDA AWARENESS CHILI FEED FUNDRAISER, 5-7 p.m., Helix Community School, 106 Main St., Helix. Dinner includes chili, bread, salad and dessert. A chili cook-off competition and silent auction also will be held. Cost to attend is \$5 per person; proceeds benefit the Spina Bifida Association. (Stacey Kinman 541-457-2175)

DIG PINK INITIATIVE, 5 p.m.,

lone Community School gymnasium, 445 Spring St., lone. Enjoy the volleyball games and raffles, cupcakes, pom-poms, T-shirts and other pink items for sale. All proceeds benefit the Side-Outs Dig Pink Initiative.

WALK HERMISTON, 5:30 p.m., Riverfront Park, Southwest 23rd St., Hermiston. No fee, includes T-shirt, website access, fitness tips and results. Registration requested. (541-567-5521)

PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE, 9-9:45 a.m., Good Shepherd Wellness Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Improve balance, increase flexibility and strengthen core muscles. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes with flexible soles. Can be performed standing or sitting. Class size capped at 15; registration required. (Lynda Carraher 541-922-4203)

BABY & ME LEARN & PLAY, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library back entrance, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Engaging children and getting them excited about music, improving motor skills and sparking creativity while supporting early literacy development. For children ages newborn to 4 years and parent/guardian. (541-567-2882)

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CBS	19	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NBC	25	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4
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AMC	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83
ANPL	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
CMT	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
CNBC	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
CNN	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91
DISC	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
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ESPN	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
ESPN2	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57
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FOOD	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
FREE	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
GOLF	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
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SYFY	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
TBS	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82
TCM	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
TLC	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
TNT	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70										