

PENDLETON

Molly's Revenge offers energetic performance

Celtic band sold out last two Pendleton appearances

East Oregonian

A unique acoustic Celtic band is returning to Pendleton, offering audience members a heaping dose of infectious enthusiasm.

Molly's Revenge has packed Pearson Auditorium at Pendleton Center for the Arts for its recent concert appearances. The dynamic Celtic band is highly revered as one of the most energetic, exciting and innovative bands on the West Coast, said Roberta Lavadour, executive director at the arts center.

The group will perform Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Tickets are \$15 and are available by calling 541-278-9201. Early ticket purchases are highly recommended due to the group's popularity.

The band's classic combination of bagpipes, whistle and fiddle mixed with a backdrop of guitar, mandola and bodhran promises to appeal to Scottish and Irish music fans. In addition, their arrangements of traditional Celtic jigs and reels offer a driving hard-edged accent that leaves audiences asking for more. In addition, it provides a freshness that engages a broad base of fans.

"The instruments are traditional ... but the wild passion they exhibit is thoroughly modern," said a review in the *Metro Santa Cruz*.

Molly's Revenge has performed at many of the top folk festivals and performing arts events in the United States. In addition, they have brought audiences to their feet at prestigious events in Scotland, Australia and China.

Front man David Brewer plays highland bagpipes, border pipes, uilleann pipes, whistles, and bodhran.



Photo contributed by Rick Ahern

Molly's Revenge, a California based acoustic Celtic trio known for a unique and infectious enthusiasm, is performing Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

He studied in Scotland at the Ceolas Music School in South Uist under the tutelage of some of the best pipers in the world. He has composed nearly 200 traditional style tunes, with many appearing on recordings, independent films and TV.

John Weed is a classically trained violinist who switched to playing Irish fiddle about 16 years ago. Living in Ireland about the same time, Weed taught fiddle workshops at the Flowing Tide International Music School in Doonbeg, County Clare. He has studied with Ciaran O'Maonaigh and Dermot McLoughlin.

Stuart Mason, who rounds out the trio, has been collecting and performing traditional music for more than 30 years. He plays everything from Celtic and old time bluegrass to his own original compositions, which have garnered awards from the West Coast Songwriters Association.

For more information about the local show, call 541-278-9201. For more about the band, visit www.mollysrevenge.com.

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BRIEFLY

Minor injuries in pedestrian vs. car

HERMISTON — A Hermiston woman was hit by a vehicle while walking on Highway 207 on Tuesday evening, and had several minor lacerations to her head.

An Oregon State Police trooper arrived at the scene shortly after the collision at 8:26 p.m., and determined that the driver, Kayden Mecham, had been traveling north on Highway 207.

The pedestrian, Olga Ayala, was walking south along the fog line wearing all-black clothing. The vehicle was coming around a curve when the driver reported hearing a thump. According to a police report, the passenger side mirror had hit the pedestrian.

The driver stopped, called 911 and remained on scene, and the pedestrian was later transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center.

OSP Sgt. Seth Cooney said the woman's injuries were relatively minor, and that there was no citation listed for the driver.

Pendleton area OPB viewers may experience interruption next week

PENDLETON — Oregon Public Broadcasting viewers who receive the channel through an antenna in Pendleton and Milton-Freewater may experience a brief broadcast interruption next week.

Starting next Monday, OPB will be changing frequencies for TV translators in those two areas, meaning some viewers may need a channel rescan on their TVs to continue receiving OPB.

For information on how to rescan, visit opb.org/rescan or call 1-800-241-8123.

Youth book club meets Thursday

PENDLETON — All middle school students are invited to enjoy snacks and discuss reading at the Pendleton Public Library.

The Middle School Book Club meets Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. All youths in sixth through eighth grades are invited to attend. No registration is required.

For more information, call 541-966-0380, mary.finney@ci.pendleton.or.us www.pendletonlibrary.weebly.com.

Good Shepherd provides Medicare help

HERMISTON — If navigating information about Medicare becomes maddening, Good Shepherd Medical Center has just the information session for you.

Free Friday Medicare Madness provides answers to Medicare questions, including how to obtain a new prescription plan, while assisting people with the Medicare open enrollment process. The free Medicare counseling and information is provided by Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program volunteers. The upcoming session is Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the hospital, 610 N.W. 11th St. It will be held in Conference Room 7, located by the hospital's education department.

Additional dates are each Friday (except Nov. 24) through Dec. 1. The Oct. 27 and Nov. 10 sessions will be held in Conference Rooms 5-6, located by the cafeteria; while the other dates will be held in Conference Room 7.

For more information, contact 541-667-3507, cherrera@gshealth.org or find the event on Facebook.

Frazier Farmstead Museum unplugs festival activities

MILTON-FREEWATER — Frazier Farmstead Museum is excited to welcome everyone to experience a charming day of unplugged family fun.

The Fall Family Fun Fest features pioneer crafts, dress-ups, a petting zoo and other activities at the Frazier Farmstead Museum. Offering fun for all ages, the event also includes a cider-making station and free hot dogs. The free festival is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the historic 1919 barn at the museum, 1403 Chestnut St., Milton-Freewater.

The museum is dedicated to preserving and showcasing the history of the Milton-Freewater area. It's open Thursday through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March through December and other times by appointment. For more information, visit www.frazierfarmsteadmuseum.org or call 541-938-4636.

Library carves out pumpkin craft

HERMISTON — A pumpkin decorating activity is planned at the Hermiston Public Library.

Thanks to a donation from Bellingher Farms, the first 50 families will receive a free pumpkin to decorate. An alternate craft activity will be available for families that do not receive a pumpkin. All supplies will be provided.

The activity is Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 4-6 p.m. at the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. For more information, call 541-567-2882.

Businesses, nonprofits collecting coats for those in need

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

As cold weather settles over Eastern Oregon, there are plenty of ways people can make sure their gently used coats can go to good use.

The Agape House in Hermiston takes winter coats, which can be dropped off at the building at 500 W. Harper Road from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. The nonprofit assists people with basic needs such as emergency food boxes and showers for the homeless, and will be hosting a coat giveaway on Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Businesses often host coat drives during the winter to donate to nonprofits that distribute them to those in need. Simmons Insurance Agency is currently hosting a coat drive for the Agape House. Coats can be dropped off at any Simmons Insurance location between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Desert Rose Ministries, which also assists the homeless and down-and-out, takes coat donations of all sizes from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 512 E. Main St. in Hermiston.

"We can use just about anything donated," Jim Robinson said.



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Coats hang on the racks during a past Coats for Kids event at The Salvation Army in Pendleton. Nonprofits around the area are collecting coats for both children and adults.

For many people, going without a coat might mean some discomfort while running between the car and the house. But Robinson said Desert Rose Ministries makes contact with a lot of homeless Hermiston residents who don't have a place to escape the wind or snow. He said the nonprofit is also trying to get a second hand store started and can take donations of items like blankets and tarps that will help those who are living out in the elements stay warm during the winter.

Coats can also be an issue

at schools, where children are sent outside each day for recess.

Maria Duron, communications officer for Hermiston School District, said coats are handled on a school-by-school basis. Some schools do official coat drives for students in need, while others just handle whatever donations may be dropped off. Some schools also apply for grants from the Oregon Education Foundation to purchase new coats for students who don't have one, or work with the CARE (Community Access for

Resource Effectiveness).

Stanfield Public Library will be hosting a coat-swapping opportunity again this year. Librarian Cecily Longhorn said she came up with the idea a few years ago because so many people in Stanfield walk everywhere, and there didn't seem to be anywhere else in town where people in need could get a coat, or parents could swap coats that their children barely wore before outgrowing. She said she wasn't sure if she would do it again this year but there were a lot of people who were interested in making sure it continued. She said people can drop off coats any time, but the coat rack won't be up in the library until Nov. 1, after the library's fall festival on Oct. 28.

"We ask that people bring in clean, gently used coats that are still in good condition," she said.

In Pendleton, people can bring in coats to the front office of Pendleton High School or the Salvation Army at 105 S.E. Emigrant Ave. to contribute toward a Coats for Kids event on Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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