

MISSION

Museum program facilitates discussion about being an American



Contributed by Tamástlikt Cultural Institute

The Oregon Humanities' Conversation Project asks "What Does it Mean to be American?" The free facilitated discussion is Saturday, Nov. 4 at Tamástlikt Cultural Institute, Mission.

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The United States has been described as a melting pot with its diversity of citizens — the Conversation Project asks "What Does it Mean to be American?"

As part of the Oregon Humanities' program, Ellen M. Knutson will facilitate a discussion to take a look at the complicated question. Pepsi Prime-time @ the Museum hosts the event Saturday, Nov. 4 from 1-2:30 p.m. at Tamástlikt Cultural Institute, located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino in Mission. Admission is free and will include snacks and beverages.

The United States is a culturally diverse nation with residents who can trace their heritage to countries across the globe. And the country's diversity is projected to continue to increase over the next several decades.

A variety of discussion starters will be posed, including: Given the differences of race, ethnicity, place, religion, wealth, language, education and ideology that exist in the U.S., what are the things that unite us as a nation? How do we understand what it means to be American and what do we hold valuable?

The public is invited to share their ideas about what it means to be American — and to hear others' thoughts. Identifying differences and points of connection may lead people toward the ideal stated in our nation's motto: E pluribus unum (out of many, one).

Knutson is a Portland-based research associate at the Charles F. Kettering Foundation. She is a key member of the research team comprised of Russian and U.S. colleagues developing libraries as centers for public dialogue and deliberation. Also, she is an adjunct assistant professor at the School of Information Sciences at University of Illinois, where she teaches a course on community engagement to students in

the online master's program. Knutson also serves on the advisory committee for the American Library Association's Center for Civic Life.

The Conversation Project brings Oregonians together to talk — across differences, beliefs and backgrounds — about important issues and ideas. The goal is to connect people to ideas and to each other, not to push an agenda or arrive at a consensus. The Project is built on the fact that conversation is a powerful medium to invite diverse perspectives, explore challenging questions and strive for just communities.

For more information about Pepsi Prime-time @ the Museum and other events at Tamástlikt, call 541-429-7700 or visit www.tamastlikt.org. For more about the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project, including other upcoming discussions, visit www.oregonhumanities.org.

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BRIEFLY

Literary pumpkins come to Pendleton Public Library

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Public Library is hosting its annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. People need to drop their pumpkins off as soon as possible to start receiving votes from other library patrons. The decor needs to represent a book title or character.

The pumpkin can not be carved. People are to use paint or markers, or glue paper or fabric to decorate them. Also, don't write your name anywhere on the pumpkin.

Winners will be selected in multiple age groups, including adults. For more information, contact 541-966-0380, mary.finney@ci.pendleton.or.us or stop by the library at 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

Hermiston Oxford Suites celebrates fall with open house

HERMISTON — An evening of socializing and fun is planned during the Oxford Suites Fall Open House.

Guests will have an opportunity to tour the newly renovated hotel, enjoy appetizers and beverages, and maybe go home with a raffle prize. The free event is Friday from 4-6:30 p.m. in the Walleye Room at Oxford Suites, 1050 N. First St., Hermiston.

For more information, contact Tera Ruiz at 541-564-8000 or terar@oxfordsuites.com.

Brass Fire jazzes things up with Hermiston High School band

HERMISTON — Brass Fire, a regional horn band, will be performing with the Hermiston High School jazz band.

The public is invited to the free performance Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the fine arts auditorium at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St.

For more information, contact the high school at 541-667-6100 or Brad Rozema at brassfireband@gmail.com.

College Community Theater announces 'Annie' auditions

PENDLETON — The College Community Theatre will be staging a production of the musical "Annie."

Auditions, which are open to the public, are Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. in Room 151 in the music department, located in McRae Activity Center at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

The directors are seeking 15 males, 12 females and eight girls ages 8-14. Those participating in the auditions don't have to do anything to prepare in advance — there will be pieces of songs from the show taught to them to sing and a movement/dance portion to see how well folks move. Also, there will be some readings from the script.

The performance dates are Feb. 22-25 and March 1-4. For more information, call co-director Margaret Mayer at 541-278-5174 or email cct@bluecc.edu.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

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)

PUMPKIN DECORATING, 4-6 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Decorate a pumpkin, donated by Bellingier Farms. All supplies provided. First 50 families only; alternate craft available for those who do not get a pumpkin. Free. (541-567-2882)

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)

THE ARC ACTIVITY NIGHT, 5:30-6:30 p.m., The ARC Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Games, crafts and refreshments. (541-567-7615)

HELP WITH MEDICARE COVERAGE, 5:30 p.m., Rooster's Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton. Up-to-date information and criteria on Medicare with

local health care specialists. No-host dinner; free coffee. (Terry Becktold or Debbie Alger 541-276-0367 or 541-276-9356)

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)

DIY @ THE LIBRARY, 6-8 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. October: Sophisticated Harry Potter crafts. For adults only. Registration required, limited to 10. (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)

ECHO CORN MAZE FIELD OF SCREAMS, 7-9 p.m., Corn Maze, 100 N. Dupont St., Echo. Additional \$2 above regular corn maze admission, suitable for older children and adults only. (Tyhuis Family 509-528-5808)

MOLLY'S REVENGE, 7 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Acoustic Celtic band combines bagpipes, whistle and fiddle with a backdrop of guitar, mandola and bodhran with hard-edged arrangements of traditional Celtic reels and jigs. Tickets are \$15, available by calling the arts center. Likely to sell out; reserve early. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

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TUESDAY LATE NIGHT & WEDNESDAY MORNING

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