

Holiday fundraisers feature fresh Christmas trees

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

With Christmas just around the corner, people in the market for a live tree can buy one from local organizations.

In addition to having the fresh aroma that comes with a live tree, purchases help support local people and programs. The Umatilla Volunteer Firefighter's Association, the Hermiston Kiwanis Club and Pendleton Boy Scout Troop 700, have announced plans to sell trees.

UMATILLA: In addition to trees, the Umatilla firefighter group returns with its annual Santa's Workshop. People are invited to peruse the crafter's bazaar inside Fire Station No. 2 in McNary for shopping and gift ideas.

The trees are arriving this week and Santa's Workshop opens on Black Friday. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and Friday through Sundays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 303 Willamette Ave., Umatilla.

A special visit by Santa Claus, who will arrive via a Life Flight



File photo

Jennifer Cecil and Tom Ditton help carry a Christmas tree that was bought by the Winebarger family in 2014 at the Hermiston Kiwanis Christmas tree lot. Several area nonprofit organizations sell Christmas trees as club fundraisers.

Network medical helicopter, is planned. The event will include photo opportunities with the jolly ol' elf. Details are being worked out with Santa's helpers and will be announced later. For more information, call 541-922-3718 or visit www.facebook.com/umatillavfa.

Money raised supports the Umatilla Christmas basket program, providing food and gifts for families in need. The firefighter's group also spreads holiday cheer by transporting Santa around town to deliver candy canes.

HERMISTON: The Hermiston

Kiwanis Club has been selling Christmas trees for more than 35 years. The fundraiser helps to support local youths and the community through scholarships and programs such as the youth symphony, the Junior Livestock Show and community park projects.

Tree sales begin Tuesday, Nov. 28 in the Hermiston Conference Center parking lot, 415 S. Highway 395. It's open Sundays through Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The trees are farm-grown in Estacada and are beautiful, said Doug Barak, Kiwanis past president. They include Douglas, Grand and Noble firs, ranging in size from 5 to 8 feet. The trees are priced between \$25 to \$80. Cash or check accepted. For questions, contact hectorp960@gmail.com.

"There is just something about a real tree that makes the Christmas season and opening presents at Christmas that much more special," Barak said.

PENDLETON: Selling Christmas trees for more than a

dozen years, it's the only fundraiser for the local Boy Scout troop. Money is used for Scouting trips, special events, camp and other troop activities.

The tree lot opens Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Dave's Chevron, 220 S.W. 12th St., Pendleton. Hours are Monday through Friday from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Committee member Eva Richerson said they will continue manning the tree lot until all are sold through Saturday, Dec. 9. The supply has sold out before the final day of the sale during the last few years.

The group is enthusiastic about serving the public, Richerson said. They specialize in fresh cut Noble, Grand and Douglas fir trees. Ranging from 5-10 feet, the cost varies depending on style and size.

"We also will have 'wild cut' trees for the first time this year," she said.

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BRIEFLY

Echo rings in holiday magic

ECHO — People are invited to get into the holiday spirit with activities in Echo.

Holiday shopping and festive refreshments are featured during It's Magic: Christmas in Echo. The event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Echo. The free event features door prize drawings, discounts, drinks and treats.

For more information, search Facebook or call Echo City Hall at 541-376-8411.

Kirkman House ushers in Christmas season

WALLA WALLA — A collection of classic Christmas music, including traditional carols, come to life with new and original arrangements by soprano Phoebe Gildea and harpist Noah Brenner.

The duo recently collaborated on their first joint album. The community can hear them and buy the CD this weekend at Kirkman House Museum.

Doors open for the Saturday event at 6:45 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. performance. The evening includes wine and cranberry spiced hard cider from Goose Ridge Estate Winery and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25. Cookies and coffee will be served at the Sunday

gathering, which starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20. The museum is located at 214 N. Colville St., Walla Walla.

People are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance at www.kirkmanhousemuseum.org or by calling 509-529-4373.

Photo exhibit focuses on Oregon shutterbugs

BAKER CITY — Crossroads Carnegie Art Center is seeking photos interpreting the Oregon experience.

Photographers are invited to submit up to three images for "Cascadia" by Thursday, Nov. 30. It's open to all Oregon residents. Cash prizes totaling \$4,000 will be awarded. The entry fee is \$35.

Areas of focus are views of Oregon and Oregonians at work or play. Artists are challenged to look at the urban-rural divide through the camera lens, highlighting the similarities.

The exhibit opens April 6 at the Baker City art center. Then, 48 selected images will later travel to The Dalles and Oregon State University.

For submission guidelines, call 541-523-5369 or visit www.crossroads-arts.org under "Quick Forms."

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com.

PENDLETON

School program launches Employee Pipeline Project

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

Having exposed Pendleton High School students to local career fields, the Schools to Careers program is ready to put them to work.

A partnership between Eastern Oregon Business Source, Umatilla County, the Pendleton School District and other organizations, Schools to Careers gathered about 30 people from several employers at Pendleton City Hall Monday to introduce them to the Employee Pipeline Project. Attendees included representatives from Interpath Laboratory, RDO Equipment Co. and Pepsi.

Susan Bower, Eastern Oregon Business Source's director of learning and performance, said the pipeline program was the "next step" beyond Schools to Careers.

Eastern Oregon Business Source hired Bonnie Day, a former outreach coordinator for the Pendleton Center for the Arts, to become the Employee Pipeline Project coordinator.

Day explained to the audience how Employee Pipeline would work with Schools to Careers.

"The whole idea is to keep local people in local jobs," she said. Schools to Careers would continue to coordinate the programming and activities it established last school year with local businesses and organizations, including internships, job shadows, work site tours and a career fair. Simultaneously, the Employee Pipeline is identifying high school seniors interested in a career-track job and will try to match them to a prospective employer with a job opening.

The project's goal is to have students matched and interviewed in May. Day said

the goal of Employee Pipeline is to match five seniors with jobs by the end of the school year.

Jayne Clarke of Pioneer Asphalt asked if the Employee Pipeline Project would continue to support businesses and employees after the match was made. Since the project is still new, Bower said it will have to work with businesses to continue to nail down the details, but assured the audience that the Employee Pipeline wanted to be a resource.

"We're committed and dedicated and we're not running from this at all," Bower said.

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Corrections

The Nov. 17 article "Crary sees opportunity to unseat Walden" misstated the number of years Crary worked for BP. It was 17. The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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Cloudy and mild with a shower	Mostly cloudy, a shower; windy	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Cloudy	Periods of rain

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

65°	50°	64°	40°	54°	35°	51°	44°	54°	39°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

60°	47°	64°	41°	57°	33°	47°	41°	55°	41°
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
44°	37°
46°	31°
74° (1974)	-4° (1900)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.07"
Month to date	0.95"
Normal month to date	0.98"
Year to date	14.65"
Last year to date	10.85"
Normal year to date	10.97"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
45°	39°
48°	32°
72° (1960)	3° (1929)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.08"
Month to date	0.74"
Normal month to date	0.80"
Year to date	8.54"
Last year to date	7.70"
Normal year to date	8.08"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:04 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:18 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:28 a.m.
Moonset today	7:54 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 9	Dec 17

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	61	54	r	56	46	sh
Baker City	57	41	c	63	31	c
Bend	63	50	c	59	32	c
Brookings	62	55	r	57	45	r
Burns	59	40	c	60	27	c
Enterprise	59	48	sh	59	32	c
Eugene	63	52	sh	58	41	r
Heppner	65	52	c	63	39	c
Hermiston	60	47	c	64	41	c
John Day	61	53	c	63	33	c
Klamath Falls	61	45	c	59	33	c
La Grande	60	50	sh	63	35	c
Meacham	58	49	sh	59	35	c
Medford	62	48	c	60	41	r
Newport	61	54	r	56	46	r
North Bend	63	54	r	58	44	r
Ontario	57	42	c	61	35	pc
Pasco	58	47	sh	64	41	c
Pendleton	65	50	c	64	40	c
Portland	61	53	sh	58	46	c
Redmond	65	48	c	62	32	c
Salem	64	57	sh	58	45	r
Spokane	55	48	sh	55	38	r
Ukiah	59	47	sh	58	32	c
Vancouver	60	56	sh	59	45	r
Walla Walla	60	52	c	65	43	c
Yakima	56	46	sh	60	35	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	47	24	s	43	24	pc
Hong Kong	72	59	r	68	60	pc
Jerusalem	54	47	pc	55	45	pc
London	60	48	pc	54	42	r
Mexico City	68	38	pc	64	37	pc
Moscow	30	20	c	24	17	c
Paris	56	49	s	59	51	pc
Rome	65	48	pc	64	49	pc
Seoul	51	20	c	39	24	pc
Sydney	74	64	pc	77	65	sh
Tokyo	57	51	pc	55	46	r

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	N 3-6	W 10-20
Pendleton	SSE 6-12	SW 10-20

UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Rain will soak coastal New England, while showers dot the Florida Peninsula today. A wintry mix will skirt the northern Plains. As warmth builds in the Southwest, rain will soak the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 93° in Riverside, Calif. Low -3° in Bredette, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	62	39	s	66	40	s
Atlanta	63	44	pc	58	41	pc
Atlanta City	57	31	r	46	35	s
Baltimore	54	26	s	47	28	s
Billings	60	46	c	65	40	pc
Birmingham	58	32	s	59	35	s
Boston	64	48	c	63	40	pc
Boston	52	28	r	41	32	s
Charleston, SC	71	47	pc	58	44	r
Chicago, IL	44	24	pc	47	29	pc
Chicago	36	30	s	44	32	pc
Cleveland	37	28	pc	43	30	pc
Dallas	58	38	s	70	46	s
Denver	66	39	pc	71	44	s
Detroit	38	28	pc	40	29	pc
El Paso	67	40	s	72	42	s
Fairbanks	8	-2	sn	1	-13	c
Fargo	33	17	sn	37	33	pc
Honolulu	83	70	pc	83	70	pc
Houston	67	40	pc	67	41	s
Indianapolis	40	27	s	45	29	pc
Jacksonville	75	59	c	69	56	r
Kansas City	43	33	s	56	42	s
Las Vegas	78	56	r	78	56	s
Little Rock	52	28	s	60	36	s
Los Angeles	94	67	s	94	63	s
Louisville	45	30	s	51	33	pc
Memphis	50	30	s	55	36	s
Miami	85	71	pc	84		