

ECHO

BRIEFLY

Community rolls out holiday season

By TAMMY MALGESINI East Oregonian

People are invited to head to Echo as the small town offers big fun during the holiday season.

"It's kind of a quaint and historic little community," said Diane Berry, city administrator.

Typically, more than half of the homes are decorated with at least a few strands of lights, Berry said. In addition, the city has added several light poles and free-standing displays from money through the Echo Benefit Plan.

"You can come over the hill and you can look down on Dupont Street and see all the lights," Berry said about driving into town.

Also, Echo Ridge Cellars and Sno Road Winery are rolling out festive fun with Holiday Barrel Tasting. The event is Friday, Dec. 8 from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 9 from noon to 5 p.m. at both wineries (551 N. Thielsen St. and 111 W. Main St.).

Each venue will offer holiday wine deals and samples of future releases straight out of the barrel. A gift basket workshop is available Saturday, Dec. 9 at Echo Ridge. People can create their own basket, filling it with wine and



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During a past holiday season, a nutcracker stands guard on the porch of the Dupont Street home of Kevin and Kim Fife during in Echo.

goodies from Alexander's Chocolates and Smith's Tiny Farms cheeses.

Additional holiday shopping is available during the Echo Parent-Teacher Organization's annual holiday bazaar. A fundraiser to benefit students in the Echo School District, it includes handmade goods from local crafters, homemade desserts and a raffle. It is Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school commons, 600 E. Gerone St.

Another highlight of the holiday season in Echo are the annual concerts presented by Inland Northwest Musicians. Featuring its orchestra and chorale, the popular performances

are free but reservations are required.

"The Spirit of the Season" is Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Echo Community Center, 20 Bonanza St. To RSVP, indicate which performance and how many tickets are needed via 541-289-4696 or inwm@machmedia.net.

"We're doing a mix of seasonal music," said RaNeil Dunn, program manager. "The chorale is performing some lovely pieces."

In addition, the orchestra is offering a variety of songs, said Salli Ketchersid, publicity coordinator. Among the

most familiar, she said, is "The March" (aka "March of the Toy Soldiers") from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite."

Before renovations were complete at the venue, Berry asked for input regarding acoustics from R. Lee Friese, Inland Northwest Musicians director. The group was invited to play at the May 2000 dedication. And then, Berry said, they arranged to play a holiday concert — and have returned each year.

In addition to the great acoustics, Ketchersid and Dunn said Berry and her staff go all out in decorating the building.

"It's different than just doing a concert in a school auditorium or gym," Dunn said. "It makes it more intimate and festive."

"From the big room to the hallways — it's just Christmas everywhere," Ketchersid added.

The holiday concerts, Berry said, are a way to give back to the community. Whatever brings people to town, Berry invites everyone to pick up a ballot and vote for the best holiday displays.

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PHS drama students stage 'Steel Magnolias'

PENDLETON — Believable characters, humor and a well-prepared cast is set to present "Steel Magnolias" at Pendleton High School.

Director Shannon O'Rourke-Hudson said the production was delayed due to work being done in the auditorium. However, the cast is excited to take the stage to present the familiar story that highlights a mother-daughter relationship.

"It's a really great cast," O'Rourke-Hudson said.

Other than the voice of the radio DJ (Brenden Crosby), the all-female cast includes Cameron Miltenberger, Doria Summerfield, Savanna Newsome, Jessie Patterson, all seniors, freshman Ellen Paulsen and sophomore Maddi Thompson.

Others involved with the production include stage manager Emily Long and crew members Tanna Stewart and Lupita Garcia, all sophomores.

The play will be presented Thursday through Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students with identification.

The show, O'Rourke-Hudson said, is appropriate for all ages. She indicated there are some innuendos that younger kids likely won't understand but there's no profanity. For more information, contact shannon.o'rourke-hudson@pendleton.k12.or.us.

Winter Market rings in holiday season

BOARDMAN — A special Ladies Night kicks off the Winter Market at the Sage Center.

Women are invited to browse more than 30 vendors Friday from 4-8 p.m. In addition to

shopping, the evening includes refreshments and door prizes. The family day is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The SAGE Center is located at 101 Olson Road, Boardman. People also are invited to tour the museum displays, which provide information on how food gets from the farm to the dinner table.

Also kicking off this weekend is the annual agriculture-themed Christmas light show. Set to festive music (tune in to 106.9 FM), the display includes several illuminated features, including a spray rig, combine and tractor, all provided by Morrow County Grain Growers. The free show runs nightly from 5-10 p.m. through Jan. 15.

For more information, contact heatherc@portofmorrow.com, 541-481-7243 or visit www.visitsage.com.

Good Shepherd offers babysitting class

HERMISTON — Young entrepreneurs interested in learning general childcare techniques are invited to attend Babysitting Basics 101.

The next class is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Topics include children's developmental stages, basic first aid and infant/child CPR.

Open to ages 10-15, the fee is \$35, which includes lunch and all class materials. For more information or to register, call 541-667-3509.

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOV. 28 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, \$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)

MCTEACHER'S NIGHT, 5-7 p.m., Hermiston McDonald's, 1320 N. First St., Hermiston. School staff from Highland Hills Elementary School will man the counter to support the school's PTO. All tips and 15 percent of sales during that time will benefit projects and activities at the school. (541-667-6500)

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)

WOMEN'S CENTER OPEN HOUSE AND NEW PHYSICIAN WELCOME RECEPTION, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Plaza, 620 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Tour the new women's center and meet physicians R. Todd C. Jones M.D., Patrick Harrison D.O., Allan Damian M.D., Matthew Carlson D.O., and Christopher Scott D.C. Refreshments. Free. (Nick Bejarano 541-667-3460)

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. 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)

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