

BRIEFLY

Planned Walla Walla ceremony recognizes Vietnam-era veterans

WALLA WALLA — A special recognition and pinning ceremony recognizing all the men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the United States' involvement in Vietnam is planned in Walla Walla. Veterans and their families are invited to attend Thursday from 2-4 p.m. in the Theater Building at Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center, 77 Wainwright Drive, Walla Walla. Ray Crawford, associate director at the Walla Walla veteran's medical center, will be on hand to pin each Vietnam veteran during the event who has not previously received a Vietnam Veteran lapel pin. Cake and punch will be served. The date — March 29 — marks the point when the last U.S. troops left South Vietnam, which ended America's direct military involvement in 1973. In President Donald Trump's proclamation issued Nov. 10, 2017, he noted that in 1967, nearly 500,000 American troops served in South Vietnam, along with approximately 850,000 troops of U.S. allies. And, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9 million Americans served during the Vietnam War period — from Nov. 1, 1955 to May 7, 1975 — and approximately 7 million were living as of December 2017. For more information, contact Linda Wondra, public affairs officer, at 509-525-5200, linda.wondra@va.gov or visit www.wallawalla.va.gov.

Sweet event offers chocolate, wines

PENDLETON — The public is invited to enjoy a lineup of Cascade Cliffs wines, which are featured with chocolate pairings. The free event is Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Alexander's Chocolaterie & Vino Bistro, 363 S. Main St., Pendleton. Steve Machajewski will be pouring and is willing to answer any wine questions people may have. For more information, contact 541-429-5110, alexanderschocolateclassics@yahoo.com or search Facebook.

IMAC serves Saturday breakfast

IRRIGON — A home-cooked breakfast will help support the Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center. The fundraising meal is Saturday from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon. The cost is \$4.50 per person. The group is dedicated to preserving Irrigon's 1921 school building and developing a regional art venue. For more information, call Peggy Price at 541-567-3806.

Meeting offers info for veterans, seniors

IRRIGON — A public meeting for veterans, their spouses and seniors will provide information about benefits, tax tips, assisted living options and scam awareness. The free event is Wednesday, April 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Irrigon branch of the Oregon Trail Library District, 490 N.E. Main St. Organizations making presentations include the Morrow County Tax Assessors Office (9:30 a.m.), Willamette National Cemetery (10 a.m.), Oregon Veterans Home (10:45 a.m.) and the Hermiston Police Department (11:15 a.m.). For more information, contact the Morrow County Veterans Office at mcvets@co.morrow.or.us, 541-922-6420 or visit www.co.morrow.or.us/veteransservices.

ATHENA

Dancing enthusiast offers highland dance lessons

By TAMMY MALGESINI East Oregonian

A highland dancing instructor has been invited to Athena to introduce highland dancing in classes starting in April.

Cassandra Humphrys of Mid-Columbia School of Highland Dance (Richland, Washington) will present physical education classes Friday afternoons during April and May at Athena Elementary School and Weston Middle School. The cooperative effort between the Athena-Weston School District and Athena Caledonian Games Association is made possible thanks to a grant from the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition.

In addition, Humphrys will offer group dancing lessons for children through adults. To make arrangements, call Humphrys at 509-554.2993. The fee ranges from \$45 to \$65 a month, depending on the age group. Athena Caledonian president Sue Friese said highland



Dancers from The Boise Highlanders perform during the 2015 Athena Caledonian Games. People can participate in Highland dance lessons in the Athena area.

dancing is a beautiful, lithe, but energetic Scottish tradition. Historically, many of the dances are named after famous Scots or Scottish customs like the Highland Fling, the Sword Dance, Flora MacDonald or the Sailor's Hornpipe, she said. In competition, the steps for dances are consistent across the globe. Students starting now may

be able to compete in dancing competitions at Prosser (Washington) Games or MacKenzie Highland Games in Eugene with Humphrys, or at games in Spokane, Seattle or Portland, Friese said. The Athena Caledonian Games previously has had a dance competition, however, it now features a non-competitive exhibition. Class partic-

ipants could perform at the Athena Caledonian Games Shindig, Friese said.

Humphrys enjoys the tradition of highland dancing and is eager to share her knowledge. Her goal is to educate, inspire, help, nurture and share the traditional dances that have been passed down since the 1700s.

Friese and Laure Quaresma, Athena-Weston School District superintendent, are excited for students to have the opportunity to learn highland dancing from Humphrys. Friese called Humphrys a "strong, capable dancer."

"She has a passion for dancing and teaching," Friese said.

For more information, contact Friese at 541-566-3880 or athenacaledonian-games@gmail.com. For more about Humphrys' studio, visit www.mchsd.org.

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Multi-instrumentalist Stelth Ulvang will perform a free all-ages show Saturday at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., Pendleton.

Multi-instrumentalist to share music, stories

PENDLETON — A self-taught and creative musician and storyteller is making a stop in Pendleton.

A full-time globe traveler, Stelth Ulvang has already sold out a pair of upcoming April shows in Salt Lake City and Portland. An all-ages show is set for Saturday from 7-9:30 p.m. at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. There is no cover charge. Australia's AU Review

refers to Ulvang's songs as possessing "intricately detailed lyrics" while maintaining a delicate feel to them. His confessional lyrics are said to appeal to the human experience. In addition, The California Aggie said, "Ulvang is often found painting melodic memories through piano keys."

For more information, call 541-276-1350. For more about the musician, visit www.stelthulvang.com.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

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