

MUSIC



Contributed photo

Bobby Nelsen and Faith Martin, with Tri-Cities band The Shades, will perform as an acoustic duo June 25 at Boardman Marina Park as part of north Morrow County’s free Music in the Parks series.

Bobby & Faith strum acoustic tunes

BOARDMAN — Classic rock and pop favorites are featured as Bobby & Faith take the stage during Music in the Parks. The acoustic duo, who also perform with the Tri-Cities rock band The Shades, are said to have fantastic musical chemistry. The free concert is Monday, June 25 at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park. Pack a picnic or bring some cash, as the Boardman Little League will offer concessions. Seated is limited, so people are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair to stake out a spot along the Columbia River to enjoy the concert. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held at the SAGE Center. For more information, contact Jackie McCauley at utility.clerk@cityofboardman.com or 541-481-9252.

SALEM

Oregon State Fair: Hear Styx, Kool & The Gang, even Roots & Boots

East Oregonian

The Oregon State Fair is gearing up for its 2018 event with a theme of “Where Fun Shines.” The fair is Aug. 24 through Sept. 3 in Salem. Featured artists already announced for special concert events include Styx (Aug. 24); Randy Houser with special guest Blackhawk (Aug. 25); Roots & Boots featuring Sammy Kershaw, Collin Raye and Aaron Tippin (Aug. 28); Kool & the Gang and The Village People (Aug. 30); John Kay & Steppenwolf with special guests The Guess Who (Aug. 31); and Happy Ending Tour featuring Old Dominion with special guest Michael Ray (Sept. 3). Performances in the fair’s L.B. Day Amphitheatre begin at 7 p.m. General admission seating, which is first-come, first-served, is free with fair tickets. People also can purchase VIP concert passes at www.oregon-statefair.org. VIP prices are \$40, \$50 or \$75, which provide preferred seating. Gate admission to the fair is \$8 for ages 12-64, \$6 for a ages 6-11, \$1 for ages 65 and over and free for ages 5 and under. Adults and children can receive a discount with internet presale tickets. In addition, ride and game tickets can be purchased in advance for a discount. “We always look forward to seeing our visitors enjoy favorites from the past few decades during the beautiful summer nights,” said Dan Cox, Oregon State Fair spokesperson. The Monday, Aug. 27 concert event features “American Idol Live! 2018.” Audience favorites from the TV competition will be live onstage, including Cade, Caleb, Catie, Gabby, Jumee, Maddie and Michael. Also, special guest and Season 8 “American Idol” winner, Kris Allen, will be on hand. Additional VIP upgrade packages (\$30-\$125) offer everything from photo ops and intimate song performances to special merchandise offerings and a commemorative VIP laminate and custom lanyard. Other special shows includes Faith & Family Night (Wednesday, Aug. 29), which features Skillet, a Christian rock band. And, the Saturday, Sept. 1 show brings “Masters of Illusion,” the hit CW television show, to the stage. The performance stars the world’s greatest award-winning magicians, who will perform modern illusions and arts of deception.

A quiet musician shares her songs

By J.D. KINDLE
For The East Oregonian

It has taken three years for Dominique Sheridan Breazeale — who performs under the mononym Sheridan — to publicly release her debut record “Beekeeper.” When asked why the delay, she shrugs her shoulders and replies: “I really don’t know. I guess part of me wasn’t gonna release it at all.” Quiet and reserved would be the quickest description for this singer-songwriter who has kept an extremely low profile. Most of her performances have been limited to house shows or private concerts far from the public eye. Perhaps that is because her music is extremely personal. For Sheridan, 22, the most rewarding part about songwriting is the cathartic self-discovery that takes place, usually long after the lyrics have been composed. “I find myself going back, looking at my songs and saying, ‘Oh that’s what I was going through then!’” The lyrical content on Beekeeper could be categorized as emo. It is light on metaphor and very direct and conversational in tone. Sometimes they sound extracted from a teenager’s tumultuous journal entries. Dominique looks towards contemporary singer-songwriter Julien Baker, who bears a similar lyrical aesthetic, as an influence. Musically, Beekeeper is a crunchy, indie-pop affair. The instrumentation is the standard rock band setup of two guitars, drums and bass. There is an almost bipolar shift in dynamics — from quiet and enclosed to racous and load — mirroring the emotional turmoil of the lyrics. Beekeeper is notable for being a product of the Pendleton Center for the Arts’ annual Rock & Roll Camp. Dominique is a Rock Camp alumni, first attending while a senior in high school. She has volunteered as a junior counselor each year since.



Photo by Tristan Paige

Sheridan performs at a recent house show, backed by Trevor Breazeale on drums and Ian Summerfield on bass.

She built relationships with many of the core counselors, including Wilson Vediner and Victor Nash who bear the distinction of having been counselors every year since the camp’s inception. At the 2015 camp, after listening to a copy of demonstration recordings Dominique had made in her bedroom and with Margaret Mayer, her music instructor at Blue Mountain Community College, Vediner expressed interest in participating in a future recording session with Dominique. Nash echoed that sentiment and offered use of Destination: Universe, his professional recording studio located in southeast Portland. To Vediner and Nash’s pleasant surprise, Dominique immediately followed through on their offer and began coordinating the recording project. The three of them, plus two of Vediner’s bandmates from

his indie-rock band Months, convened at Destination: Universe for a four day recording session. Two days were set aside for rehearsing the full band and tweaking the parts, and another two days for laying down tracks. Mixing for the album was accomplished remotely with Nash and Dominique. The result is a very polished and accomplished — albeit brief — debut recording. For Vediner, who has been a counselor at Rock Camp since its inception, Dominique’s recording is a culmination of Rock Camp. “Honestly I wish this camp really could see itself through what it does for kids,” he said. Vediner said the recording and creating process feels like a good finish line for Rock Campers. “Obviously it’s an impossible component to add without a ton of funding, but the idea of us working with her in this manner felt entirely

natural because of the way the camp is taught — the camp being composition-based and focusing on the camper’s music. It felt like a natural part of the process. It was really fun because she was able to see what it was like working with other musicians. She really got to take charge and run the artistry of the record and we were there to be supportive and add parts we were excited about.” Sheridan doesn’t have any current plans to be performing in support of “Beekeeper.” On the rare occasion she gives a public performance, it is usually in a trio consisting of her husband Trevor on drums and a rotating cast of bassists. Its best to plug yourself into the underground house show scene in order to find her. Sheridan’s “Beekeeper” and it’s corresponding demos can be listened to at sheridanmusic.bandcamp.com.

WHAT TO DO

Festivals

Hodaka Days
•June 21-24
•Athena & Weston
www.hodakadays.org
Hodaka enthusiasts come for poker run, trail rides, swap meet, parade, car show, bike show and silent auction/sale. Info
Umatilla Landing Days
•Saturday, June 23; 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday, June 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
•Umatilla Marina & RV Park
www.umatillaorchamber.org
Free. Features family-friendly activities, food, craft and game vendors, live entertainment, beer garden, featured bands Nuketown and Blue Tattoo, fireworks (Saturday, dusk) and a faith-based service (Sunday, 10 a.m.).
Eastern Oregon Beer Festival
•Saturday, June 30; noon-7 p.m.
•Union County Fairgrounds, La Grande
www.eobeerfest.org
\$30/adults 21-and-older (includes commemorative glass mug), \$5/non-drinkers & after-party, \$50/VIP. Live music, local crafts, food and Q&As with brewers. After-party from 7-9 p.m.
Wildhorse Pow Wow
•Friday, July 6, 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 7 & Sunday, July 8; 1 p.m.
•Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.
Free. In its 24th year, the event features American Indian dancers and drum groups from across the country. Food and vendors on hand. Awards presented Sunday evening.

Art, Museums & Authors

Andrea Aldrich Photo Exhibit
•Monday-Thursdays; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.,
•Friday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.
www.hermistonlibrary.us
Free. Features the work of youth division best of show award from the 2017 Eastern Oregon Art Show. Runs through June 30.
“Wandering Through Nature’s Solitude”
•Monday-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
•Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave.
Free. Features nature and wildlife photography of Pendleton photographer Jack Simons. Runs through July 7.
Nixyaawii Community School Student Print Exhibition
•Monday-Fridays; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
•Crow’s Shadow Institute of the Arts, 48004 St Andrews Road, Mission
www.crowssshadow.org
Free. Features student prints created under the guidance of

Brewer’s Grade blazes on with music award

Brewer’s Grade Band attended the fifth annual International Music and Entertainment Association’s Awards event and walked away with their first IMEA Award. Based in The Dalles, the band — which includes Joe Smart, Zac Grooms, Nolan Hare, Al Hare and Cody Christopherson — reeled in the country band of the year award during the June 16 event held at the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland, Kentucky. Brewer’s Grade Band is blazing their own trail in country music. The group performs genre bending sound with a unique twist on traditional country, known as North-west Country. Frontman Zac Grooms of Hermiston said the band was initially formed in 1998. While it has performed under several monikers, the band’s name is a tip of the hat to their roots in The Dalles and the vast array of microbreweries in the Pacific Northwest. For band member Joe Smart, this isn’t his first award. In 2017, he received a Grammy for his work with the O’Connor Band and their album, “Coming



Photo contributed by Bill Tussey

Brewer’s Grade band received the country band of the year at the fifth annual IMEA Awards, held June 16 at the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland, Kentucky.

Home.” Smart and the O’Connor Band have previously collaborated with Paul Simon and are currently on tour with Zac Brown Band. For a chance to applaud Brewer’s Grade Band in person, catch one of their upcoming local shows. They will be playing Wednesday, July 4 during the Lone Fourth of July celebration and Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston. For more about the band, visit www.brewersgradeband.com or search Facebook.

master printer Judith Baumann. Runs through June 29.
Open Regional Photography Exhibit
•Tuesday-Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, noon-4 p.m.
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.
www.pendletonarts.org
Free. Features 125 photos, taken by 65 adults and teens from across the region. Runs through June 29. Gallery visitors can vote for people’s choice award.
“H2O Today”
•Monday-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., regular hours
•Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.
www.tamastslíkt.org
\$10/adults, \$9/senior citizens, \$6/youths. Traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution explores the beauty and essential nature of water, the challenges of maintaining global water sources and promoting conversation. Runs through July 14.

Music

The Sometimes Island
•Saturday, June 23; 5:30 p.m.
•Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton
No cover. The LA-based band brings songwriting and production together into a new era of hands-on dance music.
Melissa Mickelson
•Saturday, June 23; 8 p.m.
No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wild-

horse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.
Sunny Ledford
•Saturday, June 23; 8 p.m.
•40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton
www.eventbrite.com
\$10. The North Carolina native plays rock ‘n’ roll.
Brady Goss
•Sunday, June 24; 6-8 p.m.
•Lone City Park
No cover. As part of the monthly Music in the Park concert series, features the former Wallowa County wizard of the keyboards. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and a cooler. Food available for purchase from Tacos Hometown at 5 p.m.
Bobby and Faith
•Monday, June 25; 7 p.m.
•Boardman Marina Park
Free. As part of the Music in the Parks series, which alternates weekly between Boardman and Irigun marina parks. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Food available for purchase.
Lightnin’ Willie & the Poor Boys
•Thursday, June 28; 7-9 p.m.
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton
No cover. All ages. The veteran bluesman offers a traditional blues format with traditional instrumentation.
JJ Hill
•Thursday, June 28; 7-9 p.m.
•40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton
No cover. Live Music Thursdays.
Collective Nation
•Friday, June 29; Saturday, June 30; 8 p.m. No cover
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wild-

horse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.
98% Angels
•Monday, July 2; 7 p.m.
•Irigun Marina Park
Free. As part of the Music in the Parks series, which alternates weekly between Boardman and Irigun marina parks. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Bring a picnic to enjoy.
Night life
Karaoke w/DJ David
•Saturdays; 8 p.m.
•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla
Saturday Trivia Nights
•Saturdays; 9 p.m.
•Midway Bar & Grill, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston
No cover. Join in for trivia fun and a chance to win prizes. Also features DJ music.
Wino Wednesdays
•Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m.
•Echo Ridge Cellars, 551 N. Thielsen St., Echo
Karaoke at the Packard
•1st/3rd Wednesday, 9 p.m.-midnight
•The Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton
No cover.
Thirsty Thursdays
•Third Thursday; 5-8 p.m.
•Midway Bar & Grill, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston
No cover. Special guest breweries offer tastings.
LOL Comedy Jam
•Thursdays; 8 p.m.
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.
No cover. June 28: Jono Za-

lay. Jeff Black; July 5: Ladies of Native Comedy with Adrienne Chalepah & Deanna MAD
Wine tasting
•Fridays, 4-8 p.m.
•Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo.
Karaoke w/DJ David
•Fridays; 8 p.m.
•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla
DJ and dancing
•Fridays, 8 p.m.
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston
Karaoke
•Fridays; 9 p.m.
•Midway Tavern, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston
Cimmi’s Late Night Martini Lounge
•Fridays; 9 p.m.-midnight
•Virgil’s at Cimmiyotti’s, 137 S. Main St., Pendleton
No cover. Features martinis, mixology and music.

Theater, stage, film & lectures

Movies in the Park
•Saturdays; dusk
•Community Park, 1000 S.W. 37th St., Pendleton
www.pendletonparksandrec.com
Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Concessions available for purchase. June 23: “Paddington 2” June 30: “Despicable Me 3.” In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted at the park and Pendleton Parks & Recreation’s Facebook page.
Lone Movies in the Park
•Saturdays; dusk
•Lone City Park
Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and a cooler. Concessions may be available. June 30: “Ghostbusters,” July 14: “Cars.”
Ladies of Native Comedy
•Thursday, July 5; 8 p.m.
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.
www.wildhorseresort.com
No cover. The 21-and-older event is held in conjunction with the 24th annual Wildhorse Pow Wow. It features Adrienne Chalepah and Deanna MAD.

Hot tickets

•**John McEuen & the String Wizards** (June 30, \$55-\$75), at Granada Theatre, The Dalles. Buy tickets via 815-993-6585 or www.granadatheatredalles.com
•**Summer Concert Series: Naughty by Nature, hip hop party w/ Sir Mix-A-Lot & Tone Loc** (18-and-older, July 27, \$49-\$99); and **Ramon Ayala** (all-ages, July 28, \$49-\$129) at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Tickets via Wildhorse Gift Shop or www.wildhorseresort.com
•**Umatilla County Fair** main stage performers **Sawyer Brown** (Aug. 7), **Ned LeDoux** (Aug. 8); **Skid Row** (Aug. 9) **Latino Night** (Aug. 10) **Blues Traveler** (Aug. 11) (free/general admission, \$12/reserved, \$20/premium) www.umatillacounty-fair.net (541-567-6121)