

Pendleton ‘stars’ get ready to rhumba

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A group of Pendleton “stars” are gearing up to waltz into the limelight while raising money for a handful of local charities.

Dancing With Your Pendleton Stars offers a night of glitz and glamour as eight local citizens get ready to tango. Coordinated by Community Action Program of East Central Oregon, the event connects local celebrities with members of the Utah Ballroom Dance Company. In addition to an evening of entertainment, the event serves as a fundraiser that will provide a boost to several non-profit organizations.

Local stars include Dale Freeman, Chris Fritsch, Maggie Gianotti, Shannon O’Rourke-Hudson, Rita Rosenberg, Addison Schulberg, Lisa Schulze and Mikal Wright. Dancing With Your Pendleton Stars is Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave.

Money from ticket sales supports CAPECO’s Food Share program. Money donated on behalf of each



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Local attorney Jennifer Currin (bottom center) celebrates with other participants after winning the 2018 Dancing With Your Pendleton Stars. Tickets are now on sale for the fifth annual event, which is April 13 at the Vert Auditorium.

dancer counts toward their overall score and benefits their designated charity.

Several entities that support children and youths in the community will benefit from the efforts of several of the dancers.

Freeman, chairman of the Pendleton School Board, will kick up his heels for Altrusa International of

Pendleton’s KARE (Kids At Risk Empowered) project. The program helps in meeting basic needs of homeless students.

Fritsch, Pendleton School District superintendent, will cut a rug for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA volunteers provide vital support to children in the foster care system.



Roll Camp. A former teen camper, Schulberg is putting his feet to the floor for the program he now directs.

Schulze will boogie for the Guardian Care Center. The organization seeks to reduce the impact and trauma experienced by victims of child abuse.

Wright, a local photographer, is focusing his efforts for the Children’s Museum of Eastern Oregon. Founded in 1996, the museum provides opportunities for educational exploration and development through interactive exhibits and play.

Gianotti is stepping onto the dance floor for the Blue Mountain Community College Foundation, where she serves as executive director. Gianotti has first-hand

knowledge of how scholarships disbursed by the foundation benefit students.

O’Rourke-Hudson will rhumba for rhubarb. The Pendleton High School English and drama teacher won’t have room for the jitters as she supports the Pendleton Farmers’ Market.

A grand prize \$5,000 — donated by Terre Rasmussen and the Tim Fetzer Fund — will go to the charity designated by the dancer who fundraises the most.

For more information, call CAPECO at 541-276-1926 or search Facebook for “Dancing With Your Pendleton Stars 2019.”

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BRIEFLY

Yellowhawk hosts Veterans Town Hall on Monday

MISSION — The community is invited to a Veterans Town Hall meeting.

Both veterans and members of the public are encouraged to attend. The free event is Monday from 3:30-5 p.m. at Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, 46314 Timine Way, Mission.

Representatives from the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center will be on hand to provide information.

For questions, contact Linda Wondra at 509-525-5200, linda.wondra@va.gov or visit www.wallawalla.va.gov.

Dinner event at senior center salutes veterans

IRRIGON — The public is invited to show their appreciation to people who have served in the military.

A Salute to Veterans Dinner is Friday, March 29 at 5 p.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the city of Boardman, city of Irrigon and the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The event, which recognizes all who have served our country, is held in conjunction with National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

More than nine million American men and women served in active duty — including 58,000 whose names are etched in granite on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall — from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 7, 1975. Pres. Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act into law to commemorate March 29, 1973, when the United States’ last combat troops left Vietnam.

For more information, contact Morrow County Veterans Services at 541-922-6420 or mcvets@co.morrow.or.us.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, Noon, Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. (541-481-3257)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, Noon., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, Noon, Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-3582)

SENSORY STORY TIME, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

ARTIST’S RECEPTION: MARIE NOORANI, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Betty Feves Memorial Gallery, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Closing reception features Noorani’s “How It Looks On Paper” exhibition. Free. (Casey White-Zollman 541-278-5839)

YARN CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-7615)

COMING EVENTS

ARTIST’S RECEPTION: ELLSWORTH KELLY, 6-7:30 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Examples of Kelly’s hard-edged color forms, plant contour prints and a selection from his river series will be on display. Refreshments will be served (donations accepted). Free. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

FIDDLER’S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Avamere Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. All ages welcome. (Lori 541-567-3141)

“THE TALE OF TWO LIVES,” 7 p.m., St. Patrick’s Catholic Church parish hall, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner. Annual Father Condon play features original music. Free admission. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Casey Brown 541-276-8100)

WEE BIT O’ IRELAND, 10 a.m.-11:59 p.m., Heppner. Annual salute to Mor-

row County’s Irish ancestry includes parade, races, games and Ceili, car show, remembrance walk/run, historical tours, live music, fireman’s breakfast, road bowling and more. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)

BOOK SALE, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Umatilla Public Library, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (541-922-5704)

TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

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Chris Rich is the Eastern Oregon Regional Economist with the Oregon Employment Department. Chris is a graduate of Eastern Washington University with a degree in Economics. He studies the labor market of eight counties in Eastern Oregon. He provides objective regional economic expertise, analysis, and data for groups, organizations, and individuals with an interest. He and his family live in La Grande.



Jeff Blackwood retired as Forest Supervisor of the Umatilla National Forest, spending his career with the U.S. Forest Service. Since retirement, he has been involved with salmon and steelhead recovery planning, watershed restoration projects, and leadership training. Jeff has also been involved with the Pendleton Center for the Arts and the Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition. He and his wife Colleen live in the Mission area.

THE COST FOR THIS SERIES OF 4 FORUMS IS \$15 PER PERSON, \$25 PER COUPLE OR \$5 PER FORUM AT THE DOOR - STUDENTS ARE FREE

For more information about the EO Forum, please contact: Karen Parker at 541-966-3177.

The EO Forum is a collaborative effort among leaders from Blue Mountain Community College, InterMountain Education Service District, the East Oregonian, American Association of University Women, and Harriet Isom, a former United States ambassador who also serves on the committee. This EO Forum program is offered as part of Blue Mountain Community College's annual Arts and Culture Festival. For more information on the festival go to www.bluecc.edu.

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