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# **EOU** music professor says goodbye with final concert

LA GRANDE — After 28 years at Eastern Oregon University, music professor Matt Cooper prepares to retire this

Cooper will join his colleagues on stage in McKenzie Theatre to perform a farewell faculty recital at 3:30 p.m. on June 6.

"The recital will give all of the music faculty an opportunity to perform with Matt on the new Fazioli piano he selected," said EOU music professor Peter Wordelman, a longtime peer of Cooper's. "The concert will feature both classical and jazz music, and reflect some of Matt's favorite styles and composers."

Wordelman and Cooper join fellow faculty members Mio Aoike, Jamie Jacobson, Greg Johnson, Luke McKern and Mark Emerson to perform music by Schubert, Rachmaninoff, Duke Ellington, Keith Jarrett and Sting, among others.



in the fall, but that he's grateful for the many connections he's

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made at EOU. "I'm feeling a mix of exhilaration, fear, and a little sadness," he said. "I will miss the interactions with individual students, and having to meet the relentless day-to-day challenges of crafting assignments and arrangements to meet students' needs. At the same time, I will continue many of the same activities as before: performing, teaching, presenting, adjudicating, writing-but without the pressure of teaching five to six classes each term.'

Cooper made the most of EOU grants and support to travel for research, including a trip to Russia where he learned about their system of musical education. He said the cultural connection he made there was pivotal, and allowed him to write a book on Ellington's piano styles, which led to presenting at conferences in England and Amsterdam. A Faculty Scholars grant also funded a trip with Jill Gibian to Buenos Aires to study tango music.

"I hope I've imparted a sense of the work ethic and preparation that students will need to be music professionals," he said. "Music is one of the most challenging disciplines in terms of the time it takes, both in one's daily schedule (rehearsing, practicing, attending class and studying) and in terms of the development of one's musicianship and skill."

The concert is free and open to the public, and a reception in Loso Lobby will follow the performance.



Look for the Pendleton Friends of the Library booth at Friday's Pendleton Farmers Market. Tickets for Saturday's sixth annual Adult Prom will be available for purchase.

Adult Prom offers adventurous fun

**By TAMMY** MALGESINI East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Area adults are invited to put on their dancing shoes as the Friends of the Pendleton Library hosts the sixth annual Adult Prom.

Open to ages 18 and older, the DJ dance serves as a fundraiser for the library organization. Jennifer Costley, Pendleton Public Library director, said the event has raised about \$5,000 in each of the last two years, an increase from \$3,000 from the first few years.

Taking its theme from the 1986 fantasy adventure film "Labyrinth," Costley said people often don attire they might wear for a nice dinner out. In addition, she expects to see a lot of creativity for those who decide to dress up in costumes reflective of the movie.

"Last year we had the most people dressing up. The contest was pretty fierce," Costley said. "This year I'm expecting to see lots of poofy sleeves and the David Bowie look."

The adult prom is Satfrom 7-10 p.m. at The Lodge, 14 S.E. Third St., Pendleton. Tickets for the event can be purchased in advance for \$20 per person, \$38 for a couple or grab your Goblin Squad and buy five for \$96 and get one free. They are available at the library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., library friends board members, www.squareup.com/store/ pendleton-friends-of-thelibrary and the Pendleton Friends of the Library booth during Friday's Pendleton Farmers' Market. Tickets bought at the door are an additional \$5.

Joe Pitt returns for a

Aimee Rogers, MD

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Alcira and Cody Campbell dressed up for the 2018 adult prom. With a theme "Labyrinth," Saturday's sixth annual event raises money for the Pendleton Friends of the Library. Tickets are \$20 each or \$38 for a couple.

third year as the event's DJ. In addition to lots of dancing, the event includes light hors d'oeuvres, a photo booth, a silent auction and raffle, and a costume contest. Costley and are able to take care of the Friends of the Library

mixed drinks. Also, be sure to bring some extra money to the event — a variety of themed baskets are featured in a silent auction. In addition, raffle tickets are \$1 each for a chance to win gift cards, jewelry and other donations from local businesses.

board were thrilled with

the offer of using The

Lodge at no charge. The

new venue features a

no-host bar, which will

include beer, wine and

In addition to the Adult Prom, the library friends host an annual book sale.

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Money raised from their efforts provides additional resources for the library.

"Their money is unrestricted," Costley said. "Whatever we need, we with their donations.

In recent years, Costley said money has been used for expenses that come up beyond the scope of the budget — everything from a chance to bring in special performers to new laptops.

For more information about the Adult Prom or Pendleton Friends of the Library, visit www. pendletonfriendsofthelibrary.wordpress.com, search Facebook or call 541-966-0380.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Free fishing derby reels in fun

HEPPNER — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Morrow County Parks are hosting the 14th annual Youth Fishing Derby.

The event, which is free to children 14 and under, is Saturday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Cutsforth Park. The park is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Heppner off Willow Creek Road. Registration for the fishing derby begins at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided free of charge to youth participants. informa-For

more tion, contact 541-989-9500, mcparks@co.morrow.or.us or visit www.morrowcountyparks.org.

## Walla Walla museum sets living history presentations

WALLA WALLA -The lives of two prominent female pioneers will be featured at Fort Walla Walla Museum.

On Saturday, Lois Hahn will portray the pioneer Madame Josephine "Dutch Joe" Wolfe, who was a businesswoman in the mid- to late-1860s. And, on Sunday, Pam Myers will portray settler Lettice Millican Clark Reynolds, who made substantial gifts to Whitman College. Both presentations begin at 2 p.m. in the museum's Pioneer Village, located at 755 Myra Road, Walla Walla.

The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free to members and children under 6, \$4 for ages 6-12, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$9 general admission. For more information, call 509-525-7703 or visit www.fwwm.org.

#### **Author shares** about Oregon Trail book

**PENDLETON** 

Award-winning author Susan Butruille will share about her classic book, "Women's Voices from the Oregon Trail," which was published as part of the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail

The newly released 25th anniversary edition of the publication includes an expanded and updated "Guide to Women's History Along the Oregon Trail." Among the women featured in the book are La Grande's Cast Iron Mary and several from Pendleton's Bronze

The book traces the experiences and perspectives of the women who followed the 2,000-mile trail to Oregon 175 years ago, narrated in their stories, diaries, songs

and recipes. New York Times bestselling author Jane Kirkpatrick said the book captures the emotion of women's stories as they crossed the continent.

"It's the authentic account of life, loss and hope that marks that journey, and is history as it should be written: as deeply moving story," Kirkpatrick said.

The public is invited to meet Butruille Monday, June 10 at 6 p.m. at the Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. She will read from her book and sign copies. There is no admission

In addition to several publications, Butruille wrote the script for the film "Bound For Oregon," which is featured at the end of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City. She co-founded and serves as historical consultant for productions of "Dangerous Women" in Leavenworth, Washington, where the author lives with her husband, John.

For more information about the program, call 541-966-0380. For more about Butruille and her book, visit www.sbvoices.com.

#### Field Day offers tours, demonstrations

ADAMS — Tours and displays of research in plant breeding, wheat disease, weed control, soil fertility and cropping systems are featured during the Field Day presented by the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center.

The event is designed to demonstrate to the growers and public what is being performed at the research center, provide education to attendees as well as increase the growers' potential profit margins. Anyone interested in dry land crop systems is invited to attend. Continuing education units are available to participants.

The Field Day is Tues-

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registration at 7:45 a.m. at 48037 Tubbs Ranch Road, Adams. Free coffee and donuts will be provided. Participants will then board tour buses and taken to eight research presentations/ demonstrations. The buses will return to

day, June 11 beginning with

base camp for a free hosted hot lunch. At 1 p.m., attendees will visit an additional four sites. The afternoon will conclude with the Oregon Wheat League sponsoring an ice cream social at 2:30 p.m.

Hosted by the OSU Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center and the USDA Agricultural Research Service, there is no charge to participate in the Field Day. For more information, visit http://oregonstate. edu/cpcrc/fieldday.html.

### **Ombudsman** training scheduled for next month

PENDLETON ern Oregon needs a longterm care ombudsmen, and the chance to become one is coming up in July.

Training sessions for the volunteer position will be held in Pendleton on July 15-17, 23-24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The location is to be announced.

Volunteers certified through the Oregon Long-Term Care Ombudsman office visit with residents of facilities, such as nursing homes and adult foster care homes and become familiar with staff there. They then advocate for the residents, working with both sides to implement solutions to problems and complaints.

Volunteers will need to attend all five training days in July, be over 21 years old and pass a background check. They are asked to put in about four hours a week, but are able to set their own schedule.

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