

## BRIEFLY

## Dakota Brown pops into Heppner

HEPPNER — Dakota Brown will perform during the July Music in the Park series in Heppner.

The free event is Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Heppner City Park, 444 N. Main St. There is no admission charge. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Heppner Elementary School, 235 E. Stansbury St.

A pop and soul singer, Brown learned how to play guitar opposite-handed after a severe automobile crash. The injury was the catalyst for the local musician to pursue a dream to perform. In addition to a solo act, he fronts the Dakota Brown Band with Luke Basile, Frazer Wambeke, Tim Coronado and Chris Newbury.

People are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a relaxing evening in the park. A picnic meal will be available by donation to benefit the Hopeful Saints Ministry, a combined effort of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church.

For more information, contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

## Martin Gerschwitz to perform in Irrigon

IRRIGON — Multi-instrumentalist Martin Gerschwitz performs everything from classical to psychedelic rock.

The German-born musician will perform during the upcoming Music in the Parks. The free event is Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at Irrigon Marina Park. People are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket. In addition, those in attendance are invited to bring a picnic dinner. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be moved to Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon.

Gerschwitz has played with Iron Butterfly, Eric Burdon and the Animals, Meat Loaf, Walter Trout Band and more. He is known for his mastery of the keyboards and violin as well as his voice. Honing his classical training and rock influence to create his own style, Gerschwitz provides a versatile and unique experience for audiences.

Sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation, Music in the Parks is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric. It alternates weekly on Mondays between Irrigon and Boardman marina parks through Aug. 12.

For more information, contact Jackie McCauley at 541-720-1289 or utility.clerk@cityofboardman.com.



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**Martin Gerschwitz, a former keyboardist and vocalist for Iron Butterfly, will perform Monday, July 15 at Irrigon Marina Park.**

## Oregon Book Award winner to headline First Draft Writers' Series

PENDLETON — Apricot A. Irving will read from her works during the upcoming First Draft Writers' Series.

An Oregon Book Award winner, Irving will share Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. After her presentation, there will be an open mic for local writers to read from their work.

Irving, who grew up as the daughter of a missionary in Haiti, wrote "The Gospel Trees." Drawing from her parents' journals as well as her own, the memoir is the story of learning to see, read and love — not just each other but Haiti. It's described as "troubling, alive, defiant and tender."

Showcasing notable Pacific Northwest authors, First Draft Writers' Series meets the third Thursday of each month. For more information about the writers' series, call 541-278-9201 or visit [www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org). For more about Irving, go to [www.apricotirving.com](http://www.apricotirving.com).

## MERIT PARCEL DELIVERS SCRAWLING ARLO GUTHRIE STYLE

Deciding on how to define a rock band's sound into words has long been a perplexing proposition at best. Too often, in an attempt to be clever and original, the resulting description causes more confusion than enlightenment.

Take the case of Northern California's Merit Parcel. In their press release, they describe their sound as equal parts Guthrie attitude and Cursive style.

The Guthrie in question is Arlo, son of Woody, performer at the original

Woodstock — the quintessential hippie best known for "Alice's Restaurant" that is still played on numerous radio stations every Thanksgiving 50-plus years after its release.

Cursive is the post-hardcore band from Nebraska who uses their music as a vehicle to get a message across — offering up sugar and venom, often in the same song.

For once it rings true: Merit Parcel delivers the scrawling sound of Arlo Guthrie fronting Cursive.

If that combination interests you, check out how it translates live. They'll be performing Thursday, July 25 from 7-9 p.m. at 40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. There is no cover charge.

Boomers who are well-versed in the music of Arlo Guthrie might have a hard time hearing that voice with such intense music. Folks, Shawn Hill's voice doesn't simply sound similar to that of Guthrie, it sounds exactly the same. And it's obvious that Merit Parcel not only notes the resemblance but also embraces it.

They are touring in support of their latest release, "Out for Delivery," on 4th Corner Music.

Most of the music is performed on acoustic instruments. Don't let that fool you — in the proper hands, acoustic instruments can be just as "heavy" as their electric counterparts. Merit Parcel can be soft and sweet or totally in-your-face, yes, even within the same track.

Nine out of the 10 tracks are pretty straightforward. The "Encore" track, nine, is something entirely different that will largely rest with individuals to interpret for themselves. There are a few lyrics, but the majority of the 6:17 track is sound clips of quotes from people as disparate as John F. Kennedy and Timothy Leary. One might even call it a Public Service Announcement.

Attend the show at 40 Taps and see if you can come up with a better description of this unique collection of individuals with one hell of a sax player.

A retired educator, Johnny Vinyl spends his days with Lucifer, a 9-year-old German shepherd, reading and riding the vibe. His column, Ride the Vibe, focuses on entertainment. Contact him via [tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com](mailto:tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com)

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**Northern California band Merit Parcel is currently on tour to promote their latest release, "Out for Delivery."**



JOHNNY VINYL COMMENT



**Merit Parcel, an alternative-folk band from northern California, will perform July 25 at 40 Taps in Pendleton.**

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## WHAT TO DO

## FESTIVALS

## Athena Caledonian Games

•July 12-14

•Athena City Park

[www.athenacaledonian.org](http://www.athenacaledonian.org)

Free admission. Features Scottish athletic competitions, live entertainment, music and dancing highlighting the Scottish tradition.

## OK Theatre 100th birthday celebration

•Saturday, July 13; 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

•in/around theater, 208 W. Main St., Enterprise

[www.theoldok.com](http://www.theoldok.com)

\$25/person, \$50/family pass. Mardi Gras theme celebration features food, movies and live music with headliner Jon Cleary.

## Cool Rides Car Show

•Saturday, July 13, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

•McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston

[www.hermistonclassicscarclub.com](http://www.hermistonclassicscarclub.com)

Free/spectators, \$25/vehicle entries. Organized by the Hermiston Classics Car Club, register from 7-10:30 a.m. Includes live music, raffles, vendors and awards around 1:30 p.m.

## Spudfest

•Saturday, July 13; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

•Downtown Hermiston

[www.facebook.com/Hermistondowntown](http://www.facebook.com/Hermistondowntown)

Free admission. Formerly Hermiston Funfest, offers live entertainment, food and more than 50 vendors. (Also, Rotary Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m.)

## Brews by the Blues Festival

•Saturday, July 20; 1-9 p.m.

•Orchard Park, 1410 Highway 11, Milton-Freewater

[www.mfchamber.com](http://www.mfchamber.com)

\$20/presale, \$25/gate, \$5/designated drivers. Includes tasting glass and five drink tokens. Local food trucks skOSH and La Familiar will be onsite. Live music Debra Arlyn & The Goodness (2-4 p.m.) and Whiskey Creek Band (6-9 p.m.)

## Summer Chute Out II

•Saturday, July 20; 3 p.m., gates open

•Pendleton Round-Up Grounds, 1205 S.W. Court Ave.

<https://pendletonroundup.ticketforce.com>

\$20/adults, \$6/ages 11-17, \$15/first responders, \$30/box seats, +\$5/additional gate prices. Features music, booths, food, beer garden and Outlaw Pro/Am Flat Track Race; main event at 7 p.m.

## Pendleton Food Truck Night

•Saturday, July 27; 4-9 p.m.

•Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton

[www.thependletonrecord.com](http://www.thependletonrecord.com)

Free admission. Food trucks, live music, beer garden, kid-friendly activities.

## ART, MUSEUMS &amp; AUTHORS

## David Webber

•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](http://www.pendletonarts.org)

Free. Photography exhibit. Runs through July 27.

## "Nez Perce Music: A Historical Sketch"

•Monday - Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

•Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 N. Main St., Joseph

[www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org)

Free. Features historic photos of the Plateau People. Plateau Indian artists invited to display/sell artwork. Runs through July 30.

## "Savages and Princesses: The Persistence of Native American Stereotypes"

•Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., regular hours

•Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

[www.tamastlikt.org](http://www.tamastlikt.org)

\$10/adults, \$9/senior citizens, \$6/youths. Features artwork of 13 contemporary Native American artists. Runs through Oct. 19.

## Crow's Shadow Monothon Gala &amp; Art Auction

•Saturday, July 27; 6-9 p.m.

•The Foundry Vineyards, 1111 Abadie St., Walla Walla

[www.crowshadow.org/monothon](http://www.crowshadow.org/monothon)

\$50. Features the works of participating Monothon printmaking artists, wine and food. (541-276-3954).

## MUSIC

## Sway

•Saturday, July 13; 8 p.m. No cover

•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

## Music in the Park-Dakota Brown

•Sunday, July 14; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

•Heppner City Park, 444 N. Main St.

Free. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Food by donation from Hopeful Saints Ministry. Inclement weather venue: Heppner Elementary School, 235 E. Stansbury St.

## Music in the Parks-Martin Gerschwitz

•Monday, July 15; 7 p.m.

•Irrigon Marina Park

Free. Former Iron Butterfly musician plays across multiple genres. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

## Sama Dams

•Tuesday, July 16; 7 p.m.

•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton

No cover. All ages. Sam and Lisa Adams and bandmates offer up rhythmic jazz and indie rock.

## Jill Cohn

•Thursday, July 18; 7-9 p.m.

•40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton

No cover. Raised in a small Eastern Washington town, the songstress has 12 independent releases, including her latest, "Balanced on the Rail."

## Northwest Country Nights

•Friday, July 19; 5-10 p.m. No cover.

•Maxwell Siding Pavilion, 255 S. First Place, Hermiston

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

\$7/advance, \$10/door Features Brewers Grade Band with Cory Peterson & Dallin Puzey.

## Live from the Leslie

•Friday, July 19; 8 p.m.

•The Lodge, 14 S.E. Third St., Pendleton

[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

\$10/advance, \$12/door. Features Ural Thomas and the Pain performing R&B and soul. Opening set by La Grande's Smith Union Soul.

## Sons of Nashville

•Friday, July 19; Saturday, July 20; 8 p.m. No cover

•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

## Music in the Parks-Cruise Control

•Monday, July 22; 7 p.m.

•Boardman Marina Park

Free. Performs rock, pop and country from the 1950s through the 1980s. Food available for purchase.

## Wednesdays in the Park

•Wednesday, July 24; 6-8 p.m.

•Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton

[www.pendletonparksandrec.com](http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com)

Free. Will West & The Friendly Strangers (folk band from Portland). Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the family-friendly shows. Food, beer and wine available for purchase.

## THEATER, STAGE, FILM &amp; LECTURES

## Free Summer Movies for Kids!

•Wednesdays & Thursdays; 9:15 a.m.

•Hermiston Stadium 8 Cinema, 355 W. Theater Lane

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Free. Parents w/their children also free. Movies start as rooms fill; with last start time at 10 a.m. Sensory-friendly showing at 10:15 a.m.

July 17-18: "The Grinch," July 24-25: "Madagascar."

## Movies in the Park

•Fridays; dusk

•Community Park, 1000 S.W. 37th St., Pendleton

[www.pendletonparksandrec.com](http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com)

Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Concessions available for purchase. In case of inclement weather, cancellations posted by 6 p.m. at park and Pendleton Parks & Recreation's Facebook page. July 12: no movie; July 19: "Ralph Breaks the

Internet," July 26: "Black Panther."

## First Draft Writers' Series

•Thursday, July 18; 7 p.m.

•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.

[www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org)

Free. Features headliner Apricot A. Irving, an Oregon Book Award winner. Concludes with short open mic sessions for audience members.

## Hermiston Movies in the Park

•Fridays; dusk

•McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston

[www.hermistonrecreation.com](http://www.hermistonrecreation.com)

Free. Bring a blanket, chairs and snacks. July 26: "The House with a Clock in its Walls," Aug. 2: "Aquaman."

## HOT TICKETS

## -Live from the Leslie: (Ural Thomas and the Pain)

July 19, The Lodge, Pendleton. Tickets (\$10-\$12) via [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

-Wildhorse concerts: Paquita la del Barrio (21+ July 26, \$49-\$139), En Vogue featuring Tony! Toni! Tone! (Ages 18+ July 27, \$39-\$99) at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Tickets via Wildhorse Gift Shop or [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com)
-Umatilla County Fair main stage performers Tracy Byrd (Aug. 6); Jackson Michelson (Aug. 7); The Georgia Satellites (Aug. 8); Latino Night-bands TBA (Aug. 9); Sugar Ray (Aug. 10) (free/general admission, \$12/reserved, \$20/premium) [www.umatillacountyfair.net](http://www.umatillacountyfair.net) (541-567-6121).-Wheatstock Music Festival. (Reckless Kelly, headliner) Aug. 17, Quantum 9 Arena, Helix. Early bird tickets (\$20) via [www.wheatstock.org](http://www.wheatstock.org)-Round-Up Happy Canyon Kick-off Concert: (Trace Adkins) Sept. 9, Happy Canyon Arena. Tickets (\$46 to \$150) via [www.pendletonroundup.com](http://www.pendletonroundup.com)

Want to get your event listed in our calendar? Send information to [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto:community@eastoregonian.com), or c/o Tammy Malgesini, 333 E. Main Street, Hermiston, OR, 97338.