

# Wednesdays in the Park showcases local, regional and national music

Free weekly shows kick off July 24

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PENDLETON — People are encouraged to tune in with a variety of genres as Wednesdays in the Park kicks off its fifth season.

The lineup features local, regional and national music acts, including Will West & The Friendly Strangers (July 24), Lauren Morrow (July 31), Oregon East Symphony String Quartet & The Pendleton Brass Quintet (Aug. 7), Anita Lee & The Handsome 3 (Aug. 14), and closing out the season is a surprise guest performance (Aug. 21).

The free shows run from 6-8 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. People are encouraged to grab a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy an evening of free music. Also, bring some cash as local food vendors and a beer/wine garden will be available each week.

The son of a fiddle player, Will West grew up in rural North Carolina where he began playing guitar at age 11, including everything from old-time blues to heavy metal. Calling Portland home since 2002, West gathers up musicians to perform as various ensembles.

From duos, trios and a full-band, The Friendly Strangers offer up a unique blend of folk,



Photo contributed by Tim Gunter

**Portland-based band Will West & The Friendly Strangers kick off Wednesdays in the Park July 24 at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton.**

jazz, pop, Americana and groove while mixing in a bit of psychedelia. West along with some of his friends are on the road to promote their July 21 EP release.

Nashville transplant Lauren Morrow brings her high-octave Georgian drawl to the Round-Up City. Hailing from Atlanta, Morrow and her husband, Jason, made the move after visiting Music City U.S.A. to play during a July 2017 John Prine Tribute night. Impressed by the sense of community, the couple packed their bags and instruments and made the move.

After rounding up a new backing band — the couple had been performing with The Whisky

Gentry — and hooking up with producer/engineer Parker Cason, Lauren Morrow worked on creating a self-titled solo debut EP. The four-song release is said to showcase her “flawless vocals and intricate songwriting.”

Highlighting familiar local talents, a pair of Pendleton-based ensembles will take the stage. The OES String Quartet features Emily Muller-Cary, viola; Zach Banks, cello; and violinists Lisa Robertson and Viet Block. The Pendleton Brass Quintet includes Steve Muller, trombone; Gary Ferguson, tuba; Kaitlyn McMasters, horn; and Jill Scanlan and Andy Cary, both on trumpet.

Elliott calls her group’s sound



Photo contributed by Clashdan  
**Nashville transplant Lauren Morrow will perform July 31 at Pendleton's Wednesdays in the Park.**

“psych-country,” as in psychedelic. Others have described it as Americana and “original twang-rock.” Whatever you call it, Anita Lee & The Handsome 3 have been opening people’s ears.

Based in Portland, the band had been playing together for about a year when they performed at last September’s Juniper Jam in Enterprise. The up-and-coming genre-bending group wowed the Wallowa County crowd, including offering up some intense guitar interplay between Elliott and guitarist Tate Peterson.

The free concert series is hosted by Pendleton Parks & Recreation and Sounds Like Entertainment. For more information, contact 541-966-0228, [bookpendleton@gmail.com](mailto:bookpendleton@gmail.com) or search Facebook for “Wednesdays in the Park.”



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**Anita Lee Elliott will perform country-edged rock as Anita Lee & The Handsome 3 during the Aug. 14 Wednesdays in the Park.**

## WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK

**Roy Raley Park, 6-8 p.m.**

**July 24:** Will West & The Friendly Strangers

**July 31:** Lauren Morrow

**Aug. 7:** Oregon East Symphony String Quartet & The Pendleton Brass Quintet

**Aug. 14:** Anita Lee & The Handsome 3

**Aug. 21:** Surprise guest performance

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## BRIEFLY



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**Cruise Control will perform July 22 at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park. As part of Music in the Parks, the show is free.**

## Cruise Control revs up park series

BOARDMAN — Hard drivin’ rock and the softer melodies are featured as Cruise Control gets set to perform in Boardman.

The Tri-Cities band will crank out the tunes from the 1950s through

1980s during Music in the Parks. The free show is Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park. People are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be moved to the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman.

The band doesn’t always stick to a set list and often takes song requests from the eras they cover. In addition, they sometimes offer audience members to grab a mic and sing along with them on stage.

The park series 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@city-of-boardman.com](mailto:utility.clerk@city-of-boardman.com).

## Wildhorse stages outdoor concerts

MISSION — A sizzling week-

end is planned as Wildhorse Resort & Casino is holding a pair of all-ages outdoor shows. Also, general admission lawn seating is buy one, get one free.

Paquita la del Barrio will take the stage Friday, July 26 at 8 p.m. Starting her singing career in 1970 in a Mexico City restaurant, Barrio overcame poverty, hardships and bad relationships. She’s referred to as “the sassy Mexican entertainer who sings about broken hearts and cheating men.” Tickets range from \$49 to \$139.

The following night — Saturday, July 27 at 8 p.m. — features En Vogue with Tony! Toni! Toné! Tickets range from \$39 to \$99. In addition, concert-goers are invited to an after-party with DJ Sub.

En Vogue is a rhythm & blues/pop group comprised of Terry Ellis, Cindy Herron-Braggs and Rhona Bennett. Their latest album, “Electric Café,” included their single “Rocket,” which soared to

the top ten of the Billboard R&B charts.

Tony! Toni! Toné has garnered success as well — their first single to make the Top 10 on the Billboard Hot 100, “Feels Good,” reached gold status. They are a ‘90s group with new jack swing and urban/soul sounds.

Food trucks will be on site during both shows. Also, a no-host bar is available. Tickets can be purchased at the Wildhorse Gift Shop or via [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com).

## Blues guitarist swings through region again

WALLA WALLA — For those who missed Terry Robb’s spring show in Pendleton, you have another opportunity when he performs an upcoming show in Walla Walla.

Referred to as one of the top acoustic guitarists, Robb will take

the stage Saturday, Aug. 3 from 6-8 p.m. at El Corazon Winery, 37 S. Palouse St., Walla Walla. Advance tickets are \$15 via [www.corazonwinery.com](http://www.corazonwinery.com) and those bought at the door are \$20.

Also, while Robb is in the area, he will offer a workshop, “Acoustic Fingerstyle Guitar: Blues, Ragtime & Slide.” Limited to 12 participants, the cost is \$45. Students will receive curriculum materials. The session is Sunday, Aug. 4 from 1-2:30 p.m. at El Corazon Winery.

Robb’s guitar prowess resulted in a name change of the Muddy Award for Best Acoustic Guitar. After receiving the honor 19 consecutive years, it was renamed the Terry Robb Acoustic Guitar Muddy Award. In 2017, he received the Muddy Award for Lifetime Achievement.

For more information or to register for the workshop, visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) For questions, email [info@terryrobb.com](mailto:info@terryrobb.com).

## WHAT TO DO

### FESTIVALS

#### 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, \$3/upgrade to pounder glass. Admission includes event tasting glass and five drink tokens. Local food trucks sköSH and La Familiar will be onsite.

Live music includes 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.

#### Irrigon Watermelon Festival

•Saturday, July 27; 6:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

•Irrigon Marina Park  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)  
Free admission. Breakfast (6:30-10 a.m.), parade (10 a.m.), park activities, including food and vendor booths, live entertainment, raffles, car & motorcycle show and lots of watermelon.

#### 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. Features food trucks (\$), live music, beer garden (\$), kid-friendly activities, including bouncy houses.

#### ART, MUSEUMS & AUTHORS

##### David Webber

•T u e s d a y - F r i d a y s , 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. Features the photography of Webber, an assistant professor

of New Media at the University of Central Oklahoma. Runs through July 27.

#### “Nez Perce Music: A Historical Sketch”

•M o n d a y - S a t u r d a y ; 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. During the exhibit, Plateau Indian artists are invited to display and sell artwork. Runs through July 30.

#### “Savages and Princesses: The Persistence of Native American Stereotypes”

•M o n d a y - S a t u r d a y s , 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 the artwork of 13 contemporary Native American artists — whether using humor, subtlety or irony, the exhibit is fiercely honest. Runs through Oct. 19.

#### Crow’s Shadow Monothon Gala & 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 print-making artists, wine and food. (541-276-3954).

#### MUSIC

##### Sons of Nashville

•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. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy 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.

#### Merit Parcel

•Thursday, July 25; 7-9 p.m.

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

No cover. Northern California band offers folky-punk sound. (541-246-6772).

#### Music in the Parks-Fonozis

•Monday, July 29; 7 p.m.

•Irrigon Marina Park  
Free. Features a Latino band from Yakima. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

#### Solo Summer Stampede

•Tuesday, July 30; 6-9 p.m. No cover.

•Nookie’s/Hermiston Brewing Co., 125 N. First St., Hermiston  
No cover. Sunny Lefurd presents a storyteller’s type of atmosphere full of acoustic guitar, songs and beats.

#### Wednesdays in the Park

•Wednesday, July 31; 6-8 p.m.

•Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton  
[www.pendletonparksandrec.com](http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com)

Free. Lauren Morrow (Americana group from Nashville). Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the family-friendly shows. Food, beer and wine available for purchase.

#### The Graduates

•Thursday, Aug. 1; 7-9 p.m.

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

No cover. A Simon & Garfunkel covers project featuring Paul Langer and Michael Lew.

#### NIGHT LIFE

##### Jenga Tournament

•Saturday, July 20; 3 p.m.

•Ordnance Brewing, 405 N. Olson Road, Boardman

No cover. Two-person teams (541-314-8720).

#### Beers and Bingo

•Saturday, July 20; 6-9 p.m.

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

No cover. New games, new friends, new beers and new prizes.

#### Karaoke w/DJ David

•Saturdays; 8 p.m.

•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

•Saturday Night Trivia  
•Saturdays; 9 p.m.

•Midway Bar & Grill, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston

Free. Show what you know for fun and prizes.

•Ales for ALS  
•Saturday, July 27; 4-7 p.m.

•Ordnance Brewing, 405 N. Olson Road, Boardman

No cover. Unveiling of the 2019 Ales for ALS brew. Proceeds from sales benefit the ALS Therapy Development Institute. (541-314-8720).

•Karaoke Party  
•Wednesdays & Thursdays; 9 p.m. No cover.

•The Pheasant Blue Collar Bar & Grill, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

•Wino Wednesdays  
•Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m.

•Echo Ridge Cellars, 551 N. Thiel-sen St., Echo

•Karaoke at the Packard  
•1st/3rd Wednesday, 9 p.m.-midnight

•The Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

No cover.

•THEATER, STAGE, FILM & 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 24-25: “Madagascar,” July 31-Aug. 1: “Charlotte’s Web 2006”

•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 26: “Black Panther,” Aug. 2: “Jusassic World: Fallen Kingdom.”

#### 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,” Aug. 9: “Smallfoot.”

#### HOT TICKETS

•Wildhorse concerts: Paquita la del Barrio (21+ July 26, \$49-\$139), En Vogue featuring Tony! Toni! Toné! (Ages 18+ July 27, \$39-\$99) at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

Tickets via Wildhorse Gift Shop or [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com)

•Live from the Leslie: (Pure Bathing Culture) Aug. 10, The Lodge, Pendleton. Tickets (\$10-\$12) via [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

•Umatilla County Fair main stage performers Tracy Byrd (Aug. 6); Jackson Michelson (Aug. 7); The Georgia Satellites (Aug. 8); Latino Nightbands 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, 97838.