Wheatstock honors its roots with regional bands

Reckless Kelly headlines Aug. 17 event

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HELIX — Wheatstock Music Festival has continued to harvest success since its inaugural event 12 years ago.

This past spring, DeWayne Dunlap announced that Americana band Reckless Kelly — calling them "the hottest band out of Austin, Texas" — would be headlining the 2019 festival. Also, Austin's George DeVore — referred to as a "pop-powerhouse" — is returning for a fifth time.

This year's event is Saturday, Aug. 17 from 3-11 p.m. at Quantum 9 Arena, Helix. There will be a beer garden and Andrae's Kitchen will be on-site.

Tickets are \$30, or \$35 if purchased at the gate. Free camping is available. Also, VIP packages are \$99, which includes general admission, a meet-and-greet and event swag. Admission is free for active military personnel and kids 12 and under.

What started out as mostly featuring area musicians, as the festival has grown it has brought bigger names to the stage. Honoring its roots, Wheatstock still showcases regional musicians. This year's lineup includes Pendleton's Imperial Twang, The Wasteland Kings from out of La Grande, and The FrogHollow Band and Shop Singers, both of Walla Walla.

Sometimes referred to as Pendleton's quintessential party band, Imperial Twang didn't have a name when they played their first gig nearly 15 years ago. Audience members at Hamley's Slickfork Saloon wrote down ideas on napkins.

Songwriter and co-frontman Jef Farley told the *East Oregonian* in a 2009 interview that they had hundreds of suggestions and took months to settle on a name. Whatever you call them, Imperial Twang is said to



Imperial Twang



The FrogHollow Band

light things up "with a witty blend of country, folk, Americana, and rock and roll."

Although no longer on the Wheatstock board, Farley is one of the festival's founders. The idea sprouted as a way to raise money for the music program at the Helix School District. In addition, it provides sup-

Shop Singers

port to Divide Camp, a wilderness retreat for veterans. In addition to the fundraising aspect, Farley wanted a chance to play at the same venue with his brother's band.

With influences from the Beatles and the Rolling Stones to Tom Petty and Muddy Waters, The Wasteland Kings headlined Wheatstock in 2010. They offer a mixture of rock, Americana and folk, while adding their own unique twist. Playing together since 2008, they pack the house in bars, clubs and festivals across the Pacific Northwest.

The gritty blues vocals of Kris Mallory and Holly Sorensen brings an edge to The Wasteland Kings. The group also features Mike Mallory, Mark Emerson and Al "Too Loud" MacLeod. They also "tone it down" a bit when performing as The Acoustic Kings.

Originally formed in 1994 as a party band for a New Year's gig, The FrogHollow Band has hopped across multiple genres and onto the stage with national music acts. They've opened for Foghat, Blue Oyster Cult, James Otto, Phil Vasser, Molly Hatchet and more.

FrogHollow is said to present a "contemporary twist on old school country." In addition to performing original music, the alternative country group offers up covers of current and classic rock and country tunes, along with Red Dirt favorites.

"These boys aren't from Texas but at least they got a fiddle in the band," Dunlap said.

A handful of years ago, a pair of garage-playing guitarists recruited bandmates and formed as the Shop Singers. Attracting lots of attention for their eclectic mix of alternative country, folk, rock and punk, the group was voted as the best local band in the *Walla Walla Union-Bulletin*'s 2018 Best of the Best!

Returning to the Wheatstock stage for a second year in a row, the band has played across the region in bars, wineries, private parties and at The Gentleman of the Road Festival. Their high energy set with all original music, Dunlap said, will leave people wanting more.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.wheatstock.org or search Facebook for Wheatstock Music Festival.

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Park series finale features Cale Moon



Photo contributed by Jack Neal The Music in the Parks season finale concert features Cale Moon. The free performance is Monday at Irrigon Marina Park.

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IRRIGON — Bringing his intoxicating vocals and magnetic personality, Cale Moon will present a high-energy performance as Morrow County's Music in the Parks crescendos.

The season finale concert is Monday at 7 p.m. at Irrigon Marina Park. People are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the free show. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon.

Hailing from Benton City, Washington, the musician and his family hit the road as Moon pursued his dream. Now a Nashville recording artist, Moon continues to captivate crowds from the Pacific Northwest to the Deep South.

Funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric, Music in the Parks is sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation. For more information, contact Jackie McCauley at 541-720-1289 or utility.clerk@cityofboardman. com.

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Wasteland Kings to rock Heppner park series

HEPPNER — A La Grande-based band that describes their vibe as "the premier Americana sound" will play during Heppner's Music in the Park.

The Wasteland Kings will perform Sunday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Heppner City Park, 444 N. Main St. With limited seating, people should bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Also, those attending are encouraged to come early and enjoy a meal prepared by Hopeful Saints Ministry, a combined effort of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. Serving as a benefit for ministry programs, donations are accepted.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Heppner Elementary School, 235 E. Stansbury St. For more information, contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@centurytel. net. For more about the band, visit www.wlkmusic.com.

WHAT TO DO

FESTIVALS

Umatilla County Fair

•Aug. 6-10 •EOTEC, 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston

www.umatillacountyfair.net \$10/adults, \$8/seniors. Free shuttles via Kayak Public Transit from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Broadway Block Party

•Saturday, Aug. 10;1-8 p.m. •East Broadway Avenue, Milton-Freewater

www.mfdowntown.org

Free. Family-friendly event features kids games, activities, food, beverages, a 5K fun run and live music.

Rock & Roll Camp

•Aug. 12-16; all day •Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.

www.pendletonarts.org

Free. Professional musicians provide teen campers with information and hands-on activities related to music. The camp crescendos with a free concert Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. on Main Street, Pendleton. (541-278-9201).

Morrow County Fair

•Aug. 14-17

•Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner

www.co.morrow.or.us/fair

Free admission. Features entertainment, food, open class exhibits, FFA/4-H and livestock auction.

Adams Community Picnic

 Saturday, Aug. 24; 4-7 p.m.
 Adams City Park, Main Street www.cityofadamsoregon.com Free. Play old-fashioned games, enjoy barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers (those attending are invited to bring a dish to share), live music and presentation of summer reading program awards.

ART, MUSEUMS & AUTHORS "Michael Wartgow: Lost Verses"

•Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m.

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

www.pendletonarts.org

Free. Features the photography and reclaimed paper objects of Wartgow, an art instructor at Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Runs through Aug. 31.

"A River Runs Through Us: The Art and Words of the Lostine"

• M o n d a y - S a t u r d a y ; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

•Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 N. Main St., Joseph www.josephy.org

Free. Exhibit highlights the wild watershed area, its inhabitants, the river, forests and alpine setting. Runs through Sept. 9.

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

• M o n d a y - S a t u r d a y ; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

•Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino. www.tamastslikt.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.

MUSIC

Bleeding Tree

•Saturday, Aug. 10; 8 p.m. No cover

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

Live from the Leslie

•Saturday, Aug. 10; 8 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m.

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

www.brownpapertickets.com \$10/advance, \$12/door. Features Pure Bathing Culture performing a mixture of dream-pop, soft rock with folk leanings. Show also features Portland duo Camp Crush and local band, REV.

Cale Moon

•Saturday, Aug. 10; 9 p.m. No cover

•Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

The Wasteland Kings

•Sunday, Aug. 11; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

•Heppner City Park, 444 N. Main St.

Free. Heppner's Music in the Parks features La Grande-based American/rock band. Food by donation from Hopeful Saints Ministry. In case of inclement weather, event at Heppner Elementary School, 235 E. Stansbury St.

Music in the Parks-Cale Moon

•Monday, Aug. 12; 7 p.m. •Irrigon Marina Park Free. Features the up-and-coming country musician. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Wednesdays in the Park

•Wednesday, Aug. 14; 6-8 p.m. •Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton

www.pendletonparksandrec.

Free. Features Anita Lee & The Handsome 3 playing "psych-country." Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the family-friendly shows. Food, beer and wine available for purchase.

Elwood

•Thursday, Aug. 15; 7-9 p.m. •40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton

No cover. Soulful folk singer-songwriter from La Grande area. (541-246-6772).

The Groove Surfers

•Friday, Aug. 16; Saturday, Aug. 17; 8 p.m. No cover •Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wild-

horse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

NIGHT LIFE 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.

BBQ-Bingo-Silent Auction

•Saturday, Aug. 17; 5:30-8 p.m. •Neighbor Dudes, 405 N. First St. Suite 104, Hermiston

No cover. Benefit event for

Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue features German sausages, hot dogs and a vegetarian/vegan option. Enjoy a night out, bid on some items and support the nonprofit group that helps with stray animals in need of veterinary care.

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. 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; 6 p.m. •Midway Bar & Grill, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston

No cover. Hosts a local brewery offering tastings and food pairings.

LOL Comedy Jam

•Thursdays; 8 p.m.

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

No cover. Aug. 15: Cameron Mazzuca, Amanda Arnold; Aug. 22: Aaron Yonkosky, Dwight Slade

Karaoke

•Thursdays, 9 p.m.

•The Pheasant Blue Collar Bar

& Grill, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston First Thursday Wine Tasting

•Thursday, Sept. 5, 5-7 p.m.

•The Gathering Place at Bellinger's, 1823 S. Highway 395, Hermiston

Free. Features live music and wine tasting from Watermill Winery.

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 Blue Collar Bar

& Grill, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

THEATER, STAGE,

FILM & LECTURES

Stanfield Movies in the Park

Free. Bring a blanket, chairs

and snacks. Aug. 13: "Pokémon

Detective Pikachu." Come early

for National Night Out activities,

Free Summer Movies for

Wednesday/Thursday;

•Hermiston Stadium 8 Cinema,

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. Aug. 14-15: "Little Ras-

cals," Aug. 21-22: "Monsters vs.

HOT TICKETS

stage performers Sugar Ray

(Aug. 10) (free/general admis-

mium) www.umatillacountyfair.

(Reckless Kelly, headliner) Aug.

17, Quantum 9 Arena, Helix). Early

bird tickets (\$20) via www.wheat-

Kick-off Concert: (Trace Adkins)

Sept. 9, Happy Canyon Arena.

Tickets (\$46 to \$150) via www.

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Main Street, Hermiston, OR, 97838.

pendletonroundup.com

•Wheatstock Music Festival.

•Round-Up Happy Canyon

•Umatilla County Fair main

\$12/reserved, \$20/pre-

•Midway Tavern, 1750 N. First

Karaoke •Fridays; 9 p.m.

St., Hermiston

Tuesday; dusk

starting at 6 p.m.

355 W. Theater Lane

www.facebook.com

Kids!

9:15 a.m.

Aliens"

sion,

stock.org

net (541-567-6121).

•Bard Park, Stanfield

www.facebook.com