

# Artist hones creativity with pumpkin art

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UMATILLA COUNTY — A Willamette Valley transplant will carve some fun at a couple of upcoming events at Bellinger Farms and Gourmet Shoppe, and the Echo Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch.

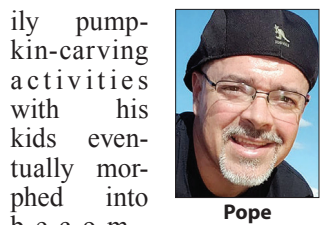
Roger Pope is a professional pumpkin sculptor. The Boardman man recently was hired as the graphics and media producer for the Hermiston School District. He previously lived in Dallas, Oregon, where he owned his own graphic design company.

He will sculpt pumpkins Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at Bellinger's, 1823 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. There is no admission charge. Also, he will be at the Echo Corn Maze Saturday, Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 100 N. Dupont St.

Pope, who graduated from Dallas High School, was voted most creative and most artistic his senior year. Before he even turned the tassel, Pope sold two logos to two separate companies. He went on to study visual communications at The Art Institute of Seattle.

"I was just one of those kids that was drawing all the time," Pope said. "I'd doodle on anything I could get my hands on."

Participating in fam-



Pope

ily pumpkin-carving activities with his kids eventually morphed into becoming a professional pumpkin sculptor. While working on a graphic design project for Bauman's Farm and Garden in Gervais, he inquired about doing pumpkin carving during their fall festival. In addition to pumpkins, Pope also has participated in snow and sand sculpting.

"All three are temporary forms of art — one melts away, one washes away and one rots away," he said.

Pope uses clay sculpting tools when performing his craft. He said while he's not particularly picky about his "canvas," he does need to find a pumpkin that's not really hard or too soft. Pope also encourages people to try the art form.

"When you see the technique, you're just scraping away a little at a time," he said. "It's a lot safer than pumpkin carving tools — it's easier and safer to use clay sculpting tools."

"He is just so creative," said Victoria Rose, who notified the *Hermiston Herald* about his upcoming events. "He has a passion for sharing his art with others to inspire them."



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Roger Pope created a pumpkin sculpture during a 2015 harvest festival at Bauman's Farm and Garden in Gervais. The Boardman man is featured during a pair of upcoming events at Bellinger Farms and Gourmet Shoppe, and the Echo Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch.

Pope doesn't sell his pumpkin sculptures. His main purpose in creating them is to share the art form with others. Marleaux Scaggs said Bellinger Farms will sell raffle tickets for \$1 each for a chance to win Pope's creation. They will donate the proceeds to Agape House.

For more information about the events, call Bellinger's at 541-567-5870 or text/call the Echo Corn Maze at 509-528-5808.

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## COMING EVENTS

### THURSDAY, OCT. 17

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals on Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

**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)

**ECHO CORN MAZE**, 2-6 p.m., Echo Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch, 100 N. Dupont St., Echo. Cost is \$10 for ages 3 and older, free for ages 2 and under, all-day pass is \$12 per person. Ticketed attractions include kiddie carts and zip line (\$1). Fire pit rental \$50 for 3 hours. Pumpkins available for purchase. (509-528-5808)

**WEEKLY CRAFTERNIGHT**, 3-4 p.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. For children 5 and up; younger children welcome with a helper. Free.

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

**EASTERN OREGON COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATION COMMUNITY MEETING**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference rooms A&B, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Learn about community-driven health improvement efforts and shared strategies under the state's next phase of coordinated care.

Free. (Patrick Mulvihill 541-705-4961)

**THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO**, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

**FIDDLER'S NIGHT**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Avamere Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (Lori 541-567-3141)

**RED CROSS DISASTER SERVICES VOLUNTEER RESPONSE TRAINING**, 6:30-7:30 p.m., private business, 214 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. Join local Red Cross response volunteers to learn how you can help in disasters. (Don Tombleson 541-276-9222)

**FIRST DRAFT WRITERS' SERIES**, 7-9 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Harold Johnson will read from his work. Open mic slots of 3-5 minutes available following main presentation. Free. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

**CHOIRS OF THE VALLEY CONCERT**, 7 p.m., McKenzie Theater, 1 University Blvd., La Grande. Choirs from La Grande, Hermiston and Milton-Freewater high schools, the Grande Ronde community Choir and the EOU Chamber Choir combine for an annual collaborative concert. Free and open to the public.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 18

**EASTERN OREGON COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATION COMMUNITY MEETING**, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Oregon Child Development Coalition, 403 Peabody St., Milton-Freewater. Learn about community-driven health improvement efforts and shared strategies under the state's next

phase of coordinated care. Free. (Patrick Mulvihill 541-298-2101)

**PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME**, 10 a.m., Weston Public Library, 108 E. Main St., Weston. For babies, toddlers and preschoolers and their parents/caregivers. Free.

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

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:30 a.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. For babies and children to age 6. Free.

**FREE FRIDAY LUNCH**, 12 p.m., Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo. Everyone welcome.

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)

**EASTERN OREGON COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATION COMMUNITY MEETING**, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Learn about community-driven health improvement efforts and shared strategies under the state's next phase of coordinated care. Free. (Patrick Mulvihill 541-298-2101)

**STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

**ECHO CORN MAZE**, 2-10 p.m., Echo Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch, 100 N. Dupont St., Echo. Cost from 2-6 p.m. is \$5, otherwise \$10 for ages 3 and older, free for ages 2 and under, all-day pass is \$12 per person. Ticketed attractions include kiddie carts and zip line (\$1). Fire pit rental \$50 for 3 hours. Pumpkins, concessions available for purchase. (509-528-5808)

**VFW BINGO**, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

## BRIEFLY

### Hemp and Wine festival celebrates harvest

ECHO — People will have an opportunity to learn more about CBD during the Hemp and Wine Harvest Fest.

The doors open for the free event Friday at 6 p.m. at Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo. Wine, CBD beverages and food will be available for purchase during the event. Tickets for a lasagna dinner are available on a pre-sale basis for \$20 each.

Also, Leah Justine will perform live music. An energetic performer, the singer-songwriter shares colorful stories that are a signature of country music.

The festival is presented by Sno Road Winery, Encore Wellness 4 Life, 419 Records and MJ Farm. For more information, contact Sno Road at 541-376-0421 or [info@snooadwinery.com](mailto:info@snooadwinery.com).

### Weston library friends set annual book sale

WESTON — Donations are being accepted through Monday for the Friends of Weston Library (FOWL) annual used book sale.

The event, held in conjunction with the Umatilla County Potato Show, is Friday, Oct. 25 from 5-7 p.m. at Memorial Hall (downstairs), 210 E. Main St., Weston. The sale continues Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gently used hardcover books are \$1 each and paperbacks are 50 cents. A bag sale will begin the last hour of the event, offering an entire bag of used books for \$1.

Formed in 2000, FOWL is a nonprofit organization that supports the Weston Public Library. They assist in promoting the library, and help finance special projects and programs. To donate books to the sale, call the library at 541-566-2378.

### Blue Mountain Wildlife changes open house

PENDLETON — Due to a forecast of inclement weather this weekend, Blue Mountain Wildlife is postponing its open house.

The free event is now scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26 from 1-4 p.m. at 71046 Appaloosa Lane, Pendleton. The open

house will feature tours, live music, a falconry demonstration, raffle prizes and refreshments.

For more information, contact [raptor@wtechlink.us](mailto:raptor@wtechlink.us), 541-278-0215 or visit [www.bluemountainwildlife.org](http://www.bluemountainwildlife.org).

### Bargain shopping benefits Eastern Oregon Mission

HERMISTON — Rolls of new carpeting, bicycles, furniture and more are available during an upcoming parking lot sale at Agape House.

Benefitting Eastern Oregon Mission programs and outreach, the event is Saturday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be moved inside.

Clothing (five items for \$1), furniture (price as marked) and knickknacks (you name the price) also will be available for purchase. In addition, winter apparel will be distributed free of charge.

Eastern Oregon Mission is the parent organization of Agape House and Martha's House, which serve area individuals and families in need. For more information, to volunteer or make donations, call 541-567-8774.

### Tamkaliks dance arbor needs donations

WALLOWA — The circular dance arbor for the Tamkaliks Celebration Powwow & Potluck is in need of maintenance.

Angela Bombaci, Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland executive director, said it was discovered this past summer that after decades of use that 18 of the 73 pine and tamarack poles needed attention. Of those, seven were replaced prior to this past summer's Tamkaliks celebration — 11 more still need to be repaired/replaced.

An Arbor Maintenance Fund has been set up on GoFundMe. With a fundraising goal of \$13,000, all contributions are tax-deductible.

For more information, contact [info@wallowanezperce.org](mailto:info@wallowanezperce.org), 541-886-3101, Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland, P.O. Box 15 (209 E. Second St.), Wallowa, OR 97885; or visit [www.wallowanezperce.org](http://www.wallowanezperce.org). Donations can be made at [www.gofundme.com/f/our-tamkaliks-dance-arbor-needs-your-help](http://www.gofundme.com/f/our-tamkaliks-dance-arbor-needs-your-help).

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