

Three local libraries receive 'Transforming Communities' grants

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UMATILLA COUNTY — Several Umatilla County libraries were chosen to receive grants through the Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries.

The initiative is coordinated by the American Library Association in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. Public libraries in Athena, Pendleton and Stanfield will each receive \$3,000 to support library

staff in their efforts to create connections to increase their ability to serve their patrons and communities.

Kristin Williams, Athena Public Library director, is excited to be among the 300 libraries across the country to be chosen for the grant. The money, she said, will help in expanding their services beyond the physical walls of the library.

"This pandemic year has shown us that our ability to reach people outside the physical walls of the library is a key to meeting the

needs of the community," Williams said.

As part of the grant, Williams said Athena library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about a chosen topic and use grant funds in support of that topic.

Community organizations in Athena, including Athena Mainstreet Association and the Athena City Council, have been

in extended conversations about how to continue some of their long term and closely held traditions while also revitalizing the town and involving town residents. Williams is hopeful that the conversation held as part of the grant will result in a new unity and sense of purpose while moving forward.

The Pendleton Public Library will use the grant to host a series of classes and conversations geared toward helping residents develop job search skills, including resume writing, cover

letter development and work with an experienced hiring manager.

And the Stanfield Public Library will use their grant to help facilitate a community conversation on mental health. Their hope is to bring more awareness to mental health, including what they can do to recognize it and how to best provide help.

Since 2014, the Transforming Communities initiative has reimaged the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have

utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead public forums, take part in anti-violence activities, provide a space for residents to come together to discuss challenging topics, and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.

If you are interested in getting involved or taking part in a local conversation, call the Athena library at 541-566-270, Pendleton at 541-966-0380 or Stanfield at 541-449-1254.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Seventh Day Slumber to play in Hermiston

HERMISTON — Get ready to rock as a Christian band will perform in Hermiston as part of its current tour.

Seventh Day Slumber will play on Friday, April 30, at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge. Concession snacks will be available for purchase.

With a capacity of 140, seating is on a first-come basis. Social distancing and masks are required.

For questions, call 541-567-3677. For more about the band, which has several albums out, visit www.seventhdaylumber.com.

Echo hosts yard sales, flea market

ECHO — The Echo City Wide Yard Sale & Flea Market is bringing the community together with numerous yard sales in town and a fun flea market centralized around George Park.

The event is Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Signups for the yard sale advertisement and flea market are available at Butter Creek Coffee, Wild Bleu Yonder, Echo City Hall and the H & P Cafe. The last day to register to be included in the advertising is Monday, April 26.

Flea Market vendor spaces is on a first-come basis on the day of the market. The 15-by-15 space fee is \$20, payable to Butter Creek Coffee House or Wild Bleu Yonder. The money collected goes to advertising the event and city permit/rental fees. For questions, call 541-376-5540 or 541-571-0080.

Parking lot sale to benefit Christian school

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Christian School is hosting a parking lot sale to raise money to finish work on two new classrooms.

Organizers have been collecting gently used items for the event. The sale is Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. For more information, call 541-567-3480.

Groups announce 'I Love My City' event

HERMISTON — The city of Hermiston and area churches are partnering together to offer free services throughout the Hermiston community.

As part of the "I Love My City" campaign, the event will feature such activities as park and street cleanings, free car washes, kids events and more. People are invited to volunteer Saturday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have a red shirt, be sure to wear it.

People can meet at Hermiston's festival street (North-east Second Street) to get an assignment or register in advance at www.ilovehermiston.com. For questions, call 541-667-5018 or 541-567-5831.

Bellinger's resumes wine tasting May 6

HERMISTON — The Gathering Place at Bellinger's is excited to announce it is resuming its Thursday wine tasting events.

Adults, 21 and older, are invited for an evening of rosé and good old fashioned fun. Rosé Your Way is Thursday, May 6, from 5-8 p.m. at Bellinger's, 1823 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. There is no admission charge.

They will utilize safety precautions with plenty of sanitation. With limited seating, they are recommending that people call in advance to ensure they will have a seat. For more information or to make a reservation, call 541-567-5870.

Mitchell named to Knox College dean's list

GALESBURG, Ill. — Lydia Mitchell of Pendleton has been named to the Knox College Dean's List of distinguished students for the 2021 Winter Term. To be

named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned at least 2.5 credits in the term, with a grade point average of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Mitchell is a political science and environmental science major.

Local grads earn winter 2020 honors

SPOKANE, Wash. — Danner Hamilton of Pendleton has earned a place on the Spokane Falls Community College (SFCC) honor roll for winter quarter 2021.

And at Spokane Community College (SCC), Laura Ponce of Boardman was named to the winter 2021 honor roll. Students must earn a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be on the honor roll.

SFCC and SCC are the two community colleges within the Community Colleges of Spokane district. SFCC has campuses in west Spokane, Fairchild Air Force Base and Pullman. SCC serves about 22,000 students annually with a main campus in east Spokane, five other locations in rural areas of north-

eastern Washington and a program in the Airway Heights Correctional Center.

Officers graduate from basic police training

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) recently graduated its 406th Basic Police Class, including local officers **Jeremy Baker** of the Umatilla Tribal Police Department and **Robert Lowrance** of the Stanfield Police Department.

The Basic Police Class is 16 weeks in length and includes dozens of training areas including survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse, drug recognition, and dozens of other subjects.

Basic Police Class 406 will graduate during a private ceremony at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem on Thursday, April 29, at 1:30 p.m. due to COVID restrictions.

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ENGAGEMENT

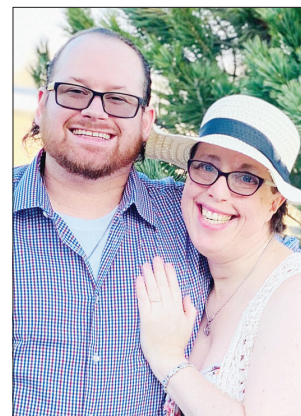
Trista Conklin and Charles Park to wed

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Trista Conklin and Charles Park have announced their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Trista, the daughter of David and Jean Conklin of Pasco, Washington, is a 1991 Hermiston High School graduate, and also attended Spokane Falls and Walla Walla community colleges. She is an office assistant at The Place in College Place, Washington.

Charles, the son of Charles Park of Gresham and Jill Park of Ashland, Maine, graduated from Prairie High School in Brush Prairie, Washington, in 2004. He is a veteran, serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom with the U.S. Army in 2008-09.



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Charles Park and Trista Conklin

He attended ITT Technical Institute in Portland, graduating in 2013. He works as a drafter/designer at Key Technology in Walla Walla, Washington.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on June 19 in Pasco.

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Contribute to the campaign for Pendleton's new tribute to our military and your name, or that of a friend or family member who has served, will be engraved on a brick as part of the Beacon Plaza (just west of the east viaduct), home to the new sculpture.

Pendleton VFW Post 922 and the City of Pendleton's Art Commission engaged artist Michael Clapper to design this 22-foot rising steel beacon, and we're asking you to join in.

Your brick can hold the name, rank and insignia of military members past or present. There are many levels of giving and participation.



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Entry to All events for the weekend is by Donation Only

Friday - April 30, 2021: Doors Open 7 AM

Happy Canyon Arena
8 am-12 pm - Broken Circle Border Collies Working Dog Clinic - Robin & Rocky Brown.

Pendleton Convention Center
9:00 am - 5:30 pm - D&B Supply Tradin' Post & Gear Show and Sale

Round-Up Pavilion
8 am to 4pm - Horse Sift and preview of Western Select Ranch Horses and Working Dogs. An opportunity to check out a horse and dog you would like to bid on at the Saturday auction.
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Northwest Farm Credit/Hodgen Distributing Ranch Rodeo - Team Branding, Trailer Loading, Team Sort and Roping Championship; Stock Dog Roping & Mixed Branding (Doors open at 5:30 PM)

Saturday - May 1, 2021: Gates Open 7 AM

Round-Up Pavilion
7:30 am - 9 am NWSRA Steer Roping Qualifying Round

Convention Center
9am - 5:30pm - D & B Supply Tradin' Post & Gear Show and Sale

Round-Up Pavilion
10 am - 1:30 pm - Preview of Western Select Ranch Horses and Working Dogs

Convention Center West Side Parking Lot
11 am - Ticket Sales - People's choice - Cattle Barons BBQ Challenge, Cattle Barons Beer Garden,
1 pm - Cattle Barons Buckaroo BBQ Challenge & People choice Voting - Northwest BBQ Association sanctioned competition made possible by Hines Meat Company

Convention Center
2:30pm - Introductions and Presentations @ Sale Ring in Main Hall
3:00pm - Pendleton Whisky Western Select Invitational Ranch Horse & Working Dog Sale
Round-Up Pavilion - Kick off with Speed Painter brought to you by Helix Pub & Market/Pendleton Catering

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Community Bank/Les Schwab Stock Saddle Bronc Championship (Doors open at 5:30 PM)

10:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Band in Arena brought to you by Virgil's at Cimmiyotti's