

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Rock & Roll Camp set to Zoom

PENDLETON — The annual Rock & Roll Camp for teens is going virtual. Presented by Pendleton Center for the Arts, a decision was made earlier this week to hold the event online because of an uptick of COVID-19 cases and the spread of the delta variant. Families who were hesitant to have their teen attend can still register them for the Zoom Rock & Roll Camp. The arts center has guitars, basses, ukuleles and even drum kits that can be borrowed for the week (and maybe beyond) for free. In its 16th year, the camp runs Aug. 9-13. For detailed information, visit www.pendletonarts.org. For questions, call 541-310-7413.



Pendleton Center for the Arts/Contributed Photo

The free teen Rock & Roll Camp is going virtual. Pendleton Center for the Arts is coordinating the day camp, which is Aug. 9-13, 2021.

Arts center announces new exhibit

PENDLETON — The geologic time scale is not the first thing most people think of when they think about viewing art, but the context of Kirsten Furlong's new exhibit at Pendleton Center for the Arts introduces food for thought about the current age we're living through.

Her exhibit, "Night Passages," recently opened in the art center's East Oregonian Gallery. It will remain on public view through Thursday, Sept. 30. The arts center is at 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Admission is free. Visitors to the gallery are required to wear masks.

Furlong's recent projects relate to nuclear waste in the high desert of the western United States, declining habitat in the grasslands of the Great Plains and the effects of climate change on species everywhere. In the work, animals and plants serve as emblems of nature and as metaphors for human desires. She uses detail, repetition and patterns inspired by those encountered in the natural world as a representational tool while also using mark making to express empathy, loss, and longing. Born in Wisconsin, Furlong lives and works in

Boise. Her work has been shown nationally and internationally in solo and group exhibitions. She is the director of the Blue Galleries and a lecturer in the department of art, design, and visual studies at Boise State University.

For more information about Pendleton Center for the Arts, call 541-310-7413 or visit www.pendletonarts.org.

Local groups announce Red Cross blood drives

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Lions Club is partnering with Pendleton VFW Let 'Er Buck Post No. 922 and the American Red Cross to host a blood drive.

With low blood supplies, people are encouraged to consider donating during upcoming blood drives in Pendleton.

- Monday, Aug. 9, from noon to 6 p.m. at CHI St. Anthony Hospital, 2801 St. Anthony Way.

- Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place.

- Tuesday, Aug. 31, from noon to 5:30 at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate.

The Red Cross recently reported it has been distrib-



Kirsten Furlong/Contributed Photo

"Night Passages," the new exhibit at Pendleton Center for the Arts, includes "Waiting for Plant Magic," created with ink and collage by Kirsten Furlong.

uting about 12% more blood products to hospitals across the United States compared to this time last year. To meet hospital demands and to end the severe shortage, the Red Cross has been giving incen-

tives for people to donate. To thank donors who help ensure a strong blood supply, all who come to give blood in August will receive a free four-month subscription offer to Apple Music

by email (new subscribers only).

For more information or to schedule a donation time, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Umatilla recreation program wraps up summer

UMATILLA — Games, bounce houses, face painting, arts and crafts and more are planned as a celebration of the end of summer.

Presented by the city of Umatilla, the Summer Wrap-Up Party is Friday, Aug. 13, from 4-7 p.m. at the Umatilla Marina & RV Park, 1710 Quincy Ave. There is no admission charge.

People are invited to hang out afterwards for the final session of Movies in the Park. "The Croods: A New Age" will start at 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 541-922-3226 or visit www.umatilla-city.org/parksrec.

Local economic summit highlights Eastern Oregon

HERMISTON — The Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition announced this

week the second Eastern Oregon Economic Summit is just around the corner.

The two-day event provides an opportunity for private and public sector leaders from throughout Oregon to learn about the growth and potential of Eastern Oregon's economy. Speakers include industry experts and state and federal lawmakers. It includes field and industry tours, general session speakers and a series of discussion panels focused on regional economic updates, federal and state legislative updates, program and industry updates and more.

The summit kicks off Thursday, Aug. 19, and continues through Friday, Aug. 20. Sessions are at the Hermiston Agricultural Research & Extension Campus, 2121 S. First St., and Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston. Transportation will be provided for the tours.

Tickets, which range from \$25-\$40 for different activities, are available at www.easternoregonsummit.com.

Local students named to online school honor roll

SCIO — The statewide tuition-free online public school Willamette Connections Academy announced the honor roll for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. The list recognizes hundreds of students in grades K-5 from every corner of the state for their academic excellence.

Local students making the list include **Kassidy Homer**, fifth grade, of Fossil, and **Arya Brindle**, kindergarten, of Milton-Freewater.

To qualify for the honor roll, students in kindergarten through 5th grade must receive "A's" in all their classes during the second semester of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Enrollment is now open for the 2021-22 school year at the academy. Learn more about how to enroll or more information about the school at www.WillametteConnectionsAcademy.com, or call 888-478-9474.

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Icey handout on a National Night Out



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Hermiston City Councilor Doug Primmer hands a treat to a youngster Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, while City Councilor Jackie Myers, also in a green shirt, looks on during the city's annual National Night Out event at Highland Park.

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