

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Hermiston library offers festive fun**

HERMISTON — Get ready to shift your holiday spirit into high gear as the Hermiston Public Library hosts the Winter Wonderland Festival.

The family-friendly event, which features cookie decorating, a hot cocoa booth and an ornament decorating craft, is free. So, hop in your sleigh, gather all the elves and join the fun Saturday, Dec. 18, 1-3 p.m., at the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

For more information, call 541-567-2882 or visit [www.hermiston.or.us/library](http://www.hermiston.or.us/library).

**Grinch steals movie night at SAGE Center**

BOARDMAN — The mean one, Mr. Grinch is set to invade the SAGE Center.

“How the Grinch Stole Christmas” is the featured flick during movie night Friday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m., at 101 Olson Road, Boardman. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes entry, popcorn and bottled water. Children under 5 are free.

In the 2000 release, viewers get a glimpse inside a snowflake, where the magical land of Whoville exists. The PG-rated film stars Jim Carrey as the Grinch.

For more information, call 541-481-7243 or visit [www.visit-sage.com](http://www.visit-sage.com).

**Gift making party wraps up creative spirit**

PENDLETON — Children are invited to tap into their creativity while making something special for their family or friends.

The Pendleton Public Library is hosting a Children’s Holiday Gift Making Party. The free event is Monday, Dec. 20, 5 p.m., at 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Participants do not have to register in advance.

The library will provide a variety of



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Angelita Chavez helps Moses Martinez, 3, decorate a Christmas cookie on Dec. 21, 2018, during the Hermiston Public Library holiday party. The library’s Winter Wonderland Festival, with super-sized holiday fun, is 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021.

materials, gift ideas and support. For more information, call 541-966-0380.

**BMCC seeks to reengage students**

PENDLETON — Blue Mountain Community College is hosting four sessions designed to help students evaluate their educational goals.

Like many institutions of higher learning, the Pendleton-based school experienced a drop in enrollment because of the global pandemic. While some students changed their course of study, others put educational plans on hold.

The school is seeking to reengage students by providing assistance in identifying barriers and finding a path back to the classroom. The sessions will include a variety of college personnel, including faculty advisors, registration representatives and student accounts staff. To help ensure Blue Mountain students

at all of the college’s locations can connect with personnel that can best provide assistance, the sessions will be held virtually.

The sessions are available Monday, Dec. 18, and Monday, Jan. 3. Both dates will offer a pair of 2-hour time slots: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.

“We at Blue Mountain know that students who leave college sometimes need a little assistance with identifying their path back and want to be there to help,” Shannon Franklin, executive assistant, said in a press release.

Registration is not required to participate in a session. For more information, including links to each of the virtual sessions, visit [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu) or call 541-278-5759.

**Trivia night casts spell on knowledge**

PENDLETON — The Hogwarts

School of Witchcraft and Wizardry invites teens and adults to a magical event.

The Pendleton Public Library is set to test your knowledge during Harry Potter Trivia. The free event is Friday, Dec. 17, 5 p.m., at The Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Advance registration is required.

From spells to character’s back stories, you’ll want to put your wizard hat on for this one. The winning duo will receive a grand prize. For questions or to register, call the library at 541-966-0380.

**Winter raffle draws library support**

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Friends of the Library winter raffle basket is Cozy in the Kitchen.

Items overflowing from the themed basket will take the winner



Pendleton Public Library/Contributed Photo  
With a theme of Cozy in the Kitchen, tickets are available online for the Pendleton Friends of the Library winter raffle basket. The drawing is Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, 10 a.m.

beyond the kitchen. It includes a smorgasbord of products from Barhyte Specialty Foods; three bottles of wine donated by Lori Case and Theresa Degan; three packs of handmade wooden coasters created by Ken Jacobs; and a \$25 Pendleton Parks and Recreation gift certificate; which can be used at the Roy Raley Ice Rink, for class fees or other activities.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. They can be purchased at [pendleton-friends-of-the-library.square.site](http://pendleton-friends-of-the-library.square.site). The drawing will be Wednesday, Dec. 22, 10 a.m. Proceeds from the winter raffle will help with the purchase of new books, to improve technology and to support activities at the Pendleton Public Library.

The Pendleton Friends of the Library was established by a group of concerned citizens who stepped up in 1981 to provide support during a time of economic difficulty. In addition to holding fundraisers, the nonprofit organization shines a spotlight on the library’s services, facilities and needs.

For more information about the raffle or to inquire about membership with the group, email [PendletonFriendsOfTheLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:PendletonFriendsOfTheLibrary@gmail.com) or call the library at 541-966-0380.

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