

Josh Abbott Band to headline Wheatstock

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HELIX — Wheatstock Music Festival board member DeWayne Dunlap said this summer's show is shaping up to be the best yet. The event is Aug. 20 at Quantum 9 Arena in Helix.

"We're trying to step it up every year," he said. "We have some great bands coming — it's going to be a great lineup."

Dunlap called the Josh Abbott Band "one of the hottest groups out of Texas right now." Playing country red dirt music, he said the event's headliner is raking in the hits on the music charts in the Lone Star State.

"They might be the best band we've ever had," Dunlap boasted.

That said, Dunlap and the Wheatstock board still are courting another top group. Because they are in negotiations, he couldn't release the name.

"If we get 'em it's going to be fantastic," Dunlap said. "Even without them, the show's still going to be stellar."

With five acts already confirmed, Dunlap said presale general admission tickets, which are \$49, are soaring. Also, VIP presale tickets are \$139, which



Wheatstock Music Festival/Contributed Photo

The Josh Abbott Band will headline this year's Wheatstock Music Festival on Aug. 20, 2022, at Quantum 9 Arena, Helix. Discounted tickets are on presale at www.wheatstock.org.



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Jeff Farley and Shaner Applegate of Imperial Twang entertain the crowd on Aug. 17, 2019, at the Wheatstock Music Festival in Helix. The local band again will perform at this year's event, which is Aug. 20 at Quantum 9 Arena.

includes a general admission ticket, a limited backstage pass, a meet-and-greet with

the Josh Abbott Band and a signed event poster. Tickets prices increase March 14.

The other confirmed traveling acts include Giovannie & The Hired Guns and Carson Jeffrey, both hailing from Texas, and Oklahoma-based group Ragland.

In addition, local alt-folk-country band Imperial Twang will take the stage. Known to go months or more between live performances, the proverbial party band knows how to ratchet up a raucous and rowdy good time — drawing from their fanbase, known as "The Merry Twangsters."

"We're just really excited about the whole lineup," Dunlap said.

Wheatstock was founded with the purpose of raising money for the Helix School District. It will continue to support that effort by providing a pair of scholarships to graduating seniors. In addition, Wheatstock donates proceeds to Cross the Divide. Formerly known as Divide Camp, the program offers a wilderness retreat for combat veterans in the Wallowa Mountains.

The event includes food vendors, free camping, a beer garden, bouncy castles for the kids and merchandise sales. Admission is free for active military personnel and kids 12 and under. For tickets or more information, visit www.wheatstock.org.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Cattle Barons seek scholarship applicants

PENDLETON — Applications are being accepted for the Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend scholarship program. In addition, a Protect the Harvest scholarship also will be awarded.

Applicants must be or plan to be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs in the pursuit of agricultural-related careers. To be eligible, students must be from an Eastern Oregon county, including Umatilla and Morrow. Applications must be submitted by April 1.

Established in 2008, Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend was created as a nonprofit entity to showcase western heritage. The purpose of the event is to raise money to provide scholarships for the next generation to keep the

tradition alive.

This year's event is April 29-30, in and around the Pendleton Convention Center. It features the Stock Saddle Bronc Championships, Ranch Rodeo, Western Select Invitational Ranch Horse and Working Stock Dog Sale, Tradin' Post Trade Show and Western Artistry Show and the Buckaroo BBQ Challenge.

For more information about the event or a scholarship application, search www.cattlebarons.net. For questions about the scholarship program, contact Nick Michael at 509-240-5841 or nicholas.j.michael1981@gmail.com.

Republican women welcome Kerry McQuisten

PENDLETON — Kerry McQuisten, a Republican candidate for Oregon

governor from Baker City is the guest speaker for the upcoming gathering of the Round-Up Republican Women.

The event is Thursday March 10, at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. A social time with cocktails and dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$17 per person. McQuisten will be introduced at 6 p.m.

Those planning to attend need to RSVP via email at rounduprw@gmail.com or text 541-310-8582.

Walking program provides steps to healthy living

HERMISTON — A 6-week low-intensity walking program is starting soon in Hermiston. While part of the focus is to help with arthritis pain, anyone who wants to get more active is invited to participate.

The Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease program can teach people how to safely make physical activity a part of everyday life. It also assists participants with increased balance and strength, as well as improving overall health.

Offered through Good Shepherd Health Care System, the program fee is \$10, which includes an Arthritis Foundation handbook. Open to all ages, pre-registration is required for the class, which begins Monday, March 21 at Good Shepherd, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. The sessions are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 9-10 a.m. at the hospital, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

To register, call 541-667-3509 or email healthinfo@gshealth.org. For more information, search www.eventbrite.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

JoAnn 'Joey' Bechtel

Pendleton
Nov. 20, 1950 — Feb. 28, 2022

JoAnn "Joey" Bechtel, 71, of Pendleton, died Feb. 28, 2022, at her home. She was born Nov. 20, 1950, in La Grande, the daughter of Clarence and June Bechtel. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Gordon W. George

Pendleton
June 19, 1926 — March 4, 2022

Gordon W. George, 95, of Pendleton, died March 4, 2022, in Spokane. He was born June 19, 1926, in The Dalles. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Marian 'Mary' R. Gilbert

Pendleton
Sept. 5, 1965 — Feb. 28, 2022

Marian "Mary" R. Gilbert, 56, of Pendleton, died Feb. 28, 2022, in Richland, Washington. She was born Sept. 5, 1965, in California, the daughter of Kenneth and Martha Gilbert. A memorial service will be Friday, March 11, 3 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Detrea A. 'Dee' Gill

Hermiston
Nov. 9, 1967 — March 3, 2022

Detrea A. "Dee" Gill, 54, of Hermiston, died March 3, 2022, in Hermiston. She was born Nov. 9, 1967, in Oberlin, Ohio. A family gathering will be held. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Jones, Debbie — Celebration of life, 1-3 p.m. in the banquet room at Shari's Cafe & Pies, 319 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

Marlatt, Douglas — Graveside service, 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Sander, Ed — Graveside service, 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Tillamook. A luncheon follows at Alderbrook Grange Hall, 5995 Alderbrook Road, Tillamook.

MARCH 6-7

No services

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Woodroffe, Michael — Graveside service, 11 a.m. at the Athena Cemetery.

MARCH 9-10

No services

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Arkell, Nina — Funeral service, 1 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave.

Gilbert, Mary — Memorial service, 3 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave.

Krumbah, Russ — Memorial service, 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Inurnment follows at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

Michael Barrett Woodroffe March 17, 1940 - February 21, 2022

Michael Barrett Woodroffe was born in 1940 in Corvallis, Oregon, the beloved only child of Helen Barrett Woodroffe and Robin Russell Woodroffe. He grew up in Athena, Oregon, helping on the family farm and listening to his parents quote Shakespeare to each other over the dinner table. Michael attended Stanford University on scholarship, obtaining a bachelor of science degree in mathematics, and returned to the University of Oregon to complete his master and doctorate degrees in 1965.

After a year as a research associate at Stanford, he began his independent research career at Carnegie Mellon before moving to the University of Michigan in 1968, where he was a professor of statistics for more than 40 years. He was named the Leonard J. Savage Professor in 1994, and the Michael Woodroffe Lecture Series was established in 2008 in recognition of his long and distinguished career. Michael married Frances Smock in 1974, and they raised three children together. He loved cheering his children on at their extracurricular activities, family camping trips, listening to the Tigers on the radio and spending time at the rustic family cabin up north. Michael was an adventurous person with a wide array of interests. Along the way, he was mugged in a bar in South America, played on his young adult son's championship hockey team into his 70s, joined his son in law for flying lessons, driving a Corvette around the Laguna Seca racetrack and informed his daughter he preferred to bike to and from wineries because he was unlikely to be pulled over for biking under the influence.

He was the first on the block to buy an Apple II computer in the early 1980s, and he and his oldest son spent hours taking it apart and putting it back together again. He loved watching and playing sports, liked reading enormous history books, preferred biking to driving and enjoyed traveling to visit family, friends and associates in faraway places. He derived great joy from life's simple pleasures. His family was deeply important to him. Although he lost a few steps toward the end of his life, he never lost his independent spirit or his sense of humor. Michael died in Palm Bay, Florida, a few weeks shy of his 82nd birthday. He is survived by Fran, his wife of 47 years; his children, Russ, Carolyn (Don) and Blake (Aris); three grandchildren and more than 40 former graduate students. He was presumably welcomed on the other side of the rainbow bridge by his parents, grandparents and a number of wagging tails.

Rest in peace, Dad. We were lucky to have you.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the Athena Cemetery.

You may share online condolences at www.pioneer-chapel.com.

LOTTERY

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Megabucks
3-16-19-30-34-47
Jackpot: \$2.4 million

Lucky Lines
4-8-12-14-1-24-26-30
Estimated jackpot: \$19,000

Powerball
19-37-48-61-63

Powerball: 12
Power Play: 2
Jackpot: \$85 million

Win for Life
49-51-58-64

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-5-1-4

4 p.m.: 6-8-4-8

7 p.m.: 5-9-3-3

10 p.m.: 6-1-4-3

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Lucky Lines

4-6-10-16-18-22-25-32

Jackpot: \$20,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 8-0-6-5

4 p.m.: 7-7-7-4

7 p.m.: 6-8-7-6

10 p.m.: 6-3-7-6

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Wray A. Hawkins, Jr.

August 31, 1949 - January 17, 2022



Wray died peacefully at his home on Jan. 17, 2022, on ButterCreek near Echo, Oregon, on the family farm. Wray was born in Pendleton Aug. 31, 1949. After he graduated from Helix High School in 1968, where he played football and basketball, Wray joined the US Navy where he quickly found his niche in the submarine corps. He truly enjoyed serving his country and being on a submarine was an experience of a lifetime that he spoke of fondly and often.

In 1975, Wray was honorably discharged from the Navy and found his lifelong passion in farming. Being raised in a farming family it was a natural fit for him and he loved every aspect of growing wheat and helping to feed the world. He often said, "without us farmers these poor people would starve to death" and then break into that unmistakable laugh of his.

Wray had many hobbies that he and his wife, KC, shared. They loved to hunt, fish and go looking for mushrooms, while on one of their many camping trips. He was also a wonderful chef and creating a special meal is something he took very seriously. For instance, he took special pride in hosting many Thanksgiving dinners for one of his best friends, and of course in his words, it was always "a masterpiece."

No one had a better sense of humor or enjoyed pulling pranks on his family and friends as much as Wray. For starters, he insisted that he and KC get married on Leap Day so he only had to celebrate their anniversary once every four years. Or during harvest, if you were new to the crew at some point you were sure to get an unexpected hand full of grease from a door handle. It was just his way of saying welcome to the Hawkins Harvest Crew. He relished being with people and volunteering his time as is evident from his 30-plus years of service to the Pendleton Round-Up.

Wray is survived by the love of his life and his best friend, his wife, KC, he is also survived by his mother and father, Wray Hawkins Sr., his sister, Debra Champagne (Paul deceased), his brother, Kelly Hawkins (Pam), his daughter, Alex Shaw (Brian), his son, Blaine Hendrickson (Emily), and his stepdaughter, Brandie Cutts, his many cousins and his seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 12, at noon at the Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton. A celebration of life at the Let'er Buck Room will be held immediately following the service.

Please make donations to PAWS of Pendleton. Wray loved animals and only wanted the best for all of them.

