

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Battle of the Bars returns April 1 with epic fun

PENDLETON — The Battle of the Bars is returning after a two-year hiatus.

The signature fundraiser for the Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, the event is adding a cornhole tournament before bartenders mix it up with Pendleton Whisky.

The fun begins Friday, April 1, 4:45 p.m. outside the Let 'er Buck Room at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds, 1205 S.W. Court Ave. The cost for each doubles team is \$50 — register at 4 p.m. Bags are provided and winners will share 50% of the prize purse.

The event gets ready to rumble inside the Let 'er Buck Room at 6 p.m. for the traditional Battle of the Bars competition. Local bartenders will create signature drinks using Pendleton Whisky.

Entry is free — people must be 21 or older to attend — tastes and votes for each cocktail can be purchased, along with beer, wine and other traditional cocktails. Food from Mario's Basque Bar B-Q also will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 541-969-4721, 541-310-0791, search www.facebook.com/ruphalloffame or read a full story in Go! Magazine, in the Thursday, March 31, East Oregonian.

Comedy FUNdraiser event to benefit Altrusa

PENDLETON — The Slickfork Spotlight will shine on a pair of comedians during a fundraiser to benefit Altrusa International of Pendleton.

Susan Rice and Travis Nelson will yuck it up during two evening shows on Friday, April 1, at Hamley Slickfork Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Both shows feature a no-host bar and silent auction. The first show starts at 5 p.m. and features buffet-style appetizers. Tickets are \$49 each. The second show, which begins at 8:30 p.m., includes a buffet-style dinner. It costs \$59.

Hailing from Portland, Rice got her start in comedy in the Rose City in 1983. After moving to Los Angeles, she became a regular at the Icehouse, Igby's and The Comedy Store. With a rapid rise, Rice soon was headlining at The Laff Stop, Last Laughs, Stanford's and the Comedy Connection. She returned to Oregon in 1998.

Nelson, who is based in Seattle, has performed at the Moottower Comedy Festival, Seattle International Comedy Competition, Cape Fear Comedy Festival, Westside Comedy Showdown in Santa Monica and won "Best of the Fest" at the Burbank Comedy Festival in 2018. That same year, he was one of the top eight comics out of 101 selected for the Main Event of the World Series of Comedy.

Tickets can be purchased at www.wildhorseresort.com or in person at the Wildhorse Gift Shop, Mission. The



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Hamley bartender Kristen Shea pours Pendleton Whisky while making a drink called the "Deac" at the 2014 Battle of the Bars in Pendleton. The 2022 event, which includes a cornhole tournament, is Friday, April 1, in the Let 'er Buck Room at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds.



Art Center East/Contributed Photo
This piece by Allyson Bates is among the art in the exhibit "Emergence," showcasing Eastern Oregon University juniors, which opens Friday, April 1, 2022, at Art Center East, La Grande.

doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime. Those in attendance must be 21. For questions, call 541-278-1100.

Levy, Shafer team up to meet voters

UMATILLA COUNTY — With the primary election less than eight weeks away, a pair of local incumbent candidates are making an effort to meet with constituents.

State Rep. Bobby Levy, R-Echo, and Umatilla County Commissioner John Shafer are teaming up for a pair of informal gatherings. The two invite voters to join them for a cup of coffee and conversation Saturday, April 2, 7-10 a.m. at Java Junkies, 270 S. Main St., Stanfield.

And then in the evening from 6-7:30 p.m., the pair will head to Bellinger Farms, 1823 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to info@bobbylevyfororegon.com.

Levy, who represents House District 58, is being challenged by Levy Skye Farnam, a Summerville business owner. Shafer, who hopes to retain county commissioner Position 2, is being challenged by HollyJo Beers, a conservative activist, and Rick Pullen, a former Umatilla County employee. Vying for different positions in the 2018 election, both Beers and Pullen garnered enough votes during the primary to appear on the ballot that November, only to lose to Dan Dorran and George Murdock, respectively.

For more information about the gatherings, email the Round-Up Republican Women's Club at rounduprw@gmail.com.

Open house April 1 at Baker Heritage Museum

BAKER CITY — Baker Heritage Museum in Baker City is holding a community open house Friday, April 1, 3-7 p.m.

Visitors can meet the new officers of the Baker Historical Society, and get a sneak peek of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center's exhibit.

The museum is at 2480 Grove St., just east of Geiser-Pollman Park.

During the open house, the community can renew a historical society membership, learn about volunteer opportunities, and see new work at the museum.

At 4:30 p.m., historical society President Ginger Savage will make welcoming remarks, but guests are welcome to come anytime during the four-hour open house, which coincides with new art shows at Baker City galleries.

Light refreshments will be served.

"It is critically important that the Baker Historical Society gather and acknowledge the years of service by so many steadfast volunteers who have maintained and grown the Historical Society mission," Savage said. "We also need to gather as we come out of the pandemic to recruit new volunteers and new members to support a significant level of new work that needs to be done."

Members of the Baker Museum Commission will also be on hand to share information concerning significant infrastructure issues with the historic Natatorium and immediate fundraising needs.

Cultural partners will be available to discuss the Baker County Culture and Heritage Passport program.

'Emergence' to open April 1 at Art Center East

LA GRANDE — A free opening reception for "Emergence," an exhibit showcasing artwork by Eastern Oregon University junior-year art majors and minors, will be conducted from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande.

The exhibit's featured artists are Corrina Stadler, Erin Monagle, Cira Mesubed, Alexis Lowe, Gretchen Litzlbeck, Jessica Hitzman, Koedi Birmingham and Allyson Bates, according to an Art Center East press release.

"This group of students enjoys a shared academic experience, but the variety of their artistic processes and distinct creative interests allow for a group exhibition that celebrates individual expression. Through concentrated research, writing and studio exploration, these junior-year students have each begun to develop a cohesive and focused body of work," the press release said.

"Emergence" will be on display in ACE's Main Gallery through April 30.

Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Exhibits also can be viewed virtually at www.artcentereast.org. Art Center East galleries are open to the public and admission is always free.

The annual Eastern Oregon University junior exhibition at Art Center East is made possible through the university's long-standing partnership and collaboration with ACE, which continues to support artists at every stage of development thereby enriching Eastern Oregon's diverse arts community.

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Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days/Contributed Photo
Brothers Osborne is the concert headliner for the 2022 Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, April 1, for the Aug. 31 show.

Brothers Osborne to headline concert at Frontier Days

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WALLA WALLA — Country music duo Brothers Osborne is the concert headliner for the 2022 Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days. The opening act will be announced at a later date.

Tickets go on sale April 1 at 10 a.m. They range in price from \$54 to \$104. The concert ticket includes gate admission to the fair.

Brothers Osborne will perform at 7 p.m. on Aug. 31, the opening day of the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days. With a theme of "Comin' in Hot," the event runs through Sept. 4 at the fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla.

Described as a mix between Southern rock and outlaw country, Brothers Osborne is best known for their 2015 song, "Stay a

Little Longer." It climbed into the top five on Billboard Hot Country Songs and Country Airplay charts.

The lyrics, "I'm good for some, but I'm not for everyone," in the duo's 2021 tune, "I'm not for Everyone" from "Skeleton," their third studio album, might very well sum up their appeal. Delivering a unique sound, Brothers Osborne garnered a Grammy nomination for Best Country Duo/Group Performance with "Younger Me," also on "Skeletons."

"We're not afraid to take risks and just be ourselves," said guitarist John Osborne, in the band's biography.

Tickets for Brothers Osborne can be purchased at the fairgrounds, by calling 509-527-3247 or the event website via www.wallawallafairgrounds.com. Online sales are limited to eight.

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