

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Cornhole for charity seeks participants

PENDLETON — People will throw for a cause during a charity event featuring cornhole.

Cornhole for a Cause is Thursday, May 19, 5 p.m. in the Happy Canyon Arena, 1601 Westgate. The event also features a silent auction, door prizes, a 50-50 drawing and a no-host bar.

Each team that enters will choose a charity to play for — the selected charities of the first, second and third place teams will receive a donation. In addition, winning teams will receive a prize package from local businesses.

The registration fee is \$60. For more information or to register a team, call Greg Galloway at 541-612-0926, Chris McClellan at 541-612-0923 or email cornholeforcharity@yahoo.com.

Ladies night fundraiser features laughter

MISSION — Live comedy with Susan Rice is featured during a fundraiser for the Pioneer Relief Nursery.

The Pendleton Ladies Night Out is Friday, May 6, 5 p.m. in the Rivers Event Center at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off Interstate 84 at Exit 216. Tickets are \$25 per person or a table of eight for \$180.

In addition to the comedy show, hors d'oeuvres will be served and a no-host bar is available. Also, the event features a silent purse auction and an opportunity to learn more about the Pioneer Relief Nursery and the ways people can help support the program in its efforts in strengthening families and keeping children safe.

Rice's comedic style is described as conversational and hysterical. A Longview, Washington native, she got her start in comedy at Portland's Leakey Roof Tavern in 1983. Three years later, Rice headed to Los Angeles, where she became a regular at many of the area's top clubs, including The Comedy Store.

Returning to the Pacific Northwest in 1998, Rice continues to yuck it up in the Portland metro area and beyond. In 2015, she was voted Willamette Week's "Funniest Person in Portland."

Founded in 2007, Pioneer Relief Nursery seeks to prevent child abuse and neglect through early intervention. It focuses on building successful and resilient children, strengthening parents and preserving families. Staff work with each family and child in our program to provide individualized services tailored to their unique needs and goals.

For more information, to purchase tickets or to place bids on auction items without attending, visit one.bidpal.net/Ino2022/welcome. People and businesses also are invited to make donations for the auction. For questions, call 541-215-1017.

Time to tune up for Sing United

WALLA WALLA — The United Way of the Blue Mountains is excited to announce the return of its virtual singing competition. Sing United: Clash of the Blue Mountain Beats will celebrate and recognize great musical talent in area counties while helping the community grow stronger through the efforts of United Way.

The virtual singing competition and fundraiser is for local bands and musicians who are from, go to school, or have performed in or have ties to Walla Walla, Columbia, Umatilla, Morrow, Baker, Union, Wallowa, Grant, Harney or Malheur counties. The grand prize winner will receive \$2,500 and an opportunity for live headline performances. Additional prizes

will be announced. Money raised during tournament voting will support United Way in the fight for the health, education and financial stability of community members throughout the region.

"We have tremendous musical talent here," said Christy Lieuallen, United Way executive director. "During the first Sing United competition, we heard from the artists that they felt the competition helped them grow as musicians, but even more as people."

Sing United is a single-elimination bracket tournament organized by a selection committee. Musicians/bands must submit registration no later than May 16, 8 a.m.

The competition bracket and first round match-up dates will be announced soon after. The winner of each match-up is based on the number of votes in the United Way Sing United fundraiser. Each \$1 contributed counts as one vote.

To enter the tournament and further details, visit www.uwbluemt.org/sing. For questions, contact Monica Boyle, director of development, at 509-529-1183 or monica@uwbluemt.org.

'Ring of Fire' features life of Johnny Cash

PENDLETON — The story of Johnny Cash is told through music in a trio of performances presented by the Friends of the Opera House. "Ring of Fire" features 30 songs, including several Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash duets.

The opening performance is Friday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Subsequent shows are Saturday, May 7, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for lower level, \$8 for balcony or \$13 per person for a group of 10 or more. There is a \$2 processing fee for each ticket.

The event is an encore performance, which first took the stage at the Historic Elgin Opera House in 2016. Back by popular demand, the show features the original cast along with several new performers.

Playing Johnny Cash are actor-singers Brent Smith, Ashley O'Toole, Tucker Murphey, J.D. Kindle and Dr. Wesley Rampton as an aged Johnny. June Carter Cash is performed by Jeanette Smith, Jocelyn Berado, Staci Elguezabal and Karen Taylor. The cast also includes Misty Hines as Johnny Cash's mother and Jordan Uhlman as a featured singer.

Tickets can be purchased at www.elginoperahouse.com or by calling 541-663-6324.

Chocolate Derby rides into Pendleton

PENDLETON — Don your best Kentucky Derby attire and get ready to indulge in chocolate. Dream Catcher Therapeutic Riding Center is hosting its Chocolate Derby benefit event.

In its fourth year, the fundraiser is Saturday, May 14, 7 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Tickets are \$30 each or \$180 for a table.

In addition to tasting a variety of delectable chocolate, the event features a horse racing game and silent and live auctions.

A nonprofit organization, Dream Catcher provides people with physical, emotional and developmental challenges an opportunity to discover their abilities and stir up hope through equine activities. Participants engage in riding, grooming and bonding with horses.

For more information, contact Morgan Matteson at 541-377-1479, morgan@dreamcatchertrc.org or search www.facebook.com/DCPendleton.

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Main Street Cowboys honor top volunteer

By WYATT TEGGINS
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Margaret Osborne is Main Street Cowboys' Tenderfoot of the Year.

The Pendleton-based nonprofit awarded Osborne with the honor Friday night, April 29, during its annual banquet to thank benefactors and recognize an outstanding member of the community.

Osborne has spent more than 30 years helping different populations of Pendleton. As an office assistant at Pendleton High School, she helped as many students navigate life as any teacher, counselor or principal.

After Osborne retired from the school district in 2006, she cared for elderly residents around the county.

Osborne provided food, transportation, essential maintenance and companionship to many through her efforts. Her actions have impacted so many people, from students to the minor league teams she assists, and through her struggles with the elderly, it was no surprise to anyone but Osborne that she had won this year's award.

Osborne expressed



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Margaret Osborne of Pendleton displays the Tenderfoot of the Year Award she received Friday night, April 29, 2022, from the Main Street Cowboys during the organization's banquet in Pendleton to honor volunteers.

tremendous gratitude for the award but said it wasn't about her.

"It's about the community," she said. "I enjoy giving back. When I retired

from working with teens, I wanted to continue helping people and began helping the elderly and seeking out other ways to make an impact."

The Main Street Cowboys has handed down the Tenderfoot of the Year for more than 60 years, making it one of the oldest community service awards in Pendleton.

The Main Street Cowboys operate the bench program with three levels of sponsorships. Sponsorships of \$75-\$149 ensures a bench goes out a minimum of 14-21 days; for \$150-\$399, benches go out as needed to fulfill requests in addition to the 14-21 days around Round-Up; and for \$400 and up, the benches go out each time a request is made, which is approximately 200 days each year.

Preparations for the organization's Main Street show during the Pendleton Round-Up and the Dress-Up Parade are underway. The Cowboys also seeks new members and meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month. For more information about the Main Street Cowboys, call 541-278-9332 or visit www.mainstreet-cowboys.org.

Arts center to host international concert pianist

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Center for the Arts on Monday, May 16, hosts a free recital of international concert pianist Llewellyn Sanchez-Werner.

The performance begins at 4:30 p.m. and is free for anyone who reserves a seat at PendletonArts.org or by calling 541-278-9201. Seating is limited to the first 100 reservations.

According to a news release from the arts center Llewellyn Sanchez-Werner was selected to be a Gilmore Young Artist, an honor awarded to the most promising American pianists of

the new generation, and his multifaceted artistry has been featured on NPR, PBS, CNN International and the Wall Street Journal.

Sanchez-Werner's recent international performances include The Royal Concertgebouw in the Netherlands, CultureSummit in Abu Dhabi, the Louvre and Grenoble museums in France and Verbier Festival in Switzerland.

Sanchez-Werner performed at the Kennedy Center and the White House for President Barack Obama and President Joe Biden, for President Pena Nieto of Mexico and other international leaders.

Sanchez-Werner received the Atlantic Council Young Global Citizen Award recognizing his dedication to social action through music in such countries as Iraq, Rwanda, France, Canada and the United States.

Since making his concerto debut at age 6, Sanchez-Werner has performed under the batons of some of the world's most notable conductors, the press release states. He holds master's and bachelor's of music degrees from Juilliard, where he was awarded the Kovner Fellowship, and an artist diploma from the Yale School of Music, where

he was awarded the Charles S. Miller Prize. As part of his commitment to giving back, he's working with a local young piano student the morning of the recital, providing a one-on-one master class for the lucky teen.

The performance is made possible through a partnership with Portland Piano International and its Rising Stars program, which brings world-class pianists to rural communities. The PCA event follows a performance the evening of April 24 at The Vert Auditorium with the Portland Youth Philharmonic Orchestra.



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