

Wildhorse Pow Wow returns for 26th anniversary

American Indian dancers and drummers to gather in Eastern Oregon

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MISSION — Following a two-year absence, the Wildhorse Pow Wow returns June 30, marking the event's 26th anniversary.

The gathering of American Indian dancers and drummers takes place at Wildhorse Resort & Casino on the Umatilla Indian Reservation near Pendleton.

"Pow Wows are a celebration of cultural and spiritual traditions by Native Americans and First Nations people through drumming, singing, dancing and competition," according to the announcement from Wildhorse. "The popular gathering attracts dancers and drummers from across the U.S. and Canada to celebrate their indigenous heritage. Pow Wows also provide an opportunity to pass traditions on to youth."

The Wildhorse Pow Wow welcomes individuals of any heritage to observe



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Dancers fill the venue during the grand entry of the 25th Wildhorse Pow Wow on July 7, 2019. Wildhorse Resort & Casino announced on Thursday, June 23, 2022, the Pow Wow returns June 30-July 3 after a two-year hiatus.

and enjoy the activities.

More than \$90,000 in cash and prizes are avail-

able to outstanding dancers and drummers in a variety of categories. Dancers will

compete in Traditional, Fancy, Golden Age, Grass, Chicken, Jingle and more.

Special dances include Elder, Cowgirl and War Bonnet. Drummers compete in Hand

Drum and Contest Drums.

The event kicks off with Pow Wow Comedy on Thursday, June 30, at 7 p.m., in the Rivers Event Center at Wildhorse. The show opens with Mark Yaffee, founder and co-star of the Pow Wow Comedy Jam; headlining is Tonia Jo Hall, known for her hilarious alter ego, "Auntie Beachress."

The first Grand Entry for the Pow Wow starts Friday, July 1, at 7 p.m. at the outdoor arena. Drumming and dancing continue daily through the afternoon of July 3. The full event schedule is online at wildhorsere-sort.com.

Host Drum for the Pow Wow is "Southern Style" of Montezuma Creek, Utah. Emcees are Jerry Meninick, Fred Hill and Thomas Morning Owl.

The Wildhorse Pow Wow features traditional foods, handcrafted Native American items and other merchandise available from visiting vendors and artists, including fry bread.

The outdoor arena is northeast of the Tower Hotel at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Parking is east of the arena. The Pow Wow and comedy show are free to the public.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Downtown district uncorks wine/beer tasting event

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Downtown District is rolling out its annual Cork & Barrel event.

Featuring wine/beer tastings and food, the event is Saturday, June 25, 5-10 p.m. on Hermiston's Festival Street, 100 block Northeast Second Street. Also, bring your dancing shoes as the Chase Craig Band will provide live entertainment.

Advance tickets for the 21 and older event are \$20. They are available at Hermiston Parks and Recreation, 415 S. Highway 395, the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 630 S. Highway 395, and Lucky Endz Gifts, 239 E. Main St. Tickets at the gate are \$25.

For more information,

search www.facebook.com/Hermistondowntown. For questions, email hermiston-downtown@gmail.com or call 541-667-5018.

CASA program offers certification training

HERMISTON — People interested in serving as a voice for abused and neglected children are invited to participate in a training course to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for children in group or foster homes. The law requires that each child in foster care has a special advocate appointed on their behalf.

The Umatilla-Morrow CASA program will host a

two-week volunteer training course in Hermiston. It is available both in person and virtually. The sessions run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 11-14 and July 18-21. At the end of the 40-hour course, participants will receive certification as a CASA volunteer by a judge from the district.

When a child enters the child welfare system, suddenly there are many strangers in their lives — judges, police officers, lawyers, counselors, foster parents and others. With more than 260 kids in Umatilla and Morrow counties needing a voice to advocate on their behalf, many volunteers are needed.

For more information or to register, visit www.umchs.com/programs/casa. For questions, call 541-667-6170 or email cas@umchs.org.

— EO Media Group

Food, fun and games at new Fourth of July event in Roy Raley Park

By JOHN TILLMAN
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PENDLETON — The new Fourth of July event in Pendleton's Roy Raley Park is set to begin after the parade ends at 11 a.m. and provides music, games and more.

DJ Anson Crane handles music noon to 5 p.m. Games and activities all day include spike ball, bean bag toss, lawn dice and face painting. Two giant Jenga

toppling towers and two giant Connect Four games also are featured.

Several food trucks are offering their goods, and there are prizes for the relay, spoon-egg and three-legged races.

A judged, patriotic-themed children's bicycle parade is scheduled for 1 p.m., with prizes for each entrant. The age groups are 8 and under, and 9 to 12.

A cornhole tournament

is 1-4 p.m., and a dunk tank 2-4 p.m. Targets in the tank signed up so far are Pendleton police Lt. Tony Nelson and Mayor John Turner.

The event still needs two volunteers for the third and fourth half hours in the tank, and also for the milk can toss and face painting. To volunteer, contact Donna Biggerstaff at Pendleton City Hall at donna.biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us or 541-966-0220.



Richard 'Bud' Wallace Rugg

May 18, 1924 - October 2, 2020



In loving memory of Richard "Bud" Wallace Rugg of Pilot Rock, who was born in Pendleton, Oregon, on May 18, 1924 - passing Oct. 2, 2020. Bud was a lifelong resident of Umatilla County, only living his last three years in Portland so his family could care for him.

He was the second of three sons born to Archie Edward Rugg and Hazel Mae (McCulley) Rugg. His earliest years were spent on his folk's homestead, near the Rugg family sheep ranch 5 miles west of Vinson. During the Depression, they relocated to Echo, and then on to acreage outside Umatilla. Bud attended Hermiston Union High School for its competitive basketball and track teams, graduating with the class of '43.

Bud enlisted in the Navy in 1943, serving on the escort carrier USS Tulagi, VCE 72, as machinist mate, 2nd class. He participated in campaigns in the Mediterranean, including Operation Dragoon; and in the Pacific Theater performing anti-submarine activity in the Marshall Islands, the Philippines, Guam and Okinawa. At the cessation of war, the Tulagi assisted in the transport of planes and personnel from the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Bud met and married Betty (Kutch) Borngraeber in 1959. They made their home in Pilot Rock for the next 69 years. Bud opened his arms and heart to Betty's three children, Phil, Eva and Angela. Diane was born soon after. He worked as a mechanic for Comrie Oldsmobile and Cadillac on Southeast Court Avenue, Pendleton, until his retirement. He was an active member of the Pilot Rock Community First Presbyterian Church for over 60 years, serving as an elder, and choir member.

Having repaired and jazzed up jalopies in his youth, Bud would continue to restore

'wrecks' for cash, and helped Phil rebuild a '57 Ford. In addition to being a skilled mechanic, Bud utilized the carpenter skills taught to him by his father, Archie, for endless remodels and other projects conceived by his wife Betty.

As a family, there were many trips to the mountains for camping, hunting, fishing, wood cutting, huckleberry picking and mushroom gathering. Family vacations were spent driving to many state and national parks, and the AlCan Highway to visit Eva in Anchorage, Alaska.

Bud enjoyed ocean fishing out of Ilwaco, Washington, with family and friends; fishing and hunting in Alaska with son-in-law, Warren; and horse and mule pack trips into the mountains of Montana with son-in-law, Farrell. In retirement, a cherished activity was the annual hunting trips to the Roy's cabin in the Blue Mountains - mostly for all the joshing, food and games they could indulge in!

Bud loved sports, picking up golf again in retirement; and he speculated that he might have gone on to be a high school coach except for the war.

He was a soft-spoken, gentle man who quietly loved his family, raising three stepchildren like his own, and a daughter he cherished. He was a good son who not only watched over his mother and father in their aging years but also Betty's folks, Emma (Wurl) Edwards, Ralph Kutch; and even Betty's former mother-in-law, Judy (Kruse) Borngraeber.

Bud was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years in 2010; his parents, brothers, George Eugene and James Rugg; and stepson, Phil Borngraeber. Bud is survived by his daughter, Diane Frye (Fred), Point Richmond, California; stepdaughters, Eva Sanders (Warren), Lake Oswego, Oregon; Angela Cooper Lind (Dennis), Missoula, Montana; and 10 grandchildren.



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