

Are you ready to rock?

Pendleton's Rock Camp returns to in-person

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PENDLETON — A cacophony of piercing electric-guitar riffs, hammered drum kits and loud teens is about to overtake the Carnegie Library building that houses the Pendleton Center for the Arts.

And the staff can't wait.

After two years of virtual rocking and rolling to help control the spread of the coronavirus, arts center's Rock & Roll Camp is back to in-person. According to a press release, the PCA is welcoming almost 100 13-18 year-olds for a week-long immersive experience.

The 17th year of Rock & Roll Camp runs Aug. 8-12 and is completely free. Teens do not have to reside in Pendleton or even Umatilla County to attend.

The Pendleton Center for the Arts hosted its first Rock Camp in 2006, fueled by the passion of local musician and music promoter Peter Walters and fostered by then grant-writer J.D. Smith and then Executive Director Jane Hill.

"The annual event has become part of the fabric of the community," according to the press release, "and several camp alumni credit their involvement for the confidence and continued engagement with music they enjoy today."

Addison Schulberg is



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Addison Schulberg addresses participants during the 2019 Rock & Roll Camp at the Pendleton Center for the Arts. The camp returns from being virtual for the past two years to in-person Aug. 8-12, 2022, at the arts center in Pendleton.

the 2022 camp director. He started his relationship with Rock & Roll Camp as a 13-year-old. After attending all six years the program allowed, Schulberg went on to serve as a volunteer, then instructor and now leads the group of 15-20 Northwest musicians who work hard to make sure teens have a week they always will remember.

Teens have a variety of activities to choose from during the day camp. Activities begin at 9 a.m. and wrap up at 4 p.m. and include everything from songwriting to music performance, from sound mixing to journalism. Those not interested in getting up on stage can focus on interviewing counselors and campers, taking photos, drawing and the other tasks that go into creating the camp

zine, a handmade booklet that documents the week and showcases the participants. The week culminates in a showcase concert on Main Street on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

Camp counselors are staying at the newly renovated Motolodge in Pendleton, thanks to the generous support of the property owners. The property has served in years past as a home-base for the camp, which is just several blocks from the arts center.

The counselors come from a range of indie bands from across Oregon and Idaho and from as far away as New Mexico. All are touring musicians who have spent years not only perfecting their craft but devoting time to helping teens foster their own love of music. Counselors also include topflight music jour-

nalists and writers such as Casey Jarman and Michael Heald.

Acoustic and electric guitars, ukuleles, drum kits and other instruments are available for free loan during the camp. Teens also are encouraged to bring instruments they play, including strings and brass.

Registration is open at PendletonArts.org or at the Pendleton Center for the Arts. Early registration is recommended, as the camp is limited to 100 participants. The Pendleton Center for the Arts is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays 12-4 p.m. More information is available by calling 541-278-9201, emailing director@pendletonarts.org, or in person at 214 N. Main St.

Wednesdays in the Park tunes up in July

Free concerts at Roy Raley Park

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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PENDLETON — People of all ages are encouraged to tune in as Wednesdays in the Park kicks off its seventh season. The music cranks up from 6-8 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton.

The lineup includes local and regional music acts, as well as one originally hailing from the Ozarks. The weekly featured acts are:

July 6: Handmade Moments — featuring Anna Moss and Joel Ludford — after traveling beyond the Ozarks, a 2016 car crash brought the duo to a screeching halt. The journey to healing has been full of music. Handmade Moments mixes up jazz and rock with a hip hop, folk-roots sort of vibe.

July 13: MAITA — The Portland-based four-piece band's sound is said to be "moody indie-rock" with haunting vocals and unexpected melodies. Fronted by Maria Maita-Keppeler, Willamette Week calls her songwriting fragile and folksy "with unexpected moments of toughness and eruptions of fiery energy."

July 20: Jamie Nasario — Growing up in Echo, Nasario



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Maria Maita-Keppeler, who fronts MAITA, a four-piece band from Portland, will perform July 13, 2022, at Wednesdays in the Park at Pendleton's Roy Raley Park.

rediscovered her passion for music at age 29. With a sultry voice and vintage vibe, she puts her spin on original works and throwback covers while maintaining a modern

flavor. Often teaming up with other seasoned musicians, she plays at venues across the region and beyond.

July 27: Katie Dinsmore — A singer-songwriter

FIND OUT MORE

To learn more about Wednesdays in the Park's bands and performers, check out their websites and Facebook pages: www.handmademomentsmusic.net, www.maitamusic.com, www.facebook.com/JamieNasario, www.katedinsmoremusic.com.

out of Seattle, Dinsmore's dynamic stage presence as a performer is said to be powerful and emotional. American Songwriter poetically likened her voice to "a howling breeze through a country barn." Dinsmore doesn't disagree, saying it's "heartbreak you can sway to."

While there is no admission charge, people are encouraged to bring their wallets — local food vendors offer a variety of fare. In addition, a beer and wine garden will be available for those 21 and older.

Pendleton Parks and Recreation and the concert booking company Sounds Like Entertainment coordinate the free concert series. For more information, call 541-276-8100, email bookpendleton@gmail.com or search www.facebook.com/soundslikeentertainmentbooking.

Local faith seeks to eliminate food desert

By ANTONIO ARREDONDO
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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Baha'i community, while small in number, is turning its attention to a bigger problem — food deserts. Bill Young, a member of the faith's Pendleton chapter, described his group's outreach toward the southeast Pendleton area.

"In December, the Baha'i global body asked for us to focus on community," he said. "Worldwide things are getting tougher with politics and finances."

To combat this, the group

held a community meeting June 18 to hear from other members. While only three non-members showed up to the event, the discussions still proved to be fruitful.

"We all started talking about the philosophy for a stronger community," Young said. "One woman spoke of how she missed neighbors knowing each other."

This continued talk on strengthening the community brought the problem of food deserts to the table. While grocery stores in Pendleton from Walmart to Bi-Mart are lined up west

of Main Street, the options east of Main are few and far between.

In the past, Young and others partnered with Grocery Outlet, creating a free food delivery service. However, that practice faded with the pandemic.

While that service may be renewed in the future, the next step is something more independent. Young said he wants to start a food pantry to help those in southeast Pendleton.

The Baha'i community plans to sublease a building in the area, but those ideas could

take months to complete, Young said. In the meantime, it is starting a food giveaway for those in need. The first giveaway is slated for Sunday, July 10, at the Electric Sundown, 14 S.E. Third St.

Young said he believes coming together for food can spark interest and grow a community. After the giveaway and subsequent pantry are established, he said he hopes the group can step away and let community members take over, leading to neighbors' interactions.

"We believe if food insecurity can be eliminated," Young said, "southeast Pendleton has a better chance to thrive."

COMMUNITY BRIEFING



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Gabriella Osario Ursua, Anjelica Osario Ursua, Cydney Landing, Alejandro Osario Ursua and Yesenia Ursua enjoy lunch on June 13, 2014, during the summer food service program at Victory Square Park, Hermiston. Hermiston Parks and Recreation in 2022 is coordinating Food, Friends & Fun, which offers a free mid-day meal during the summer months to youths at several Hermiston parks.

Free summer lunch program feed youths

HERMISTON — Hermiston Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Oregon Department of Education to coordinate Food, Friends & Fun.

The free mid-day meal summer food service program is available to those 18 and younger on a first-come basis. The meals are provided during the summer months Monday through Friday at four locations:

- 11:30 a.m. to noon — Sunset Park, 1100 N.E. Fourth St., and the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center, 879 W. Elm Ave.

- 12:15-12:30 p.m. — Butte Park, 1210 N.W. Seventh St., and Victory Square Park, 150 S.W. 10th St.

With the pandemic waiver expiring, "grab and go" meals are not available. The program guidelines require that lunches are eaten onsite. For more information, call 541-667-5018.

Jubilee Lake Kids Fishing Derby is Saturday

PENDLETON — The annual Kids Fishing Day at Jubilee Lake in the Umatilla National Forest is Saturday, July 9.

The event runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to the

announcement from the Umatilla National Forest. Fishing instruction, games, prizes, snacks make this event fun for children and adults alike.

The fishing day is free for all participants under the age of 14, however all children over the age of 12 will be required to have a fishing license. Participating children must be accompanied by an adult. Fishing poles will be available, and volunteers will be there for first time anglers. Free hot dogs and soda also will be provided to children who participate and register.

In addition, Tri-State Steelheaders at the derby will hold a fishing pole drive and collect fishing poles in any condition. Donated poles are refurbished and will be given away to children at future events in hopes of encouraging a love of fishing.

This year's event is sponsored by the Tri-State Steelheaders, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Umatilla National Forest.

Jubilee Lake is 12 miles northeast of Tollgate on Forest Road 64. From Highway 11 at Weston, take Highway 204 to Tollgate and turn left on Forest Road 64.

For more information on the Jubilee Lake Fishing Derby, contact Kiyoshi Fujishin at 509-522-6277 or kiyoshi.fujishin@usda.gov.

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STUDENTS

Farm bureau awards four scholarships

PENDLETON — A total of \$2,500 was recently awarded to four local students from the Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau. The scholarship recipients were chosen from a field of 11 candidates:

Isabella Orr, a graduate of Ukiah High School, received \$1,000. The daughter of Theodore and Laura Orr, she plans to attend Blue Mountain Community College to study agriculture in pursuit of a career in agricultural law.

Also, **Grace Ogden**, **Hailey Cunningham** and **Emma Leber** were each awarded \$500.

An Lone High School graduate, Ogden is the daughter of Jarrod and Allison Ogden. She will major in agriculture communications at Oklahoma State University, with plans to pursue a career as an agricultural advocate and educator.

Cunningham, a graduate of Heppner High School, is the daughter of Jason and Emily Cunningham. She will study agribusiness at Treasure Valley Community College.

A McLoughlin High School graduate, Leber is the daughter of Tim and Jennifer Leber of Milton-Freewater. She will study elementary education and play basketball at Walla Walla Community College.

In addition, the Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau established an incentive program to encourage and promote the study of agriculture for students attending Blue Mountain

Community College. The farm bureau established the opportunity by honoring the memory of Anne-Marie Moss.

The Anne-Marie Moss Pursuit of Excellence Award is given to students who exemplify her work ethic and professional pursuits. The first students to receive the award and their area of focus are **Laramie Ricker**, ag business; **Amanda Harris**, crop production; **Maggie Brewer**, animal science; and **Trevor Smith**, ag mechanic.

Through her affiliation with the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Moss dedicated her life and energies to the improvement of informing the public and private citizens of the value of agriculture in everyone's life. She served as the communications director of OFBF for more than 18 years.

Moss won numerous national awards for publications, writing, photography and social media promoting agriculture. She had a passion for farming and for telling the story of agriculture. A beloved and devoted friend and coworker, she touched many lives through her encouraging and positive ways.

A nonprofit organization, the Oregon Farm Bureau and its affiliate county groups represent Oregon's diverse agricultural community. For more information, search www.oregonfb.org.

For questions about the Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau, contact Julia Spratling, secretary/treasurer, at jj.spratling@gmail.com or 541-457-6045.

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