

HERMISTON THEATER OFFERS SENSORY- FRIENDLY VIEWING

HERMISTON — The lights are up a little and the volume is down for an upcoming sensory-friendly screening of "Sonic the Hedgehog 2."

The unique accommodations are presented in conjunction with The Arc Umatilla County and Hermiston Stadium 8 Cinema. The special viewing is Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. at 355 W. Theater Lane. Tickets are \$6.

The 2022 animated action flick is rated PG. When the manic Dr. Robotnik returns to Earth with a new ally, Knuckles the Echidna, Sonic and his new friend, Tails, are all that stands in their way.

A nonprofit organization, The Arc advocates for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including facilitating community integration. For more information, call 541-567-7615, visit www.thearc-umatilla.org or search Facebook.

CONTEST SEEKS SIZZLIN' BACKYARD GRILLERS

PENDLETON — The Buckaroo BBQ Challenge, which is Saturday, April 30, during Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend, is seeking competitors.

The popular event is heating up with a larger purse than ever — \$5,000 in prize money is up for grabs. This year's contest is sanctioned by the Pacific Northwest BBQ Association.

Teams can show off their sizzling skills with chicken, tri-tip and baby back pork ribs. In addition to competing for first



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through sixth place in each meat category, an overall reserve grand champion will pocket \$750 and the grand champion will take home \$1,025.

Also, the coveted People's Choice Award will be voted on by the general public. Additional cash prizes for first through third place will be awarded.

Competitors grill in a designated area in the Pendleton Convention Center parking lot. The Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub will host a beer garden during the contest.

The registration deadline is April 23. The team fee is \$100. For more information or to register, visit www.pnwba.com/event-4748782.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL PLANNED AT THE GRANGE

JOSEPH — The Hurricane Creek Grange is hosting an ice cream social on Sunday, April 24, noon-3 p.m., to celebrate Grange Month.

This event is free and open to the public. The grange is at 82930 Airport Lane. For more

information, call Barbara McCormack at 541-605-8233.

PLAYWRIGHT HOSTS WRITING WORKSHOP

ENTERPRISE — E.M. Lewis, the writer-in-residence at Fishtrap, will lead a workshop titled "Telling Stories for the Stage: An Introduction to Playwriting" on Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

This in-person session will be in the Wallowa Land Trust

Conference Room, 17 E. Main St. The cost is listed as "pay what you can afford" — register at www.fishtrap.org/lewisplaywriting/#more-10885.

Lewis will provide an introduction to the fundamentals of playwriting, from dialogue to stage directions. The group will read from plays both old and new, and discuss the special power of theater. All are welcome, from beginning writers to more experienced writers in other genres who want to explore this form.

Lewis is an award-winning playwright, teacher and opera librettist. Her work has been produced around the world, and published by Samuel French. She is currently enjoying a three-year Mellon Foundation National Playwright Residency at Artists Repertory Theater (ART). To learn more, visit www.emlewis-playwright.com.

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