

Celebrate harvest (and apple butter!) at the Heritage Station

Festival happens Saturday, Sept. 25

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PENDLETON — The harvest season is arriving at Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton, and it's bringing a festival with it.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, Heritage Harvest will celebrate the sights, tastes and smells of fall from noon to 3 p.m.

"Whenever I think of fall, it's pumpkins, it's apples and it's that apple cider smell," said Shannon Gruenhagen, Heritage Station marketing and tour coordinator. "Apple butter is something I grew up with. I love it, and (making it) is something families can do together."

The museum is located at 108 SW Frazer Ave.

Demonstrations in making — and tasting — apple butter will



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Shannon Gruenhagen, marketing and tour coordinator for Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton, empties a butter churn Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, as Thomas Deibeke, 9, looks on during Pioneer Day at the museum.

be one of the main activities at the Heritage Harvest. The free event also includes a scavenger hunt and the opportunity to make stained "glass" leaves with contact and tissue paper.

Families will be able to learn

how to make and sample the apple butter, and all completed scavenger hunt forms can be entered to win a family

membership to Heritage Station and other prizes.

Gruenhagen said the goal is to reach every generation and keep bringing people in to the museum to see what it offers.

"So many people don't realize what's here," she said. "This is somewhere you can come more than once."

Heritage Harvest is the fourth event for Heritage Station in 2021, and this year the Umatilla County Historical Society's museum has made an effort to offer more events to bring people into the facility.

"When COVID shut us down, everything we had planned for the future went away," she said. "We're starting to see people coming back now, and it's been really nice."

Heritage Station has two other festivals planned this year, and both are returning events: Heritage Haunt and Heritage Lights.

This year's Heritage Haunt is scheduled for 3-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, during the Pendleton Downtown Trick-or-Treat event, and Heritage Lights will run in the evenings on Fridays and Saturdays for the first three weekends in December.

The museum is looking for volunteers for those events and for other needs around the property. Anyone interested in volunteering can pick up an application at Heritage Station. Gruenhagen said there are many ways to help out: volunteering at events, being a docent or working in the Community Thrift Shop. Volunteers must be in high school or older.

Find more information at www.heritagestationmuseum.org/events. Heritage Station's regular admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors (age 62 and older), \$2 students, and free for museum members and children age 5 and younger.

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