

Experience old-time skills at Pioneer Day

Heritage Station Museum's annual event is Saturday, Aug. 20

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PENDLETON — In line with their mission to keep history alive, the Heritage Station Museum's annual Pioneer Day is an event that allows us to look toward the past to appreciate the present.

This year's event will take place Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon to 3 p.m. at the museum, 108 SW Frazer Ave.

Pioneer Day will be packed full of activities and demonstrations by local artisans who continue to practice the skills of the pioneers.

Visitors will see gold panning, herbal sachets, clothes washing, quilting, making beeswax candles and much more.

Along with this will be a pioneer photo spot to capture this day of fun and learning.

"The goal is to teach visitors about the processes and origins of things we often take for granted, such as how easy it is to toss clothes in a machine to wash them rather than to use a washboard and basin," said Shannon Gruenhagen, Heritage Station marketing and tour coordinator.



Children pan for "gold" Aug. 7, 2021, during Pioneer Day at Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton. The museum, which recently announced its summer hours, will host this year's Pioneer Day on Aug. 20, 2022.

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Gruenhagen said Pioneer Day will include an artisan's market that will be a great opportunity to highlight local crafters, artisans and small businesses.

"We also hope that artisans can share their methods and how they are keeping their skills alive," she said. "We are always

looking for people who have skills they would like to demonstrate."

Vendors who are interested in participating in the artisan market can call to sign up at 541-276-0012 or submit the application on <https://heritagestationmuseum.org/event/pioneer-day-2/>.



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Rich Miller, left, of Cove, and Anthony Bowman, of Pendleton, wear Spanish-American War uniforms Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, and educate visitors on the history of the war and the equipment carried by soldiers during Pioneer Day at Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton.

For more information, call 541-276-0012, visit www.heritagestationmuseum.org or find Heritage Station Museum on Facebook.

Through September, the museum is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Regular admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$2 students.

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