

# Free summer concert series at Boardman, Irrigon heats up in July



Wasteland Kings

The free Music in the Parks events are back at the Boardman and Irrigon marina parks this summer, and coordinators say the lineup should keep things sizzling.

The Wasteland Kings are on stage July 3 in Irrigon. Hailing from La Grande, they have been packing venues since 2008. Influenced by the sounds of Steve Earle, The Stones, Townes Van Zant, Muddy Waters and The Pogues, the Wasteland Kings add their own unique twist to a repertoire of popular music.

Brady Goss performs on July 10 in Boardman. Goss was described from an early age as "piano phenom." Today he is recognized as an electrifying entertainer. Those who have witnessed his live shows

are awed by his formidable keyboard speed and soulful vocals, loaded with passion that keeps fans of all ages wanting more.

Brass Fire is back for a repeat performance on July 17 in Irrigon. Brass Fire's large ensemble includes saxophones, trumpets, trombone, piano, bass, guitar, and drums. Be prepared for music made popular by a large variety of artists from Chicago to Earth Wind and Fire, or Elvis to Santana. Brass Fire spans a musical range from the Big Band era music through blues, soul and on to the rock music of the '70s and '80s.

On July 24, One Trick Pony will be in Boardman. One Trick Pony is a tribute to the music of singer-songwriter Paul Simon. Cov-



Calico Bones



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ering songs from the '60s Simon & Garfunkel days, '70s hits and beyond, musician Michael Trew draws the audiences into spirited sing-alongs. Michael has been touring the U.S. regularly since 2008.

Irrigon welcomes Calico Bones on July 31. Calico Bones is a folk, indie, Americana sister act from Wallowa, OR. This duo is known for its tight harmonies, rhythmic instrumentation and variety. Finding inspiration in multiple genres makes for a unique sound. Their style can range from soft, melancholy vocalizing to belting at the top of their lungs—and everything in between.

The concerts are free to the public and begin at 7 p.m. on Monday nights. Visitors are encouraged to



One Trick Pony

bring chairs and blankets. The series is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric and sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation.

In the event of inclement weather, Boardman performances will be held at the SAGE Center and Irrigon performances will be held at the Irrigon Senior Center.

# Decorations to be removed from Heppner cemetery

The Heppner Cemetery has announced that all flowers and decorations will be removed from grave spaces beginning Friday, July 7, to enable staff to mow.

Anyone wanting to re-

move their own decorations from graves should do so before then. Everything removed by cemetery staff will be placed in the storage shed.

# Boardman appoints new public works director

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works department, which the city says made him a natural fit to be elevated to this leadership role.

According to a statement from the city, Prag has more than 26 years of public works experience ranging from flood management, water resources and transportation, to community infrastructure planning.

"The city is very confident that he will serve admirably to improve the Boardman community while building and maintaining positive relationships with those the city serves," the city said in a press release.

Prior to joining the city, Prag worked as the sites and utility supervisor for the Port of Morrow for 26 years. He grew up in Boardman and has also raised his family in Boardman.

"I am excited and honored to be selected as the public works director for the City of Boardman," Prag said. "The past 16 months working as part of the team has prepared me to step in to this role and hit the ground running. Boardman has been a great place to live and now working for the City of Boardman allows me to give back to this place I call home."

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