

Desert Arts brings Second City tour to Hermiston

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Desert Arts Council is providing an opportunity to laugh through the holidays as it brings the Second City Comedy Tour to Hermiston.

"I think the holidays are something people enjoy and adding the comedy piece poking some fun at our holiday traditions sounded like good entertainment," said Mary Corp, Desert Arts past president.

The second performance of the 2015-16 season features the latest crop of improvisational greats from Second City. Over the years, the famed theater has ushered many comedic talents through its ranks, including John



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Tickets are available for the Desert Arts Council presentation of **The Second City comedy tour, who will present Holidazed & Confused Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Hermiston High School.**

Belushi, Gilda Radner, Colbert, Steve Carrell and Tina Fey. "I love the comedy

that comes out of Second City," Corp said. "They have a long history of bringing up-and-coming comedians."

Hilarious and outrageous, **Holidazed & Confused** is Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St. Tickets purchased in advance are \$35 for adults and \$17.50 for students. Tickets bought at the door are an additional \$5.

Corp said Desert Arts is trying to diversify their offerings in an attempt to boost audience appeal. The comedy troupe, she said, should be a draw in bringing in some younger audience members.

The season also includes **Dancing with the**

Hermiston Stars, **A Temptations Revue** and the **Eastern Oregon Arts Festival**.

For the third year in a row, a group of Hermiston stars will team up with professionals from the **Utah Ballroom Dance Company** to waltz, salsa and swing while raising money for their favorite charities. The popular event is Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016.

Barrington "Bo" Henderson, former lead singer of the **Temptations**, provides a romantic evening with unforgettable Motown hits and choreographed dance steps during **A Temptations Revue**. With songs like "My Girl" and "Sugar Pie Honey Bunch," it offers a perfect prelude to Valentine's

Day. The performance is Friday, Feb. 12, 2016.

Closing out the season is the 12th annual **Eastern Oregon Arts Festival** May 6-7, 2016, in downtown Hermiston. It features regional artists, as well as music, festival food and kids' activities.

Ticket packages or single show tickets can be purchased at www.desertartscouncil.com. In addition, people can buy Second City tickets at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 415 S. Highway 395, or Hermiston Parks and Recreation, 180 N.E. Second St.

For more information, visit www.desertartscouncil.com, www.facebook.com/desertarts or call 541-567-1800.

Shockman receives governor's award

Longtime Hermiston resident Diane Shockman recently received the Governor's Elderly Volunteer Award for Region 5.

The award was presented by Oregon Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins and Rep. Greg Barreto Oct. 12 at the Governor's Volunteer Awards Luncheon in Salem.

Shockman has volunteered for the Court Appointed Special Advocate program for the past 13 years — advocating for nearly 100 children in the foster care system in Umatilla County. "Diane Shockman has always had a love for the highest need and most vulnerable children," said Jesus Rome, CASA manager and volunteer manager for Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start. "She is very deserving of the Governor's Volunteer Award and we couldn't be more proud of her accomplishments."

Shockman also works as a family advocate for the Family Support and Connections program, which is part of Umatilla-Morrow



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County Head Start. In addition, she has volunteered in the local schools and for youth sports. Shockman is hopeful that others might be inspired to step up and volunteer in their communities.

Head Start has many volunteer opportunities — from serving as advocates for children to assisting preschool children in classrooms. For more information, call Maureen McGrath, executive director for Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start at 541-564-6878 or visit www.umchs.com.



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Top fundraisers for a recent Special Olympics Bowlathon included Jillian Smalley (1), Mary Ann Wright (3), Luz Torres (4), David Andrews (5), and Sean Boyd (2).

Bowlathon raises money for Special Olympics

More than \$5,600 was raised during a recent bowlathon for Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Local Program No. 510.

More than 60 athletes participated in the Oct. 24 event at Desert Lanes in Hermiston.

Top fundraisers included

Jillian Smalley, Sean Boyd, Mary Ann Wright, Luz Torres and David Andrews. Athletes spent the previous two months gathering donations for the event. In addition, head bowling coach Doris Boatright was busy handing out quarters to athletes who bowled ei-

ther a spare or strike during the event.

Special Olympics provides year-around training and athletic competitions for children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities. There is no charge for athletes to participate. The local program is still

in need of a powerlifting coach. Also, snow sports and basketball training begin in January.

For more information about volunteering or participating in Special Olympics, contact Stu Bance, local program coordinator, at 541-376-8132.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11
BOOKMINDERS, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Our Place, 164 E. Main St., Hermiston. (541-567-2882).

HERMISTON KIWANIS CLUB, noon, Desert Lanes restaurant conference room, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. (Doug Barak 541-567-6728).

IRRIGON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, noon, Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place. Guest speaker: Earle "Bud" Costello, Irrigon veteran. Cost is \$8 for chamber members, \$10 for non-members.

HERMISTON ELKS DINNER, 5:30-8 p.m., 480 E. Main St.

OREGON GRASS ROOTS CRIBBAGE CLUB NO. 2, 6:30 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. All levels of players welcome. (541-567-6594).

THURSDAY, NOV. 12
TUMBLEWEED TOASTMASTERS, 6:45 a.m., Conference Room 384, Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St.,

Hermiston. Visitors welcome. (541-567-4349).

ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM THE DRY SIDE, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., basement of Assembly of God Church, 730 East Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. Use the Seventh Street entrance. (541-567-4446).

GOOD SHEPHERD MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY, 9:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference rooms 182, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. New members and junior auxiliary members welcome. (Cindy Schaan 541-667-3690).

UMATILLA DOG WALKING CLUB, 10 a.m., 630 Switzer St., at the dog wash in front of Umatilla High School.

HEPPNER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, noon, Heppner Senior Center dining room, corner of Main and Willow streets, Heppner.

HERMISTON LINEBACKER CLUB, noon to 1 p.m., Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. Hear HHS football coach David Faaeteete discuss last week's game

and talk about the upcoming tilt. RSVP by Wednesday at 3 p.m. to 541-567-5215. Cost is \$11 for members, \$13 for non-members.

HERMISTON ROTARY CLUB, noon, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Fifth Street and Locust Avenue.

UMATILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS LUNCH, noon, Desert River Inn, 705 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. RSVP to 541-922-4825 or tasha@umatillachamber.net three days prior to meeting.

DESERT BELLES GARDEN CLUB, 1:15 p.m. For more information on location call 541-567-8019.

HERMISTON HORSESHOE CLUB, 5 p.m., Weber Field, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. (Rick Rebman 541-720-6402).

ARC OF UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6 p.m., doors open, bingo starts at 7 p.m., 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-7615).

INLAND NORTHWEST ORCHESTRA, 6:30 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696).

COLUMBIA RIVER HARVESTER, 7 p.m., Greenfield Grange Hall, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman.

HERMISTON ELKS, 7 p.m. 480 E. Main St.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14
FRIENDS OF THE UMATILLA PUBLIC LIBRARY, 9 a.m., Umatilla City Hall, 300 6th St.

RETIRED UMATILLA ARMY DEPOT WOMEN'S CLUB, 9 a.m. no-host breakfast, Pheasant Cafe, 149 E. Main St. Hermiston.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15
HERMISTON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 8-11 a.m., 160 N.W. Second St. Members and guests welcome.

MONDAY, NOV. 16
HERMISTON TEEN LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL, 4-5 p.m., downstairs Hermiston Public

Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.

BLOOMER GIRLS GARDEN CLUB, 7 p.m., meeting site varies, Hermiston. (Marge Timmons 541-567-4069).

TUESDAY, NOV. 17
TOPS CHAPTER OR 1110, 8 a.m. weigh-in, meeting starts at 8:45 a.m., Missionary Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech St., Hermiston. (Margaret Wetterling 541-720-0276).

GREENFIELD GRANGE PINOCHLE, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenfield Grange Hall, Boardman. (Jane Dean 541-481-5223).

GREATER HERMISTON AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB, 11:45 a.m., Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. No-host lunch. All women welcome. (541-567-0006).

STUDYING THE MIRACLES OF JESUS, 4-6 p.m., Good Samaritan Ministries, 319 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston. (541-564-1041).

HERMISTON EAGLES BINGO, 6 p.m. doors open, games begin at 7 p.m., 160 N.W. Second St. Members and their guests welcome.

WILLOW CREEK SYMPHONY, 6-7:30 p.m. orchestra, 7:30-8:30 p.m. singers, Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School, 315 E. Wyoming Ave. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696).

IRRIGON ELEMENTARY PARENTS CLUB, 6 p.m., Irrigon Elementary School, 490 S.E. Wyoming Ave., Irrigon.

UMATILLA COUNTY EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION, 7 p.m., Club Room, Main Hanger, Pendleton Airport, 2016 Airport Road.

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