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Eastern Oregon Arts Festival returns for its 12th season next weekend

The Eastern Oregon Arts Festival kicks off May 6 & 7 for its 12th season.

Many activities, entertainment and artists have been lined up again to the event this year.

Metal artist Chris Huffman of Hermiston will be the featured artist-in-action, creating his popular sculptures during Saturday at the festival. He is well known in the region, and has a unique approach to creating each of his works of art.

The Open Group Art Show is in its second year and judges will award \$1,500 in prizes to participating artists. The show opens Friday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. with music, light refreshments, beer and wine available for purchase.

OSU Master Gardeners will present demonstrations on garden topics, answering questions from home gardeners and selling their favorite garden plants, just in time for spring planting.

The Hermiston's Own Farmers Market will be on-hand at the festival with fresh produce and favorite vendors. Festival goers will also be able to check out the new demo stage for a variety of demonstrations and informative talks by local experts.

Food and a wine garden will also be available to add some tasty treats and beverages to the day as well.

The weekend kicks off on Friday evening, May 6, with an artist reception, live music and the opening of the Open Art Show from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. under the Big Tent on Northeast Second Street and East Gladys Avenue in front of City Hall. The evening event costs \$10 to attend and includes meeting the artist and juror, live music, and light refreshments. Beverages will be available for purchase.

Saturday begins at 10 a.m. with a full day of entertainment for all ages



Local artist Leah Lutz participates in a live painting performance during a night reception at the Pheasant prior to the 2014 Eastern Oregon Arts Festival.

with music, dance and fine arts including artist booths featuring hand-made jewelry, ceramics, photography, prints and paintings for sale and for viewing. All activities Saturday are free and open to all ages.

Saturday's line-up of activities includes: Children Art Activities will have fun hands-on activities for children of all ages. Many professional artists from around the region will be presenting and selling their artistic creations in the festival area under the Big Tent and in their booths in the festival area near City Hall. Some artists will also be hosted by businesses on the 100 and 200 blocks of East Main Street.

You'll find a mix of artistic styles that people of all ages can relate to and be moved by from realism to modern, watercolors to metal, photography and

many others in between. Artists will be on-hand to share with the public their creative vision and process that creates their unique and original art.

In addition, the Two Rivers Correctional Institution will have a group show of inmate art work hosted in the Grace & Mercy Lutheran Church at 164 E. Main St. The show will feature a wide array of mediums.

"The Desert Arts Council is pleased to showcase the creative abilities of our regional arts community through this incredible celebration," said Mary Corp of the Desert Arts Council. Throughout the day, live performances will entertain people of all ages, with musicians playing jazz, country folk, Latin and other musical styles.

Bethany Beard, Gallery administrator for Allied

Arts Association in Richland, Washington, will be the juror for the art show.

"The Eastern Oregon Arts Festival is a celebration of spring, and all things new and creative in our region," said Phyllis Showelski, Eastern Oregon Arts Festival co-chair for 2016. "It is the goal of the Arts Festival and its sponsoring organization, Deserts Arts Council, to create more involvement in the arts and to help build a vibrant arts community in the region."

For information on the schedule and the artist lineup visit www.desertarts.org and the council's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DesertArts for the latest details and updated schedule. For other questions, contact Heather LaBeau via email at hlabeau@hermiston.or.us or call (541) 667-5010.

IN BRIEF

Sam Boardman sets carnival fundraiser

New booths, games and lots of raffle prizes are all a part of the Sam Boardman Carnival.

The public is invited to enjoy the family-friendly event while supporting students Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the school, 301 Wilson Lane, Boardman. Game tickets are 25 cents each. Also, raffle tickets — which include furniture, gift certificates, overnight accommodations at the River Lodge and tickets for Silverwood Theme Park, the Wildlife Safari and Pendleton Round-Up — are \$1 each or six for \$5. In addition, food will be available for purchase.

For more information or to volunteer, call Principal Sarah Kimmell at 541-481-7383.

Hospice offers grief library

A library featuring grief-related materials for adults, children, medical professionals and pastors is available at Vange John Memorial Hospice.

Books and other publications can be checked out for up to one month. The hospice office is open Monday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 645 W. Orchard Ave., Suite 300, Hermiston.

For more information, call 541-667-3543.

Breakfast benefits arts center project

The public is invited to bring a hearty appetite and enjoy a breakfast fundraiser to benefit the Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center.

The meal will be served up Saturday, April 30 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal

Place, Irrigon.

The cost is \$4.50 per person. The money raised will help the nonprofit group in developing a regional arts center and preserving Irrigon's 1921 school building.

For more information, call Peggy Price at 541-567-3806.

Senior center hosts driving class

A driving refresher course will be offered at the Hermiston Senior Center.

Although designed for those 50 and older, all ages are welcome to attend the AARP Driver Safety Course. The session is Friday, May 20 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 435 W. Orchard Ave., located inside the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston.

The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Snacks will be provided, but not lunch.

The registration deadline is Monday, May 16. For more information or to register, call Judy at 541-567-3449.

Middle school student art on display

The artwork of students from Armand Larive and Sandstone middle schools is currently on display at the Hermiston Public Library.

The public is encouraged to stop by the library and view the work of the talented students. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's located at 235 E. Gladys Ave.

For more information, call 541-567-2882 or visit www.hermistonlibrary.us.

Trinity Lutheran turns 75

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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A weekend-long celebration will feature a special dinner, the opening of a time capsule and a re-dedication service at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Affiliated with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, the Hermiston church invites the public to join them as they celebrate 75 years of ministry. The dinner, which costs \$20 per person, is Saturday, May 7, at 5 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. The evening will include several speakers, presentations, music and a peek at the contents of the church's time capsule, which were placed in the building's cornerstone in 1946.

Several former pastors will be in attendance, including Rev. Wesley Sackmann, who will preach during the re-dedication service Sunday, May 8. Rev. Rodney Mruk, who has pastored the church since September 2004, will preside during the service, which begins at 9 a.m. at 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston. After the Sunday service, people are invited for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Hermiston's Trinity Lutheran Church, which was initially associated with the American Lutheran Church, was founded in 1941. The church building, Mruk said, was dedicated in November 1946. The congregation met at another

location in town prior to erecting the building on Locust Avenue.

While conducting research about the church's history, Mruk said they discovered the formation of a congregation may have begun as early as 1911. A pastor from a Pendleton Lutheran church led services in Hermiston and Echo.

When Mruk starts his 13th year at the church this fall, he'll be the longest serving pastor of the congregation. Among the changes during Mruk's tenure has been an increase in membership — the church currently has about 150 members — particularly with younger members. Also, the congregation discontinued its association

with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in 2010, which the church had been affiliated with since 1980.

When Mruk and his wife, Linda, arrived with three school-age kids, it doubled the number of children in the services.

"It was significant at the time," Mruk said. "We regularly have more than 30 children in services now."

Mruk and the church leadership said it's important to welcome children and include them as part of the church community. Each week, Mruk invites kids to gather at the front of the church as he presents a short children's sermon.

The continued vision

for the church, Mruk said, is to minister to the congregation, to the community and to encourage growth with the next generation prior to passing the reins onto them.

"Our focus has continued to be to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins, the whole word of God — both law and the gospel — and to care for people through all stages of life," Mruk said. "And, that's what small churches do."

To make a dinner reservation during the 75th anniversary, call 541-567-6471. For more information about the church, search Facebook for "Trinity Lutheran Church LCMC" or visit www.telcherhormiston.org.

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