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should bring a hearty appetite and some extra change. Additional food and craft vendors will be on hand throughout the day. And watermelon will be available for 50 cents a slice.

In addition, there are several chances to win cash and prizes. The 50/50 raffle costs \$2 per ticket, the button draw is \$1 each for a chance to win \$100 and raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Raffle items include gift certificates from area businesses, Dust Devil tickets, an air conditioner, a kid's electric car at Wildhorse Resort & Casino package and a flat screen TV.

"We have a great variety of prizes and just a lot of odds and ends," Couchman said.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office will offer free boat rides on the Columbia River. Also, a water slide and dunk tank will provide additional opportunities to get wet.

Stage entertainment features regional talents, including Dakota Brown Band, Nuketown, the Irrigon High School cheerleaders, Dance Unlimited, Outsiders, Roundup City Cloggers and the Missy G Band. The master of ceremonies is Jeff Richey of Your Way Sound and Lights. Richey will keep things flowing and then usher in the street dance from 9 p.m. to midnight.

For more information, contact Couchman at 541-922-1560 or City Manager Aaron Palmquist at manager@ci.irrigon.or.us.

IN BRIEF

Iron Butterfly musician to play at Sno Road

A former keyboardist and vocalist for Iron Butterfly will perform in Echo.

Martin Gerschwitz, a multi-instrumentalist, plays across multiple genres, from classical to psychedelic rock. He also previously performed with Meat Loaf and Eric Burdon & the Animals. Catch him in a cozy venue Friday at 7 p.m. at Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo. There is no cover charge.

For more information, call 541-376-0421. For more about Gerschwitz, visit www.martingerschwitz.com.

Seattle hip-hop group breaks out at Wildhorse

Massive Monkees, a top hip hop/break dancing group from Seattle, will perform at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

The group will rove throughout the casino, performing five times an hour Saturday from 4 p.m. and midnight. Wildhorse is located off Interstate 84 at Exit 216, Mission.

The group, formed in 1999, has appeared in two Macklemore videos, at the VANS Warp Tour and multiple advertising campaigns. In addition, they've won numerous titles, including the World B-Boy Championships.

For more information, contact Tiah DeGroff, Wildhorse community relations, at 541-966-1628, tiah.degroff@wildhorseresort.com or visit www.wildhorseresort.com. For more about the group, visit www.massivemonkees.com.

Parking lot sale benefits Agape House

Furniture, clothing and knock-knacks are available during a parking lot sale at Agape House.

The event is Saturday from 8:30-11 a.m. at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. Clothing will be priced at three items for a dollar, furnitures are priced as marked and knock-knacks are you name the price. Donations for the sale are welcome through Friday.

Agape House serves individuals and families in need. For more information, call 541-567-8774.

Organization bows against domestic violence

The fourth annual Domestic Violence Services Bowl-A-Thon will help raise money to support its services in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

The event is Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. The cost is \$30 per bowler or \$120 for a team of four. The fee includes three games and shoe rental. It's open to all ages and prizes will be given.

For more information, call 541-276-3322 or visit www.facebook.com/events/1613062902318469 or www.domesticviolenceservices-or.org.

Mirasol clinic hosts health fair

Food, games, prizes, health screenings and entertainment are featured during a free community health fair.

Fiesta de Salud! is Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at Mirasol Family Health Center, 589 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

For more information, contact Jessica Johnson at 509-865-6175 or jessicajohn@yvfwc.org.

Brass Fire ignites park series

A regional horn band will perform jazz, blues and jazz/rock during the upcoming Music in the Parks in Boardman.

Brass Fire includes Jill Scanlan, a music teacher in the Pendleton School District; Paul Dunsmoor, former Hermiston High School band director; and Josh Rist, the Hermiston High School choir director; as well as other local professional musicians.

The free outdoor concert is Monday at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park. People are invited to bring a picnic and a blanket or chair and enjoy the show. Also, concessions will be available for purchase from Judy's Chuck Wagon.

The park series alternates each Monday between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. It runs through Aug. 22. For more information, call Tami Sherer at 541-571-0844 or Renee Couchman at 922-1560.

Let's Walk Hermiston continues in August

A program that encourages people to get out and walk continues the first Tuesday of each month through October.

Sponsored by Good Shepherd Medical Center and Hermiston Parks & Recreation, the next event

is Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Riverfront Park, located off Orchard Extension Loop at Southwest 23rd St., Hermiston.

There is no fee. The program includes a web program, fitness tips, results and fun. Also, T-shirts may still be available.

For more information, contact 541-667-3509 or healthinfo@gshealth.org.

State fair seeks creative submissions

Oregonians have an opportunity to showcase their talents in the Oregon State Fair.

The Creative Living Competitions features everything from cake design, photography and flower arrangements to Legos, fine art and woodworking. A long-standing tradition, it highlights the creativity of children and adults from across the state.

Entrants register online, and with a few exceptions, there is no fee to participate in Creative Living Competitions. Submissions can be taken to Portland or several statewide drop-off locations. Deadlines for registering are:

- Tuesday, Aug. 9 for fine art, calligraphy, photography
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 for most other departments
- Sunday, Aug. 21 for baked goods
- Monday, Aug. 22 for floral and farm & garden

The Oregon State Fair is Aug. 26 through Sept. 5 in Salem. For more information, contact creativeliving@oregonstatefair.org, 971-701-6571 or visit www.oregonstatefair.org.

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use because of the lack of water required by insurance companies for fire suppression.

Pelleberg also said he and councilor Mark Ribich have teamed up to start talking to each local business owner, asking what the city can do to help them thrive, and asking what the city could do to help fill empty storefronts. They're also planning on "cleaning up" the language in the city's codes and then making a more concerted effort to enforce them. He said pushing to clean-up eyesores will help make the city more attractive to potential businesses.

Another common theme in the list of goals submitted by city councilors is partnering with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to re-open the Old Town Site to the public. The land, now held by the Army Corp of Engineers, holds significance as a historical site both to the tribes, and to the city, which packed up and moved from the land 50

years ago in anticipation of flooding from construction of the John Day Dam.

The CTUIR and the city have been working with the Corps to gain permission to remove invasive species and place nature trails and historical kiosks through the site.

The city is also helping the tribes with a road project in the port area that will open 195 acres up for development. Pelleberg said since he has become city manager, the city and port have buried the hatchet and he has a great working relationship with Port of Umatilla Director Kim Puzey, along with other entities such as the city of Hermiston.

"There's a lot of team-work happening here," he

said.

The city is also starting discussions with the Army Corp of Engineers about the possibility of taking ownership of more land near Umatilla.

"There's a fair amount of Corps land in the urban growth boundary that is just sitting vacant," he said.

The city council would also like to start focusing more on parks and recreation. Currently Pelleberg, in his dual role of city manager and public works director, oversees the city's parks, which he has been working to expand and improve. But the city does not have a recreation program or a recreation director in place. Pelleberg said it's time for the city to start "investing in itself" by cre-

ating some city-run recreational programs for youth and possibly adults, too.

City councilors were asked recently to submit a list of goals they were interested in seeing the city pursue, and Tuesday was their second work session to discuss the list. Other things on the list included helping the Umatilla Fire Department establish long-term funding support, helping staff pursue more certifications, enhancing community events, making downtown

businesses' signs more uniform, promoting "Umatilla Pride," adding benches to the Third Street walking path, creating a committee education program for new committee members, writing a five-year capital improvement plan, rebranding the city, improving the city website and developing the RV park and marina to their full potential.

Pelleberg said they didn't have an official number of items they wanted on a final list, but it was

helpful to weed out items that weren't feasible and to get a feel for councilors' top priorities and how those priorities might be accomplished. He said the city was going to work hard on increasing livability and attractiveness to businesses, but some items would require time to deal with federal regulations or secure funding.

"This is going to be a time-consuming thing, and it's not going to happen overnight," he said.

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