

# Our Community

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## IN BRIEF

### Baptist church plans yard sale

A benefit yard sale will help with building a play area at the Boardman First Baptist Church.

Donations for the sale are being accepted through Thursday. People are encouraged to clean out their closets, get rid of outgrown sports equipment and other items that are no longer wanted or needed.

Items can be dropped off at 200 Willow Fork Drive, Boardman. The sale is Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 541-481-9437.

### Faith Presbyterian plans Biblical journey

A unique campaign providing a tool to increase Biblical literacy and understand God's story is being embarked upon by Faith Presbyterian Church.

The public is invited to participate in the program, which provides curriculum for children, teens and adults. The Story Church Campaign includes age-related books and corresponding sermons each week.

Using "The Story," a Zondervan best-seller, readers can better understand the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Rev. Bruce Sexton said people will begin to see how their lives intersect with God's story.

The program begins Sunday, Sept. 4, at 1005 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. Classes for all ages begin Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m. Also, adult small groups are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 541-567-9642.

### School sales help shoebox program

Back-to-school sales are a perfect time to begin collecting items for Operation Christmas Child, according to Fay Smith, media coordinator for Tri-Cities/Eastern Oregon region.

An outreach ministry of the international Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse, it provides shoeboxes filled with gifts to disadvantaged children across the globe.

In 2015, more than 18,060 shoeboxes were collected from donors in the area stretching from Tri-Cities/Walla Walla through most of Eastern Oregon. They came from individuals, businesses, youth and adult service groups, private schools, medical and dental offices, and churches of many de-

nominations. The 2016 goal is 20,000 shoebox gifts.

National collection week is held in November each year. New Hope Community Church in Hermiston serves as a relay station to accept donations. For more information, visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

### Hospital auxiliary announces flash sale

Merchandise from Collective Goods, formerly known as "Books Are Fun," is featured in a sale by the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary.

June Rosenberg, the auxiliary's publicity chairwoman, said there is a good variety of gifts and books at affordable prices. The Collective Goods Flash Sale is Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital's pharmacy lobby, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

Money raised from the event will be used to support scholarships for those pursuing a medical career and medical equipment for Good Shepherd.

### Garage sale benefits women's ministry

A huge garage sale is planned at Living Faith Church.

Wanda Hackett said a warehouse full of items of every description is available during the event. In its eighth year, the multi-family garage sale benefits the church's women's ministry. The event is Friday, Sept. 9, and Saturday, Sept. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the warehouse behind the church, 1682 Townsend Road, Hermiston.

For more information, call 541-567-4486.

### Open Air Market continues in September

Everything from local produce and art to handmade crafts and apparel are available during the upcoming Open Air Market in Echo.

The monthly market has been setting up on the corner of Main and Dupont streets. However, due to the hot weather, the August event was held at George Park.

Organizers said the August market had huge traffic and a record number of vendors, and they are hoping for the same during the September event. In addition, a generous donation of Hermiston watermelons by Bellinger Farms raised \$72 for the Echo Historical Museum.

The next market is Saturday, Sept. 17, from 4-7

p.m. Vendor space is available for \$12.

For more information, contact [echoopenairmarket@gmail.com](mailto:echoopenairmarket@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/echoopenairmarket](http://www.facebook.com/echoopenairmarket).

### Veterans Fair provides resource information

Area veterans are invited to a resource fair and veterans town hall designed specifically for rural veterans and their families.

Information about healthcare benefits, elder care, transportation, mental health, resources and benefits for family members, education assistance, housing loans, employment services and more will be provided during the event. In addition, programs and resources available for veterans that are homeless, female or LGBTQ can be obtained at the Veterans Resource Fair.

The event is Thursday, Sept. 29, from 2-8 p.m. (with the town hall at 6:30 p.m.) at the Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. The program will include a Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary Commemoration, as well as presentations by the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs and VA Health Care. Cake and punch will be served.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by contacting [mcvets@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:mcvets@co.morrow.or.us) or 541-922-6420.

### Heritage Luncheon features artifacts display

Tickets are now on sale for the 2016 Heritage Luncheon, which supports the Umatilla County Historical Society.

Kerry Tymchuk, executive director of the Oregon Historical Society, will make a presentation titled, "A Walk through Oregon." In addition, artifacts from the Oregon Historical Society and Heritage Station Museum, Umatilla County Historical Society's museum, will be on view during the event.

The no-host luncheon is Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. The cost is \$40 for Umatilla County Historical Society members and \$50 for non-members. They are available at Pendleton Book Company, 125 S. Main St., and at Heritage Station, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave.

For more information, call 541-276-0012 or visit [www.heritagestationmuseum.org](http://www.heritagestationmuseum.org).



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Country music star Lee Brice will perform during the Saturday, Sept. 10, Pendleton Round-Up Happy Canyon kick-off concert.

## COUNTRY MUSICIAN LEE BRICE KICKS OFF ROUND-UP WEEK

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
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Tickets still remain for country music sensation Lee Brice's performance during the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon kick-off concert.

First known for his song-writing abilities, Brice co-wrote Garth Brooks' "More Than a Memory," which became the first song on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart to debut at number one. However, he went to Nashville as the package deal.

"I've really always been writing for myself," Brice said in his biography. "When I started writ-

ing songs at 10 years old, it was because I wanted to sing them."

The concert is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, in the Happy Canyon Arena, located off Southwest Court Avenue., Pendleton. Ticket prices are \$40 to \$130. A number of tickets remain in the lower price ranges.

Bill Levy, Pendleton Round-Up Association president, said the kick-off concert is always a memorable event for fans and sets the stage for a full week of festivities.

"I Don't Dance," the title track from Brice's latest album, won single record of the year by the Academy of Country Mu-

sic in 2014. In addition, the title track from his debut album, "Love Like Crazy," reached No. 3 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. And, in 2012, his album "Hard 2 Love" went gold and featured three No. 1 country hits, including "I Drive Your Truck."

The ultimate road warrior, Brice enjoys performing. Last year, the energetic musician played shows in all 50 states.

For tickets to the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon kick-off concert, call 800-457-6336 or visit [www.pendletonroundup.com/events/2016/concert](http://www.pendletonroundup.com/events/2016/concert).



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The Arc Umatilla County recently installed new officers. Those pictured include front: Marsha Brown; middle: T.J. Smith, Michele Kietzke; back: Bonnie James, Jan Schroth, Katherine Palmer, Kristi Smalley, Teresa Brown and Heide Leroue.

## The Arc installs new board members

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The membership of The Arc Umatilla County met July 12 in Hermiston to review accomplishments of the past year and to install new officers and directors.

Highlights included the successful completion of a new heating and cooling system for The Arc Building and increased participation in the Summer Camp Program.

The new officers and directors were installed by

longtime supporter Bob Schroth. They included:

Michele Kietzke, president; Kristi Smalley, vice president; Bonnie James, treasurer; Joyce Beemer, secretary; Heide Leroue, immediate past president; and directors, Marsha Brown, T.J. Smith, Jan Schroth, Katherine Palmer, Teresa Brown, Linda Shipley and Kirsten Kinsel.

The Arc Umatilla County is a nonprofit organization that advocates

for the rights of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They work to improve systems of support and services, connect families, inspire communities and influence public policy.

In addition, The Arc sponsors monthly activity nights, organizes social activities and runs weekly fundraising bingo games. For more information, call 541-567-7615.

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