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**Bob Gross, who played on the 1977 Portland Trail Blazers championship team, autographed a quilt Jeanie Bloodsworth is working on.**

## Ladies foursome raises money for Meadowood

Hermiston Herald

Manning the 17th hole during the Camp Meadowood Springs Benefit Golf Tournament, a foursome of ladies brought in \$5,144 to help the camp program, located near Weston.

Karen Fontaine, Jeanie Bloodsworth, Rita Walker and Donna Casper offered golfers a chance for a perfect drive at the hole. Those who ponied up \$5 could forgo the dogleg and advance 150 yards up the par 4 hole. In addition, the ladies sold a variety of beverages to raise additional money for the camp.

In its 37th year, the tournament was held June 2-4 at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla. Money from the event benefits Camp Meadowood

Springs, a unique summer camp experience for children/teenagers and their families impacted by communication and/or social learning challenges.

"It's just a fun thing to do and we raise a lot of money," Bloodsworth said.

Also, while manning the hole, Bloodsworth caught up with Portland Trail Blazers legend Bob Gross, who was on hand for the event. The Hermiston woman has been working on a Blazers-themed quilt and had Gross autograph it.

Unsure of what she's going to do with the quilt once it's completed, Bloodsworth said, "I think it's as tall as Bob Gross."

For more about the speech camp, visit [www.meadowoodsprings.org](http://www.meadowoodsprings.org).

## Lavender farm hosts fragrant festival

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
Community Editor

After a one-year hiatus, next weekend's lavender festival will bloom again as it raises money for a pair of nonprofit organizations in Hermiston.

Jim and Sheri Konningrud started Purple Ridge Lavender Festival as a way to share their lavender farm with others and to give back to Agape House and Martha's House. The couple chose the two entities after having contact through them with their business, Pea Ridge Embroidery & Signs.

The festival is Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Purple Ridge Lavender, 29081 Bridge Road, located west of Hermiston. The general admission cost is \$10 per person or \$12 for craft beer tasting. Youths under 12 are admitted free. All admission and vendor fees are donated to Agape House and Martha's House.

With a theme of "Magic in the Fields," Sheri Konningrud is excited to host Penelope V. Pendragon and encourages people to dress up in their favorite fanciful costumes. In fact, those donning whimsical attire will receive \$2 off on admission.

"It's a fairy tale theme with a professional fairy and



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**Penelope V. Pendragon of The WiSH Wagon will be on hand during the seventh annual Purple Ridge Lavender Festival in Hermiston. The June 24 event benefits Agape House and Martha's House.**

her wish wagon coming in from Las Vegas," Konningrud said.

On a mission to teach kids about the power of positive thinking, Pendragon even consulted with a

childhood development specialist when creating her Whimsical WiSH Wagon. The imaginative art display teaches several steps to take that will help boost the power of positive thought.

Pendragon has received positive feedback from adults, as well. At a festival, one woman said she had attended numerous workshops, read all kinds of books and watched DVDs from motivational speakers.

"You just summed it all up in the most simple, imaginative and magical way," the woman told Pendragon.

People are encouraged to bring their camera to the festival. The lovely lavender makes a perfect backdrop for photos.

In addition to the aroma of lavender, live music will fill the air with BBPD from 10-11 a.m., Cruise Control from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Bobby Nelson & Faith Martin from 3-5 p.m. The event also features Northwest artists, artesian jewelry, a henna artist, Auntie Ida's Quilt challenge and display, food and more.

And last, but not least, all things lavender will be available. People can cut fresh bundles, purchase a plant for their garden and visit the farm boutique for everything from culinary lavender products to lavender bath and body gifts of all kinds.

For more information, visit [www.purpleridgelavender.com](http://www.purpleridgelavender.com) or call 541-561-3945.

## Park concert series continues weekly

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The Boardman/Irrigon Music in the Parks outdoor concert series recently kicked off its season.

The free summer shows alternate between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks each Monday at 7 p.m. through Aug. 14.

The next concert is Monday, June 19, in Irrigon. It features Brady Goss, a keyboard wizard who originally hails from Wallowa County. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Concessions will be available

for purchase from Judy's Chuck Wagon.

The rest of the season includes Zac Grooms (June 26, Boardman); 98% Angels (July 3, Irrigon); Jamie Nasario and Luke Basile (July 10, Boardman); Melissa Cunningham (July 17, Irrigon); Dallin Puzey (July 24, Boardman); The Buttercreek Boys (July 31, Irrigon); Blue Mt. Spanish Sound (Aug. 7, Boardman); and Cruise Control (Aug. 14, Irrigon).

For more information, call Tami Sherer at 541-571-0844.

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Recently ranked number four on a list of top flea markets in Washington, the Love of Junk offers shoppers cool finds, salvaged materials, repurposed objects and vintage items for the home, garden or gift giving.

The junker's paradise is Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Swenson Farm, 253 Valley Chapel Road, Walla Walla. There's a \$5 entry fee (ages 12-and-under are free).

Vendors from across the Pacific Northwest and be-



**Vintage treasures can be found at the Love of Junk event Friday and Saturday at Swenson Farm, near Walla Walla.**

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yond will be on hand. Even a pair of Hermiston vendors are returning for the event. Barbara Floyd said Cynthia Traner, owner of C and R Mercantile Co., will be the highlight of the front and center booths in the main

building, and anchoring the back left corner of the main building for the past five years is Mary Gressley with Compass Rose Trading Co. "Both vendors are very popular and well received

at our event," Floyd said.

People can begin their "hunting" adventure among 80 vendors, including inside the huge shed or on the grass acreage, which features outdoor booths. Picnic tables are located beneath large shade trees between the indoor and outdoor booths. Live music and food trucks are nearby to keep visitors fed and entertained.

For more information, visit [www.loveofjunk.com](http://www.loveofjunk.com), search Facebook for "Love of Junk" or contact Floyd at [barbarafloyd@mac.com](mailto:barbarafloyd@mac.com).

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