

Fall concerts bring big names to Wildhorse

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When autumn is in the air, Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the place to be, as its Fall Concert Series features Travis Tritt, Sawyer Brown and Tony! Toni! Tonè!

The first show kicks off Thursday, Sept. 21, with Tony! Toni! Tonè!, a 1990s group with new jack swing and urban/soul sounds. Prior to the show, the group will be in attendance at a Pre-Funk Party in Cayuse Hall. Tickets are \$19-\$49.

The group’s first single to crack the Top 10 on the Billboard Hot 100, “Feels Good,” reached gold status. In addition, Tony! Toni! Tonè! is known for several No. 1 hits, including “Whatever You Want,” “It Never Rains (In Southern California)” and “Let’s Get Down.” The group was nominated for a Grammy Award as best R&B vocal performance by a duo or group.

Audience members are invited to kick up their heels as Sawyer Brown, a seven-time Country Vocal Group of the Year, takes the stage Saturday, Oct. 7. Billed as a barn dance, the standing-room-only show



Tony! Toni! Tonè!, a rhythm and blues urban/soul group, kick off the Fall Concert Series at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.



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invites people to dance the night away to such tunes as “Some Girls Do,” “All These Years” and “The Boys and Me.” Tickets are



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\$89-\$99, which include a barbecue meal before the show.

Founded in 1981, doors began to open for Sawyer

Brown when they were recognized as the top vocal group during the first season of “Star Search,” a predecessor to TV shows like “American Idol” and “America’s Got Talent.”

The fall concert finale features country music superstar Travis Tritt. The two-time Grammy Award winner will perform an intimate acoustical show Friday, Nov. 17. Tickets range from \$59-\$89.

The Southern rock artist is known for songs like “It’s A Great Day To Be Alive,” “Anymore” and “Here’s A Quarter,” Tritt has received three Country Music Association Awards and racked up more than 25 million in album sales.

In 2016, Tritt released “A Man and His Guitar: Live From The Franklin Theatre,” a 2-disc CD and DVD. Recorded and shot at the historic landmark, it highlights the musician’s soulful voice and guitar prowess in an intimate setting.

Each of the shows, which are 21-and-older, begin at 8 p.m. in the Rivers Event Center. Tickets are available at the Wildhorse Gift Shop and www.wildhorseresort.com.

IN BRIEF

Library friends meet tonight

The Friends of the Hermiston Public Library is gearing up for its annual book sale.

The group is looking for additional people who would like to help with the sale and other projects to help the library. The support provided by library friends groups is integral in keeping the doors open at local libraries.

People interested in helping the Hermiston library friends are invited to attend a meeting, which is Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Those in attendance will receive a free one-year membership and a pre-sale invitation to the book sale.

For more information, call library director Mark Rose at 541-567-2882.

Health insurance class offers information

The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace is sponsoring “Health Insurance 101” in Hermiston.

The free two-hour workshop is designed to help people understand health insurance. It is Wednesday, Aug. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

The workshop will help attendees prepare for the health insurance open enrollment period that begins in the fall. An experienced health-insurance educator will explain how health insurance works, describe coverage options and answer questions about health insurance in Oregon

To register, contact 855-268-3767 or info.marketplace@oregon.gov.

Mid-Week Market features bluesy musician

The Mid-Week Market in Umatilla is welcoming a musical guest to this week’s event.

People are invited to hear the bluesy and soulful sound of Pamela Thomas-Martin Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. Local vendors will sell food, crafts, art and more from 4-8 p.m. at Village Square Park at Sixth Street and H Avenue.

Those attending are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening of live entertainment.

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Burn victim thrives, inspires others to truly live

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Given a 1 percent chance to live after suffering burns over 99 percent of his body, John O’Leary inspires more than 50,000 people a year as he shares his story.

As a curious 9-year-old, O’Leary was playing with fire and gasoline, which resulted in a massive explosion in his garage. His epic story of survival was first showcased in his parents’ 2006 book, “Overwhelming



John O’Leary

Odds.” Originally printing 200 copies for friends and family, his parents have sold more than 60,000 copies, most during John’s speaking events.

It was a book that first invited O’Leary to embrace his miraculous recovery and share it with the world. The public is invited to hear him speak as Good Shepherd Health Care System hosts Live Inspired Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395.

Members of Good Shepherd’s staff heard O’Leary speak at the Healthcare Service Excellence Conference in Long Beach, California, and were amazed at his story of survival.

“What struck me the most about John’s experience was how much of an impact each of the healthcare workers made in his life,” said Jim Schlenker, GSHCS chief operating officer. “He recounts the story of everyone from the janitor to the physicians and a chance encounter with a hero that would

change the rest of his life.”

Schlenker and other employees who attended the conference were so inspired that they wanted to invite O’Leary to share his story with all of Good Shepherd’s employees and with the community.

Once expected to die, now O’Leary teaches others how to truly live. The family-friendly presentation is free and open to the entire community.

For more information, call 541-667-3509 or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/live-inspired-tickets-35763566791.

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