

# 'American Idol' star comes knockin' at Crossroads Community Church

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Phil Stacey of 'American Idol' fame will perform Wednesday, March 7 in Stanfield.

About six months ago Rev. Michael Kinlock received a call from someone affiliated with Phil Stacey.

Kinlock was familiar with the name. Stacey, who was among the finalists of season six of "American Idol," is a Christian.

"We watch 'American Idol' — not all the time, but I remember that season," Kinlock said. "He stood out as a great singer."

When asked if he was interested in having Stacey perform at his church, Kinlock said, "Sure." And, that was pretty much the extent of the conversation. The gal, Kinlock said, told him he could get any needed information from Stacey's website.

"We've been trying to put Stanfield on the map," Kinlock said. "This is absolutely one of the most amaz-

ing things to happen to us here in Stanfield in the 33 years since I've been here."

Fast-forward five months and Kinlock gets another call to discuss the particulars. He was especially intrigued with how the stars aligned that resulted in

someone like Phil Stacey, who lives in Kansas, ends up performing a show in Stanfield.

"I said to the lady, 'Do you know where we are?'" Kinlock said with a laugh. "We're really excited and a little nervous at the same

time."

The concert is Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 350 N.W. Sherman St., Stanfield. While there is no admission charge, a free-will offering will be taken to assist with paying for

Stacey's ministry. During this concert trip, Stacey is slated for another Oregon performance — Thursday in Rogue River.

Stacey, who has performed on "Ellen," "The Tonight Show" and appeared on tours with Michael W. Smith and Natalie Grant, is no stranger to the spotlight. He grew up in a family full of ministers. His father was a preacher, as were both of his grandfathers.

Raised with a mission mindset, Stacey's parents constantly reminded him through personal council and family devotions that God had a plan for his life. Stacey watched that plan unfold throughout his teenage years as his love for music grew and doors began to open for him to perform. While serving with the U.S. Navy, he was given the opportunity of traveling as the lead vocalist with the Navy Rock Band Pride.

The 2007 "American Idol" appearance provided a boost for Stacey's music ministry. His 2008 self-titled album subsequently debuted at No. 8 on Billboard's Country Album Chart. His latest album, "Into the Light," reached the 27th spot on U.S. Billboard's Top Christian Albums.

Kinlock is still pinching himself. He's setting up extra chairs in the church's sanctuary, but also has a back-up plan in case additional seating is needed.

"To have someone from 'American Idol' come to Stanfield is absolutely a miracle," he said. "I don't know what's going to happen."

For more information about the local performance, call Kinlock at 541-449-3434, 541-449-1251 or visit [www.facebook.com/michael.kinlock.3](http://www.facebook.com/michael.kinlock.3). For more about Stacey, visit [www.philstacey.com](http://www.philstacey.com).

**BRIEFS**

## Hermiston graduate leaps to London

A 2011 Hermiston High School graduate is featured in an upcoming episode of "House Hunters International."

Connor McMichael and his wife, Sydney, recently moved across the Big Pond. Connor transferred jobs from Seattle to London — and with the big move comes adventure.

The couple is featured in "The Leap to London," an episode of the HGTV show Wednesday, March 7 at 10:30 p.m. McMichael's mother, Katja, said her son and daughter-in-law applied for the show. They were looking for a budget-friendly place to live that's a short commute to his job in Piccadilly Circus.

For more information, visit [www.hgtv.com/shows/house-hunters-international/episodes/the-leap-to-london](http://www.hgtv.com/shows/house-hunters-international/episodes/the-leap-to-london).

## Republican women set candidate's forum

George Murdock, Larry Givens and John Schafer are featured during a Umatilla County Commissioner Forum sponsored by the Round-Up Republican Women.

The public is invited to the no-host luncheon event Thursday from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. The meal is \$11 for members and \$13 for non-members.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to ensure there is enough food and seating. To register, contact [rounduprw@gmail.com](mailto:rounduprw@gmail.com) or 541-276-3182.

## Summer camp jump starts healthcare careers

High school students interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare field are encouraged to attend a special summer camp.

MedQuest Health Career Exploration Camp assists in jump-starting a future career in the healthcare field.

Current high school students will participate in individualized job shadows, emergency response lessons, a mock wilderness rescue atop Mt. Emily, simulation lab activities at the OHSU School of Nursing and much more.

The residential camp, which is June 18-22 at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, costs \$400.

The fee includes all meals, lodging, extracurricular activities, camp materials and transportation during the program. Some scholarships are available. A \$25 deposit and registration is required by Thursday, March 15.

For more information or to register, contact 541-962-3422, [bhargrove@neoahcec.org](mailto:bhargrove@neoahcec.org) or visit [www.neoahcec.org](http://www.neoahcec.org).

## Competition to check into convention center

Students from across the state will participate in the 51st annual State Chess Tournament this weekend in Portland.

After two months of regional competitions, more than 500 students in kindergarten through 12th grade will compete Friday and Saturday during Chess for Success at the Oregon Convention Center. Matches begin each day at 9 a.m. Students from a regional event held in Hermiston are among the eligible participants.

Chess for Success is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help children succeed in school and in life through learning chess. For more information, visit [www.chessforsuccess.org](http://www.chessforsuccess.org).

## Columbia Grange hosts breakfast, vendor sale

A breakfast and flea market is planned this weekend at the Columbia Grange.

The event is Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the grange hall, 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. People can rent vendor space for \$8.

For more information, call Doris at 541-567-8663 or Pat at 541-567-5706.

## Garden expo includes free heirloom seeds, door prizes

Free heirloom garden seeds and door prizes are featured during the Seed Share & Garden Expo.

Presented by the Umatilla/Hermiston Garden Club, the family-friendly event also includes demonstrations and information for all ages and skill levels.

The free event is Saturday, March 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.

For more information, contact Amanda Woodlee at [amw@amandamillswoodlee.com](mailto:amw@amandamillswoodlee.com).

## Stanfield students hustle their hearts

HERMISTON HERALD

The Stanfield Elementary School Tiger Cubs rocked the recent Jump/Hoops for Heart 2018.

Students recently helped raise money for the American Heart Association during the event. The efforts resulted in a school record, raising a total of \$3,452 — including top students Brooklyn Gaines, \$515; Avery Tynkila, \$311; and Violet Scott, \$240. Also, the hoops champions, B-Ballerz team of Jesus Arellano, Landon Bailey and John Putnam were recognized.

In addition to raising money, Stanfield elementary administrative assistant Debbie Dever said the event helped in promot-



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The B-Ballerz Hoops Champs included John Putnam, Landon Bailey and Jesus Arellano during the Jump/Hoops for Heart 2018 at Stanfield Elementary School.

ing awareness in regards to the importance of staying fit, being active and promoting healthy lifestyles. Students were encouraged to choose healthy foods

to eat, exercise on a regular basis and stay tobacco free.

In all, 94 students participated — hustling their heart muscles, Dever said.

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