

## BRIEFS

## Fishing derby offers outdoor fun

Youths who are 14 and under can participate in free fishing during the Youth Fishing Derby sponsored by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Morrow County Parks.

In its 13th year, the event is Saturday, June 2 from 8:30-11 a.m. at Cutsforth Park, which is about 20 miles southeast of Hepner. Also, lunch is provided free of charge to youths.

For more information, contact 541-989-9500 or [mcparcs@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:mcparcs@co.morrow.or.us).

## Special mass celebrates graduates

A Baccalaureate Mass is planned for all area graduating high school and college students.

Those participating are asked to wear their cap and gown for the event, which includes a blessing and short reception. The free bilingual event is Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

For more information or to RSVP, contact [rebecca@ourladyofangelscc.org](mailto:rebecca@ourladyofangelscc.org) or 541-567-5812.

## Car show revs up in Echo

It's time to rev up your engines, as the Automobile Club of Echo High School is hosting its annual car show.

In its 13th year, the event has grown from a handful of students showing off their vehicles lining the school's sidewalk. In recent years, the car show has attracted more than 100 entries.

On-site registration begins Saturday at 10 a.m. on Echo's Main Street. The show runs from noon to 4 p.m. with an awards presentation to close out the day. Vehicle entry is \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. There is no fee to view vehicles.

In addition to cars, trucks and motorcycles on display, the ACE Car Show includes raffles and other fundraisers. Event T-shirts and food will be available for purchase, including hamburgers, hot dogs and Italian sodas. Proceeds will benefit educational programs in the Echo School District.

For more information, contact Raymon Smith at [raymon.smith@echo.k12.or.us](mailto:raymon.smith@echo.k12.or.us) or 541-376-8436. A list of entry categories is available on the ACE Automobile Club of Echo High School Facebook page.

## College plan to give away five \$529 accounts

In recognition of National 529 College Savings Day, the Oregon College Savings Plan will award five prizes of \$529.

Each of the awards come in the form of an Oregon College Savings Plan account. Eligible entrants have until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29 to complete entry forms at [www.oregoncollegesavings.com/529](http://www.oregoncollegesavings.com/529). The 529 Day promotion is open to Oregon families who do not currently have an Oregon College Savings Plan account and also to existing plan account owners.

National 529 Day serves to raise awareness to the benefits of investing in a 529 college savings plan, said Michael Parker, executive director of the Oregon College Savings Plan. With the rising costs of a col-

lege education, he said it's important that families begin the process of saving as soon as possible.

Launched in January 2001, the Oregon College Savings Plan has grown to more than \$1.7 billion in assets as of March 31, 2018. For more information, visit [www.oregoncollegesavings.com](http://www.oregoncollegesavings.com) or call 1-866-772-8464.

## Old Iron Show celebrates 15th year

People who own everything from antique farm equipment and automobiles to engines and fixtures are invited to display them during the Old Iron Show.

In its 15th year, the event is the first weekend of June at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. It runs Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2 from 8 a.m. to dusk and Sunday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no fee to exhibit items or to view the displays. In addition, people are invited to present demonstrations with their equipment.

For more information, contact Kari Brooks of Heritage Station Museum at 541-276-0012, [membership@heritagestationmuseum.org](mailto:membership@heritagestationmuseum.org) or visit [www.heritagestationmuseum.org](http://www.heritagestationmuseum.org).

## Library encourages reading

Area kids are invited to "Catch the Reading Bug" at the Hermiston Public Library.

Children can read picture books or chapter books to fill up their reading log. The logs can be turned in before the end of the month to win a prize.

For more information or to pick up a reading log, stop by the library Monday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. or Friday/Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. For questions, call 541-567-2882.

## Cultural coalition seeks members

The Morrow County Cultural Coalition is searching for people interested in becoming board members to help review and approve grant requests for cultural activities throughout Morrow County.

The board meets once a year in October to determine projects to be funded from the Oregon Cultural Coalition. Projects supported in the past include art instruction, historical library books, improvements to historical/cultural buildings, kids activities in parks, and drama and musical workshops throughout Morrow County.

For more information, contact grant administrator Gayle Gutierrez at 541-676-5630 or [ggutierrez@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:ggutierrez@co.morrow.or.us).

## Indianhead Division sets 97th annual reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

The association will hold its 97th annual reunion Sept. 19-23 in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information, contact Mike Davino at 919-498-1910, [2IDA.PAO@charter.net](mailto:2IDA.PAO@charter.net) or visit [www.2ida.org/2018-reunion](http://www.2ida.org/2018-reunion).



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Professional rapper George Moss will perform during Night of Champions Power & Rap. The event is May 24 at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church.

## Night of power and rap

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Billed as a Night of Champions Power & Rap, a faith-based event in Hermiston will feature music, feats of strength and a motivational message.

The event includes professional rapper George Moss and 1983 Hermiston High School graduate John Kopta, a staff member with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Arkansas and member of The Power Team.

The event is Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. Admission is \$2 at the door.

Moss, who comes from Detroit, Michigan, has opened for Grammy Award winning groups such as Toby Mac, Skillet, Lecrae, The Newsboys and many more. Moss and Kopta are in town for a Fellowship of Christian Athletes weekend camp.

Kopta, who played football and wrestled for Hermiston, has been involved with The Power Team for several decades. He said the strength-based ministry opens the door to grab people's attention.

He got hooked up with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes about five years ago through his affiliation with USA Youth Outreach. Kopta speaks at numerous events and also makes arrangements for other athletes to appear.

"I think I've made myself very relevant and talk about topics like self-esteem," he said. "But I'm not the catch-all to reach every kid."

However, Kopta said his connections with other Christian athletes provides an opportunity to touch kids' lives. For instance, he said he can pair up with basketball players when visiting inner city youths and reach out to professional cowboys when visiting places where rodeo is popular.

"If I'm in Wyoming,

nobody cares about me breaking a bat or George singing rap," Kopta said.

While in town Kopta and Moss also will present assemblies at Umatilla High School and Armand Larive Middle School. Kopta said he challenges teens to make good choices, look for their passion in life and set goals for themselves. He also encourages youths to utilize positive energy rather than lashing out at others through bullying.

"I can't reach everybody but hopefully I can reach a few," Kopta said.

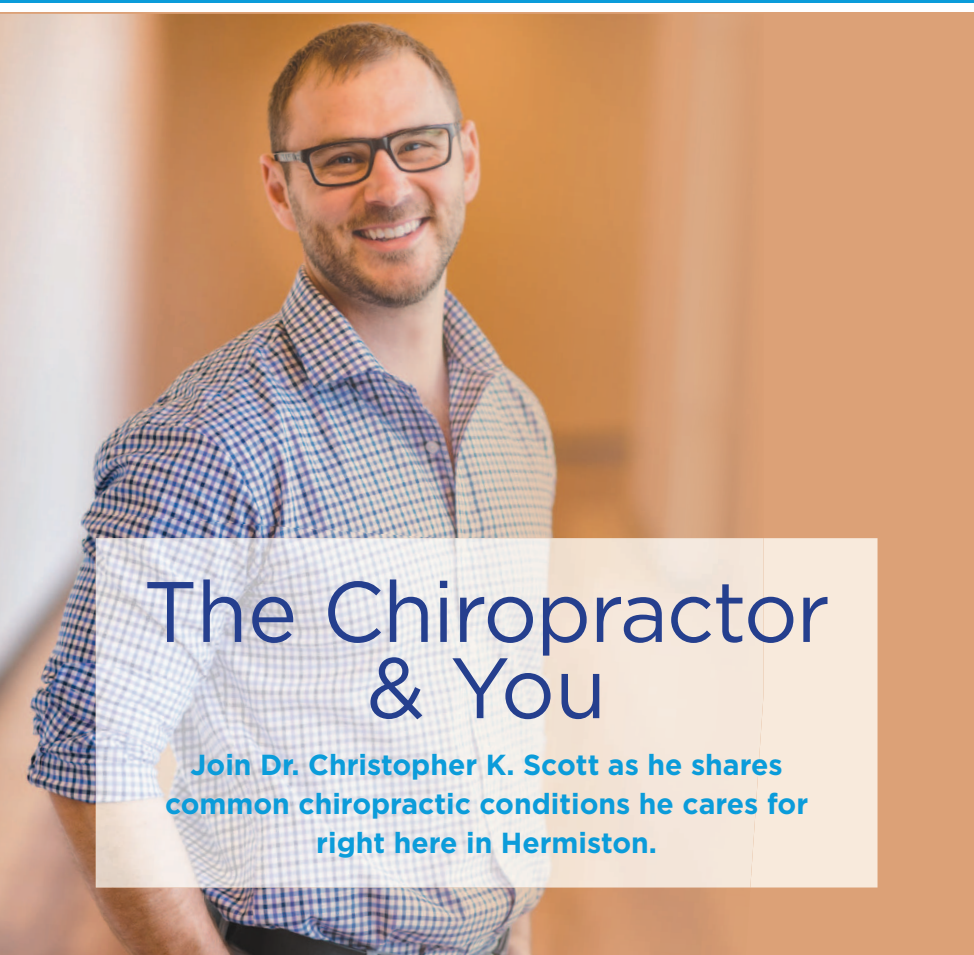
Kopta has appeared at more than 5,000 schools in 30 different countries as a motivational speaker. He especially enjoys visiting Eastern Oregon.

"I love coming back to my hometown," he said. "There's nothing like Hermiston."

For more information about Night of Champions Power & Rap, contact Rod Bragato at 541-720-8104 or [bragatorod@hotmail.com](mailto:bragatorod@hotmail.com).

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