

# Walking event steps out against cancer

HERMISTON HERALD

Eastern Oregon residents are invited to join the fight against cancer in raising money for the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life of Umatilla and Morrow Counties is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. People are invited to come out for a few hours or stay all day. Event lead Carol Preston said people are invited to have fun while raising money to fight cancer. She reminds people that even though the name includes "Relay," it is a walking event. People don't have to register in advance to participate.

"You don't have to come spend the whole day," Preston said. "Even a few minutes and a few dollars will make a difference."

Cancer survivors, Preston said, are especially encouraged to attend the survivor's meal, which begins at 11 a.m. It is provided free of charge from Safeway. Also, several food trucks will be stationed at the park.

Live music, fundraising activity booths and other entertainment will take place throughout the afternoon and evening. A silent auction runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be activ-



Diana Nehila, who endured 13 surgeries and other treatment to beat cancer 30 years ago, chats with other cancer survivors during the 2017 Relay for Life of Umatilla and Morrow Counties. This year's event is Saturday at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton.

ity areas for kids, as well as a rock painting station to create Relay for Life or cancer-themed rocks, and a station to make luminarias. Luminaria and closing ceremonies begin at 8:30 p.m.

Money raised from Relay for Life helps fund research and provides assistance with patient care programs. In addition, funds are used to develop and distribute education and prevention

information.

For more information, contact event lead Carol Preston at relaypendleton@yahoo.com, 541-379-6294 or visit www.relay.acsevents.org.

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## BRIEFS

## Echo hosts weekend market

The second Echo Open Air Market of the season is this weekend.

The market, which runs the third Saturday of each month through October, helps raise money for the Echo Historical Museum. The event is Saturday from 4-7 p.m. at George Park, located at Bonanza and Dupont streets. There is no admission fee. Vendors offer everything from local farm produced goods and direct sales merchandise to handcrafted items and artwork. Market organizers recently ordered some reusable bags and are hoping they arrive in time for this weekend's market.

The May market benefited from generous donations from Bellinger Farms (fresh asparagus) and River Point Farms (onions). The produce raised \$130 for the Echo museum.

For more information or to inquire about becoming a vendor, contact echoopenairmarket@gmail.com or search Facebook.

## Buttercreek Boys perform old-time favorites

People are invited to tap their toes and sing along as the Buttercreek Boys tune up their instruments tonight.

Old-time music will fill the air Wednesday, June 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Chuckwagon Cafe, 81027 N. Highway 395, Hermiston. There is no cover charge. Although food purchases are not required, Cathy Stolz and her crew will be whipping up some Italian specials.

The seasoned musicians, who are in their 60s and beyond, include Curt Claughton (stand-up bass, fiddle), Lou Reeves (guitar), Win Weston (guitar), Jim Simpson (banjo, harmonica) and Rusty Roe (saxophone). In addition, several of the musicians share in the vocals as they perform a variety of old-time favorites.

"These fun-loving and talented musicians have been practicing here at the Chuckwagon ... since November 2010," Stolz said. "Fans drive from Pendleton and Tri-Cities to sing along with these happy minstrels."

For more information, contact 541-567-6329 or chuckwagon395@gmail.com.

## Library display focuses on photography

Beginning as a hobby in 2004, Andrea Aldrich has an eye for photography. She received best of show during the 2017 youth division of the Eastern Oregon Art Show, held in conjunction with Hermiston Funfest. Titled "The Next Generation," Aldrich captured a shot of a row of

birds sitting on a fence.

For a chance to see more of her work, stop by the Hermiston Public Library during the month of June as a collection of her photos are on display during her first solo show. Open Monday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday/Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave.

For more information, call 541-567-2882 or visit www.hermistonlibrary.us.

## Hospital auxiliary announces scholarship winners

Several area students who are pursuing higher education in the field of medicine were recently awarded \$2,000 scholarships from the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary.

Eligible applicants must have already successfully completed at least one year of study and their home residence must be within the areas served by Good Shepherd Health Care System. Recipients from Hermiston, including their field of study, are Briana Wolfe, pharmacy; Kaira Ludwig, nursing; and Vanessa Stackhouse, diagnostic imaging/X-ray. Students from Stanfield, who are both pursuing a master's degree, are Elizabeth Sperr, health-care and organization leadership; and Tina Goff, nursing leadership and management.

The hospital auxiliary raises money through sales at the Good Shepherd Medical Center gift shop and other fundraisers, including bake sales, book sales and miscellaneous merchandise sales. For more information about the auxiliary, call the director of volunteer services at 541-667-3690 or stop by the gift shop at Good Shepherd, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

## Knights of Columbus award scholarships

The Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston have awarded \$500 scholarships to eight local graduating seniors. The students, their high schools and the college they will be attending are as follows:

**Hermiston High School:** Aileen Mercado, Clackamas Community College; Zachary Vandehy, Gonzaga University; Dariana Flores, Washington State University.

**Umatilla High School:** Yessenia Garcia Sanchez, Eastern Oregon University; Tristan Cole, Oregon State University.

**Stanfield High School:** Amanda Carrillo, Oregon State University.

**Seton Home Study School:** JoAnna Pihl, Blue Mountain Community College.

# Summer concert series in Irrigon, Boardman

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With summer just around the corner, north Morrow County is tuning up for a fantastic line-up of free outdoor concerts.

Music in the Parks alternates between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks each Monday at 7 p.m. People are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the music with the Columbia River providing a beautiful backdrop.

Returning for the concert series is piano phenom Brady Goss, who presents a high-energy performance June 18 at Irrigon Marina Park. Known for his wizardry on the keyboards, the former Wallowa County resident plays with incredible speed, finesse and dexterity. It's no surprise he points to Jerry Lee Lewis as one of his greatest influences.

Jackie McCauley said a number of other familiar faces are returning for the summer series. Also, a couple of new acts will take the stage, including Bobby and Faith (June 25, Boardman) and Los Potrillos De Nayarit (July 9, Boardman).

Bobby Nelsen and Faith Martin are said to possess "fantastic musical chemistry." The pair met during an outdoor concert in 2004 in Echo. Nelsen, lead guitarist for Tri-Cities band The Shades, was filling in for a friend's band when they invited Martin onstage for a few numbers. Martin, a Tri-Cities radio personality, was later invited to join The Shades. While the duo can really rock, they take it down a few notches when performing acoustically.

Los Potrillos De Nayarit is a four-piece Latin band based out of Hermiston. They've performed throughout the region,

including at bars, restaurants, Cinco de Mayo events and private parties.

A special July 2 concert event in Irrigon will honor veterans. The duo of Marie Rose and Renate Meakins, 98% Angels, began singing together in 1998 while attending Blue Mountain Community College. They perform everything from swing standards and Big Band music to hits from the 1950s-1960s and contemporary pop and country tunes.

"As a salute to veterans, they invite them to come up to the stage and share where they served and what branch," McCauley said. "If you can only make one show a year, this one is fabulous."

Other concerts feature Cruise Control playing classic rock and roll (July 16, Irrigon), MissyG Band performing country music (July 23, Boardman), But-

tercreek Boys strumming old-time favorites (July 30, Irrigon), Blue Mt. Spanish Sound, an energetic acoustic guitar duo (Aug. 6, Boardman), and regional horn band Brass Fire (Aug. 13, Irrigon).

The Boardman Little League will offer concessions during concerts held there. Although an organization hasn't stepped up, McCauley said it's possible drinks may be available for purchase at Irrigon shows. People are invited to bring their own food and beverages to both venues. Also, in case of inclement weather, Boardman concerts will be held at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, and Irrigon performances at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane.

For more information, contact Jackie McCauley at utility.clerk@cityofboardman.com or 541-481-9252.

## Pollinator workshop is Saturday in Irrigon

A conservation group will teach people how to protect and attract monarch butterflies in their yards during a free workshop Saturday.

The Xerces Society, a group that focuses on the preservation and health of invertebrates and their habitats, will hold a workshop at the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge in Irrigon on Saturday, June 16. Participants will go on a field trip to find monarchs and milkweed, and learn how to help conserve the pollinating insect. They will hear presenta-

tions from monarch butterfly researchers, and there will be activities for children.

Monarch butterflies are dependent on milkweed, according to *National Geographic*, laying their eggs on the plant and eating it almost exclusively while in the larvae stage.

Space is limited, and participants must sign up in advance, at www.fws.gov/pacific/register. Or contact Lauren Richey at the Xerces Society, at 503-232-6639, ext. 123, or at lauren.richey@xerces.org.



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An adult monarch butterfly.

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