

BRIEFS

Gospel singer to share in Irrigon

A missionary and gospel singer from Joplin, Missouri, will perform at Columbia View Community Church in Irrigon. Eldon Potts will sing and share Saturday at 7 p.m. at 1230 Highway 730, Irrigon. There's no admission charge and everyone is welcome. A freewill offering will be taken.

Potts is said to present a unique style of country gospel that shares a message of hope and salvation through Christ. Potts, who has a degree from Ozark Bible College, and his wife, Sue, have worked with Christ To The Nations Ministries, mainly in the Philippines.

For more information, call the church at 541-922-4531.

Medicare 101 provides information

Several area workshops will provide information about Medicare.

Hosted by the Oregon Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program, Medicare 101 will cover the basic benefit information, how to enroll, costs, types of financial help available and where Medicare recipients can go for help.

The free workshops are open to anyone, but are aimed at those interested in enrolling, health care professionals who work with Medicare recipients and those who work with retirees or people with disabilities. The local workshops are:

- Wednesday, Aug 8 from 1-3 p.m., Umatilla Public Library, 700 Sixth St.
- Thursday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon, Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave.
- Thursday, Aug. 9 from 6-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 NW 11th St., Hermiston.

To register, contact 503-947-7302 or shiba.oregon@oregon.gov. Walk-ins will be allowed as space permits.

Horn band fires up park series finale

Blues, jazz, rock, swing and funk are featured during an upcoming performance by Brass Fire.

The 10-piece regional horn band will take the stage Monday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. at Irrigon Marina Park. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held at Stokes Landing Senior Center.

As part of the Music in the Parks summer concert series, admission is free. People are invited to pack a picnic to enjoy during the performance. In addition to a full rhythm section



FILE PHOTO
Teens practice a song in a small dressing room during a past Rock & Roll Camp in Pendleton. In its 13th year, this year's free teen music camp is Aug. 13-17 at Pendleton Center of the Arts.

made up of a pianist, a guitarist, a drummer and a bass guitarist, there are performers on trumpets, saxophones and trombone. Band members also step up with stylistic vocals. Brass Fire performers include those who have played in military bands, aboard cruise ships, with professional touring bands and school music teachers.

This is the last concert of the 2018 Music in the Parks season, which alternated weekly between Irrigon and Boardman marina parks. For more information, contact Jackie McCauley at utility.clerk@cityofboardman.com, 541-720-1289 or 541-481-9252. For more about Brass Fire, search Facebook.

Hermiston pool updates schedule

The schedule for the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center for Aug. 13-25 was listed incorrectly in the Summer Activity Guide published by Hermiston Parks & Recreation.

During that two-week period, Lap Swim and Water Walking will be offered Monday through Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m., and also from 7-8 p.m. On Friday through Sundays, those activities will only be offered from noon to 1 p.m.

For more information, call the parks department at 541-667-5018 or the aquatic center at 541-289-7665.

Umatilla Museum uncorks wine & cheese fundraiser

In a renewed effort to continue to preserve the history of Umatilla, the Umatilla Museum & Historical Foundation is hosting a fundraiser.

The event, which features wine and cheese, is Friday, Aug. 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the at the museum, 911 Sixth St. The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Carlson's Umatilla Drug Store, Umatilla City Hall, Rae's Dayz Diner, Umatilla Chamber of Commerce, Echo Ridge Cellars, Smith's Tiny Farm Microcreamery and at the museum.

A nonprofit entity, there is no admission charge at the museum. The museum operates solely on donations.

For more information about the event, contact Leslie Smith at lerusmith@gmail.com or call the museum at 541-922-0209. For more about the museum, search Facebook.

Teen rock camp rolls out for 13th year

Area teenagers have an opportunity to learn to rock from indie musicians from across the Pacific Northwest during a free day camp offered by Pendleton Center for the Arts.

The professional performers are serving as camp counselors for the Rock & Roll Camp, which is in its 13th year. There is no registration fee. The five-day camp kicks off Monday, Aug. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in and around the arts center, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton.

Activities include putting together bands, writing original music and recording songs, working on rock journalism, creating a camp zine and generating videos for YouTube. The event crescendos with a concert gig Friday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. on Main Street, Pendleton.

For more information or to register, call 541-278-9201, visit www.pendletonarts.org or stop by the arts center.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MARVIN HAMILTON
Brando, a heavy-duty rocking horse created for the DHS Child Welfare parade float, will be raffled off to benefit the organization's foster parent and child fund.

DHS wrangles in rocking horse fundraiser

By TAMMY MALGESINI
COMMUNITY EDITOR

People who enjoy horsing around are encouraged to buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win a rocking horse created with a heavy-duty truck spring.

Sales from tickets will benefit the Department of Human Services Child Welfare program's foster parent and child fund. Money raised will wrangle in support for special events for local foster parents and foster kids, said Marvin Hamilton, a DHS certifier.

"I thought adults would love one of these things," Hamilton said. "It's very sturdy and stable. I bounced around pretty good on it during the fair parade."

Hamilton made it with assistance from Jason Bremner, for the DHS float during the Umatilla County Fair parade. Hamilton named the creation Brando. It is painted to look like an Appaloosa.

Created with metal work and fabrication, the rocking horse is about four feet long. The spring was donated by Hagerman Inc. in Umatilla.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased by asking for a DHS certifier at offices in Hermiston, Pendleton and Boardman. In addition, people can see Brando by stopping by the department's fair booth this week at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. Tickets are available for purchase in Booth 32 in EOTEC's main building.

Brando, Hamilton said, also will make an appearance during the Main Street Cowboys Dress Up Parade, which is Saturday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. in downtown Pendleton. The drawing will be held a week after that, he said.

DHS Child Welfare, Hamilton said, is looking at hosting a winter event that offers foster families an opportunity to get out of the house and have fun. They envision providing food and bouncy houses, face painting, games and other indoor fun to help alleviate cabin fever during the cold winter months.

For information, contact Hamilton at 541-567-2253 or marvin.hamilton@dhsosha.state.or.us.

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