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A basket on the Ferris wheel passes in front of the setting sun during the 2018 Umatilla County Fair.

## Oregon Blue Book to showcase community festivals

Contest seeks photos, student essays

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Did you capture any awesome images from the 2018 Umatilla County Fair, Umatilla Landing Days, the Cinco de Mayo celebration or other community events and festivals? If so, the Oregon Secretary of State's Office wants to see your photos.

Amateur photographers who are Oregon residents are encouraged to submit photos for possible inclusion in the Oregon Blue Book. A contest is being held for the front and back cover photos for the upcoming publication. In addition to the cover photo contest, the Secretary of State's office invites students from elementary grades through middle school to submit an essay for the 2019-20 Oregon Blue Book.

The 2019-20 theme is "Celebrating Oregon's Local Festivals." Photos of local festivals, carnivals, fiestas, county fairs, galas, and other celebrations throughout Oregon would be the most appropriate entries, said Dennis Richardson, Oregon secretary of state.

The official state almanac, the book has been published biennially since 1911. It features information, fun facts, maps, listings, and descriptions of Oregon state government, educational institutions, media information, cultural and arts organizations and other points of



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Ty Harris of San Angelo, Texas, participates in tie down roping during the 2018 Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

interest to Oregonians and visitors.

"The Oregon Blue Book has been a state icon for over 100 years," Richardson said. "The Blue Book is filled with great information on over 2,000 areas of interest that make up Oregon."

It features all things Oregon — from absentee voting to aviation, banking to butterflies, wages to windsurfing, and much more, Richardson said. The publication is a great resource and a fun read with breathtaking photos of Oregon, he added.

For the contest, amateur photographers are considered those who earn less than half of their income from landscape photography. Submissions must be in color, taken in Oregon and in a vertical or "portrait" orientation. Photos not selected for the covers may be used elsewhere in the book with credit given to the photographer.

For the essay contest, students are asked to answer the question: "What is your

favorite local community celebration, festival, carnival, fiesta, or fair and why?" Participants also are encouraged to illustrate their essays with drawings.

The winning photos and student essays will be printed in the Oregon Blue Book. In addition, the artists and authors will be invited to the official release party and celebration, held in early 2019 at the Oregon State Capital in Salem.

The deadline for the photo contest and essays is Tuesday, Oct. 16. Photo may be submitted via postal service, email or on the website. Students must mail their entry, including their name, grade, teacher's name, school name and address to: Mary Beth Herkert, State Archivist, Oregon State Archives, 800 Summer St. NE Salem, OR 97310.

For additional information, visit [www.bluebook.state.or.us](http://www.bluebook.state.or.us). For questions, contact [bluebook.changes@state.or.us](mailto:bluebook.changes@state.or.us) or 503-378-5199.

### BRIEFS

#### MOPS meet Sept. 4 at New Hope

Mothers of Preschoolers are invited to the first meeting of the 2018-19 school year at New Hope Community Church.

MOPS is for women who are pregnant or have a child age 0-5. The group's mission is to provide support and encouragement to moms. The meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. For information, call 541-567-8441 or search Facebook for "New Hope MOPS."

#### County collects hazardous waste

Residents of Umatilla County are invited to dispose of hazardous household waste at no charge. Umatilla County, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, is hosting the Household Hazard Waste Collection Event. In addition, volunteers are needed to direct traffic.

The collection event is Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Pendleton Convention Center parking lot, 1601 Westgate. Appointments are not necessary. Items can include everything from art supplies, paints and batteries to car fluids, cleaning products, insecticides and more.

Volunteers will not be handling any hazardous materials. People are asked to commit to a four-hour shift, either from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or noon to 4 p.m. Volunteers, who will receive a T-shirt, breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages, are asked to register by Sept. 1. For questions or to volunteer, contact Gina Miller at 541-278-6300 or [gina.miller@umatillacounty.net](mailto:gina.miller@umatillacounty.net).

In addition, small businesses and farmers may make an appointment for Friday, Sept. 21 to dispose of hazardous waste for a disposal fee. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 971-401-0367.

#### Inland Musicians start rehearsals

In preparation for its 20th season, the Inland Northwest Musicians announced its rehearsal schedule:

- Inland Northwest Orchestra rehearsals begin Thursday, Aug. 30 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Harris Junior Academy, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. The opening concert is Saturday, Oct. 13 in Enterprise. If interested in joining this group, call the Inland Musicians office at 541-289-4696.

- Inland Northwest Chorale rehearsals begin Monday, Sept. 3, from 7-9 p.m. at the Harris Junior Academy. The opening concert is Saturday, Oct. 27 in Heppner. The ensemble is always looking for new members who enjoy singing.

- Willow Creek Symphony will rehearse at a new location. They begin Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 6-7:30 pm at Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston. This is the preparatory orchestra, which

includes younger musicians or those who may be a bit rusty after not playing for a period of time. The opening concert is Saturday, Nov. 17 in Boardman.

For more information, including on how to join one of the ensembles, contact 541-289-4696, [inwm@machmedia.net](mailto:inwm@machmedia.net) or visit [www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com](http://www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com).

#### Hospital auxiliary hosts sale

A selection of books, toys, gifts, games and unique items will be offered during the Collective Goods sale at Good Shepherd Medical Center on Thursday, Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

Money raised from the event will be used towards medical equipment purchases for Good Shepherd and scholarships for local students who are studying medicine.

For more information, contact June Rosenberg at [juner1942@gmail.com](mailto:juner1942@gmail.com).

#### Show & Shine revs up

Area car enthusiasts are invited to take a cruise during the upcoming Labor Day weekend as the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum hosts its 22nd annual car show.

A museum fundraiser, the Show & Shine Car Show & Swap Meet is Saturday at 990 S.W. Rock Creek Drive in Stevenson, Washington. The gates open at 9 a.m. and the event runs from noon to 4 p.m. The vehicle entry fee is \$20. The first 150 entrants will receive a dash plaque and goody bag. Also, awards will be presented in 20 categories. There is no charge for spectators.

The event also features a food booth, music, door prizes, a raffle, a 50/50 pot and an auto-oriented swap meet. Vendor space for the swap meet is \$20. For more information call 509-427-8211, 1-800-991-2338 or visit [www.columbiagorge.org](http://www.columbiagorge.org).

#### Terrific Tuesday features author

Local author Bette Lynch Husted will be on hand during the upcoming Terrific Tuesday event at Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton.

Husted, who recently published her first novel, "All Coyote's Children," will read selections from her book and sign copies. The free event is Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 7-8:30 p.m. at 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Husted has authored three previous publications, including a pair of autobiographical memoirs as well as a collection of poems.

For more information about Umatilla County Historical Society events, call 541-276-0012 or visit [www.heritagestationmuseum.org](http://www.heritagestationmuseum.org).

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to everyone who contributed and made the 2018 Umatilla County Fair possible.

Families came together from all over the county and beyond, to sacrifice their time to ensure that our fair was such a huge success. A phrase does not exist to fully recognize and appreciate all of the volunteers and sponsors who make the Umatilla County Fair possible. Every year we are overcome with thankfulness as we reach out to our sponsors and volunteers for assistance in areas that we just cannot cover alone. With great pride and humility, we wholeheartedly recognize that we would not have a fair without the dedication, knowledge and resources so freely offered by our sponsors, partners and volunteers. Thank you ALL for keeping the partnership alive for the sake of the Umatilla County Fair and for every single person who braved the heat and the wind to attend.

-From the 2018 Umatilla County Fair Board & Staff-

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