

Old time musicians to fiddle around in Hermiston

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For some toe-tappin' tunes, area senior citizens won't want to miss a performance by the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers.

Those who attend can enjoy the music or kick up their heels on the dance floor as part of a fundraiser at the Harkenrider Senior Activity Center. The event, which is open to ages 60 and over, is Saturday at 6 p.m. at 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. The cover charge is \$5 per person.

Also, people are invited to come early for a spaghetti dinner, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the senior center. The meal will be served up beginning at 5 p.m. The fee for the dinner also is \$5.

The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association is committed to the preservation of traditional music. Performances by the association are as varied as the members — who hail from all across the region. While most of the musicians reside in Eastern Oregon, some of the members are scattered throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

In other Harkenrider Senior Activity Center news, Judy Fordice said the building has regular open hours.



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The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will perform Saturday.

Unless otherwise posted, it is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities throughout the week include everything from morning coffee and conversation to various exercise classes, game times and arts and crafts activities.

Also, currently lunches are being served Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. Meal service will be available Monday through Friday beginning April 29.

The regular meal cost is \$4 per person and free for ages 10 and under. Meals on Wheels (call by 10 a.m.) or take-out service (call by 11 a.m.) are available by calling 541-567-3582. And, rides to the center can be arranged by calling 541-571-7134.

For more information about activities at the senior center, contact hsc@hermiston.or.us, 541-567-3582 or search Facebook for "Hermiston senior center."

Chocolate Derby reins in support for Dream Catcher

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It's time to giddy-up and help raise money for Dream Catcher Therapeutics.

The nonprofit organization provides individuals with physical, emotional and developmental challenges an opportunity to discover their abilities and stir up hope through equine activities. Participants engage in riding, grooming and bonding with horses.

The Chocolate Derby benefit event, is Saturday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Hamley Slickfork Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Tickets are \$30 each or \$225 for a table of eight. Those attending are invited to don their best Derby attire.

In addition to enjoying an evening filled with chocolate, the event features silent and live auctions, raffles and live music by Whiskey for Breakfast.

Raffle tickets for an approximately 72-inch by 84-inch quilt finished and quilted by Colleen Blackwood will be available for purchase. They are \$5 each or five for \$20.

Dream Catcher works with individuals of all ages. Clinical studies indicate positive results from equine assisted activities, including people with multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, autism, Down syndrome, post-traumatic stress disorder, stroke and traumatic brain injury.

Volunteers are welcome at Dream Catcher. A training session will be held Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m.

For more about Dream Catcher or to buy tickets for the Chocolate Derby, call 541-377-1479, email dreamcatchertherapeutics@gmail.com or visit www.dreamcatchertrc.org. Tickets can also be purchased at Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave.

BRIEFS

Free program highlights piano accompaniment

A free workshop for pianists, piano teachers and others who are interested is being offered by the Umatilla-Morrow District of the Oregon Music Teachers Association.

Matt Katz will present "Becoming the Accompanist" Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Pre-registration is not required.

Katz will discuss basic activities that can assist students in becoming an accompanist. The presentation will cover how to quickly learn a song by ear as well as sight-reading an accompanied piece quickly. The workshop includes demonstrations and audience participation.

For more information, contact Sue Nelson at 541-276-0346 or musicdoc3@mac.com.

Columbia Grange announces Saturday events

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

The event is Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the grange hall, 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, waffles, French toast, hash browns, sausage, ham and drinks for \$6.

The flea market and craft sale features such items as books, towels, baked items, candy, Easter baskets and jewelry. Also, people can rent vendor space for \$8.

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

Black Acre Farm hosts flea market

More than two dozen vendors will be on hand during a flea market and rummage sale in Lexington.

Antiques, vintage items, homemade crafts, jewelry, second hand materials and more will be available for purchase. The event is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Black Acre Farm, 71634 Baseline Lane, Lexington. Also, locally roasted coffee, baked goods and a taco truck will be onsite.

For more information, contact Andrea Nelson at blackacre.local@gmail.com or 541-720-4399.

United Way needs committee members

The United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties is looking for community members interested in assisting with its funding allocation process.

Beth Harrington, resource develop-

ment coordinator, estimates that volunteers will be needed for approximately 12-18 hours as part of its Community Investment Committees. The time commitment includes a pair of evening meetings and participating in three to five site visits between April 11-25.

The United Way partners with community organizations to help provide funding for needed programs and services. For more information, contact Harrington at beth@uwbluemt.org or 541-276-2661 for more information.

Nominations open for administrative assistant award

The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce announced it is seeking nominations for the administrative professional of the year.

People are encouraged to nominate their administrative assistant to be recognized during a special Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon. The event is Tuesday, April 23 at 11:45 a.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Tickets are \$20 each. In addition to lunch and celebrating administrative assistants, comedian Alex Zerbe will provide entertainment.

Nominations are due by Friday, April 12. Also, table sponsors are needed by April 19.

For more information or tickets, contact 541-567-6151, kelly@hermistonchamber.com or visit www.hermistonchamber.com.



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