

Landing Days reels in family celebration

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Renewed interest and energy is rejuvenating the excitement for Umatilla's signature summer event.

Kacie Evans, executive coordinator at the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, is amped up for this year's Umatilla Landing Days celebration. The committee, Evans said, reeled in additional help and she's anticipating a great weekend with park activities, music and entertainment and a gigantic fireworks show.

"The city of Umatilla has been a phenomenal support for Landing Days this year," Evans said. "I'm really excited because it's going to be a great family event."

Landing Days kicks off Friday evening from 5-10 p.m. at the Umatilla Marina and RV Park, 1710 Quincy Ave. A beer garden and live entertainment will



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Umatilla Landing Days entertainment crescendos Saturday night with Leah Justine. The event kicks off Friday night and all day Saturday at Umatilla Marina Park.

tune up the crowd.

The musical acts include Grupo Viajero, a local

Latino band, and Krome, a Yakima-based group that performs classic rock, '70s

pop and rhythm & blues. While the evening event is geared more toward adults,

all ages are welcome, Evans said. Also, she said a coffee vendor will provide an extra jolt.

Saturday gets rolling at 10 a.m. with the annual Landing Days parade. People who haven't registered can check-in before the 9:15 a.m. line-up on L and Seventh streets. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three entries.

After the parade (approximately 11 a.m.), the celebration moves to Umatilla Marina Park. There is no entry fee, however, there is a \$5 parking charge. Money collected goes to the fireworks fund.

And the fireworks show, Evans said, should be a blast.

"It's always been big," she said. "But it's going to be bigger and better because we've really upped the ante on it this year."

Activities leading up to the spectacular show over the Columbia River also will be a blast, Evans said.

Everything is super-sized this year — with 50-60 vendors already gearing up to serve food and drinks, sell their wares and offer games and activities, including a rock climbing wall and KnockerBall.

During the day, stage entertainment includes a number of area acts showing off their talents. With all the sizzling hot fun, kids will have a place to cool down with a huge variety of water attractions.

The evening entertainment warms up with Grupo Viajero, followed by Trespasser, a long-running country and rock band from the Tri-Cities. The night crescendos with Leah Justine, a sassy and soulful singer. Justine is said to possess a flair for colorful stories that complements her country and Southern rock roots.

For more information or to register as a vendor (\$40), call 541-922-4825, visit www.umatillaorchamber.org or search Facebook.

BRIEFS

Cultural coalition fires up the barbie

The community is invited to a barbecue sponsored by the Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition.

Held to commemorate the Celebration of Juneteenth, the event is Sunday from 6-8 p.m. at Greenwood Park, 80 E. Beech Ave., Hermiston. Juneteenth is an annual festival that highlights the end of slavery in Texas on June 19, 1865. The meal features hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, soda and water.

For more information, contact John Carbage at 541-701-7073 or Virginia Rome at vgarciarome@gmail.com or 541-720-6895.

Wiener Dog Race features dog-gone fun

Dashing dachshunds will take to the street as the annual Wiener Dog Race revs up with excitement.

A fundraiser for the Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, there's still time for people to enter their pooches. In its 13th year, the event is Friday with activities gearing up at 4:30 p.m. in the 400 block of Pendleton's Main Street. Wiener dog owners (dogs must be at least 50% dachshund) can register in advance for \$20. Race day entries are \$25.

The event tunes up with family fun, including a bounce house, silent auction, all-breed costume contest (no entry fee) and live entertainment by Mo Phillips & the Thunder Bub-

bles (4:45 p.m. and 6 p.m.). A popular children's game features a bone-shaped bean bag toss. Kids who make it into a doggie dish receive a free book from Altrusa International of Pendleton. A beer garden also will be available.

The race activity heats up at 5:30 p.m. Top dogs will receive bragging rights, trophies and gift cards from area businesses. The top full-breed dachshund will qualify for the Northwest Championship Wiener Dog Race. The televised event is held during the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest in September.

For more information or entry forms, search www.cmeo.org, call 541-276-1066 or stop by the children's museum, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton.

Trinity Lutheran rallies with vacation Bible school

There's still time to join the ultimate pep rally during vacation Bible school at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The program started Monday and continues through Friday. It runs from 9 a.m. to noon each day at 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston. It's open to children ages 4 through fifth grade.

With a theme of "Victory," participants will learn about how people shouted and cheered in response to God's many acts of power. They will be encouraged to do the same as they begin to see God's promises unfold. The sessions feature singing, crafts, games, Bible stories and snack time. Children don't have to belong to the church to attend the sessions.

There is no charge to participate. For more information, call Nancy Carlson at 541-567-9660.

First Christian Church switches schedule

With the change in season, the Hermiston First Christian Church recently announced a schedule change.

The Sunday schedule includes a time of coffee and mingling at 9:15 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. Also, a special children's worship service starts at 10:15 a.m. The church is located at 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston.

For more information, contact hermistonfcc@eot-net.net or 541-567-3013.

Black Acre Farm digs in with pit barbecue

A Southern-style pit barbecue is featured during an event at Black Acre Farm,

near Lexington.

The Farm to Table Summer Kick Off is Friday, June 21 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at 71634 Baseline Lane, Lexington. Tickets for the 21-and-over event are \$35 per person. Due to limited tickets, advanced purchases are recommended.

The cost includes dinner, one drink ticket and entertainment. The menu includes farm-raised pork, bourbon peach barbecue baked beans, cornbread and berry cobbler. Live entertainment features James Dean Kindle. Also, Echo Ridge Cellars and Burnt Field Brewing will serve local wine and beer.

Andrea Nelson said one of the most important aspects of their small family farm is to provide educational outreach. As a teacher, her goal is to help others learn new skills in homesteading by providing classes on the farm.

To purchase event tickets or more information about upcoming classes or events, visit www.black-acrefarmstead.com. For questions or to make other arrangements to buy tickets, contact Nelson at 541-720-4399 or blackacre.local@gmail.com.

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Wild near the river.*

*I am from the weeping willow
The tumble weeds and blackberries
The stains on my hands after long
Days on the ditch banks.*

*I am from Malheur
From Carlan
From Rose Ethel
From others who's names
are passed down like
our own secret little stories.*

*I'm from the mouth of
a sailor
Coffee in the morning
Coffee at night
Fudge sundaes whenever
It pleases.*

*I am from her
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- Written by LUKASSKYE



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