

Autumn Cousineau and Lilly Wallace assist with the floriculture department in preparation for the 2018 Umatilla County Fair. The pre-registration deadline for open class exhibits for this year's fair is July 24.

Umatilla County Fair seeks strong showing from residents

Open class registration deadline is July 24

By TAMMY MALGESINI **COMMUNITY EDITOR**

The creativity of local residents is showcased during the Umatilla County

People are invited to display open class exhibits, including everything from baked goods, sewing projects and hobby work to photography, fine arts and vegetables — and more.

To highlight the fair theme — "Strong Roots & Cowboy Boots!" — many of the departments have a special fair theme category.

BRIEFS

Veteran Expo

The state of Oregon's

largest veteran resource

event is being held in East-

is Saturday, July 27 from

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pend-

leton Convention Center,

1601 Westgate. There is no

gon Department of Veterans

Affairs, the event offers a

sort of one-stop "shopping"

experience. It will provide

access to information about

veterans benefits, including

health care, disability com-

pensation pension, busi-

ness, burial, transportation,

education, recreation, long-

term care, records, identi-

fication, home loans and

more. It's designed for Ore-

gon veterans of all eras and

veterans year after year with

this event is that they're

blown away by all the bene-

fits and resources they never

knew existed," said ODVA

visit www.expo.oregondva.

com. For questions, con-

For more information,

director Kelly Fitzpatrick.

"One thing we hear from

walks of life.

Sponsored by the Ore-

admission charge.

ern Oregon for the first time.

Veteran Benefit EXPO19

comes to

Pendleton

opportunity to interpret the theme through a project or entry.

While projects and entries aren't due yet, exhibitors must pre-register in order to be eligible for judging and fair premiums. In addition to displaying their talents, exhibitors are eligible to purchase one season pass for the discounted price of \$20. The special pass can purchased beginning Sunday, Aug. 4 at the fair office by providing the pink exhibitor's tag. The open class pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, July 24

In addition to the creative

which are not a part of 4-H or FFA — are available for beef, dairy, sheep, Jackpot Lamb, goats and a variety of small animals.

Registration forms are available www.umatillacountyfair.net or at the fair office, located at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston. Also, local libraries offer computer use and internet access.

The actual entries for most open class exhibits need to be dropped off Sunday, Aug. 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds at EOTEC. Livestock and small animals will be received Monday Aug. 5 from 7 a.m. to noon or

5-8 p.m. And, Jackpot Lamb are to be brought in Thursday, Aug. 8 from 7-10 a.m.

Open class fair premiums will be paid Friday, Aug. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon and Sunday, Aug, 11 from 8 a.m. to noon at the fair office. After Aug. 11, unclaimed premiums under \$10 will go into the fair's general fund. Unclaimed premiums over \$10 will be mailed to the address provided at registration.

For more information, fair@umatillacounty.net, 541-567-6121, or stop by the fair office. It's open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Brewer's Grade Band to headline Northwest **Country Nights**

Award-winning Brewer's Grade Band will play in Hermiston on Friday.

The band is hosting Northwest Country Nights at the Maxwell Siding Pavilion, 255 S First Place. Doors open at 5 p.m. and music starts at 6 p.m.

Local acoustic artists Dallin Puzey and Corey Peterson will open for Brewers Grade Band.

Lead singer Grooms of Hermiston said the band was excited to showcase "Northwest Country" music all written in the region.

"It's sort of a 'buy local' thing," he said. "We're proud our music originated in the northwest."

Brewers Grade Band was the International Music and Entertainment Association's 2018 Country Band of the Year, and band member Joe Smart is a Grammy award winner. They have collaborated with artists ranging from Paul Simon to the Zac Brown Band.

Tickets for west Country Nights are on sale for \$7 at Nookie's Restaurant in Hermiston or through the "Brewer's Grade Band with Cory Peterson and Dallin Puzey" Facebook event page. They will also be on sale for \$10 at the door.

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arts, open class entries —

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373-2389 or tyler.francke@

state.or.us.

Oregon Book **Award winner** to headline First Draft

Apricot A. Irving will read from her works during the upcoming First Draft Writers' Series.

An Oregon Book Award winner, Irving will share Thursday at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. After her presentation, there will be an open mic for local writers to read from their work.

Irving, who grew up as the daughter of a missionary in Haiti, wrote "The Trees." Draw-Gospel ing from her parents' journals as well as her own, the memoir is the story of learning to see, read and love not just each other but Haiti. It's described as "troubling, alive, defiant and tender."

Showcasing notable Pacific Northwest authors, First Draft Writers' Series meets the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call 541-278-9201 or visit www.pendletonarts. org. For more about Irving,

go to www.apricotirving.

Stanfield library celebrates **Summer Meal** Week

There's still an opportunity to get in on drawings for a chance to win an admission voucher for the Umatilla County Fair and a carnival wristband.

In celebration of Summer Meal Week, the Stanfield Public Library is hosting daily drawings for those eating lunch at the library this week. The meal is served Monday through Friday from noon to 12:30 p.m. at the library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. There is no charge for kids 0-18.

The winners will be posted by 2 p.m. each day and must be picked up by 6 p.m. — if the winner doesn't claim their prize, it will be added into the next day's drawing. Also, for another chance to win,

search Facebook for "Stanfield Public Library."

For more information, call 541-449-1254.

Agape House hosts parking lot sale

A parking lot sale is planned to help support Eastern Oregon Mission programs and outreach.

Among the bargains to be found are furniture (price as marked), knick-knacks (you name the price) and clothing (five items for \$1). The sale is Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at Agape House, 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. Donations will be accepted through Friday. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be moved

Eastern Oregon Mission is the parent organization of Agape House and Martha's House, which serve individuals and families in need. For more information, to volunteer or make donations, call 541-567-8774.







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