

# The harvest is bountiful in Hermiston

## Several events lead up to Saturday festival

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With the warm days of summer behind us, the crisp autumn air is bringing fall celebrations to the area this weekend.

The Hermiston Downtown District is gearing up for its Harvest Festival, the group's last major event of the season. The event is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Hermiston. There is no admission charge. It features local products, vendor booths, entertainment, food booths and fun for the whole family.

Brandi Howard, vice president of the downtown district, said one of the special activities includes a fall floral arrangement demonstration (10:30 a.m.) by KRISanthemums. It also features a drawing for a fall centerpiece. Also, Howard said there are a pair of paint classes (available between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) by Michelle Hopper Walchli. The fee is \$15 for kids and \$25 for adults. Also, the Sugar Shack will have fall cookies available for purchase.

The harvest celebration caps off a series of weekend



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini  
**Brian Cook stands in front of Jean and Mary, a pair of 9-year-old mules, as his wife, Karli Cook, prepares to depart on a mule-drawn wagon ride during the 2018 Morrow County Harvest Festival. This year's event is Saturday at the SAGE Center in Boardman.**

events that kicked off in May in Hermiston. The idea was to showcase Hermiston's newly created festival street area and to draw people into the downtown district.

Howard, who also owns Andee's Boutique, is excited about other activities leading up to Saturday's festival. She wants to remind people about the regular First Thursday event from 4:30-7 p.m.

Nearly two dozen downtown merchants participate in the

event — offering extended hours, shopping specials, refreshments and a drawing.

And, Howard said Junk Barn Girls 2019 kicks off with an exclusive Friday night event from 4-7 p.m. at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road. Advance tickets are required for the first choice shopping event with live music and fall-inspired treats. A limited number of tickets will be sold for \$20

each via <https://junkbarn-girls.ticketleap.com>. The regular event is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It costs \$5 at the gate.

Billed as "the premier junk and handcrafted market in Eastern Oregon," Junk Barn Girls features a variety of vendors offering vintage finds, jewelry, handmade goods and repurposed items. Howard said highlighting the opportunities in Hermiston over the weekend

## Morrow County Harvest Festival

The SAGE Center is preparing for the sixth annual Morrow County Harvest Festival.

With a focus on original, handmade and home-grown products, items will highlight the fruits and labor of residents from throughout the area. Those shopping vendor booths will find regionally produced agricultural goods and artisan crafts. Direct sales and home business products are not featured during the event.

The Harvest Festival is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. There is no admission charge.

The event features more than three dozen vendor booths (both indoors and outdoors), mule-drawn wagon rides, a photo booth, the Kid's Corner, which includes face painting, pumpkin painting, an inflatable bouncy house, FFA farm animals petting zoo and more. The festival also includes a beer garden, food vendors and live music with Dallin Puzey.

For more information about the Morrow County Harvest Festival, visit [www.visitsage.com](http://www.visitsage.com) or search Facebook. For questions, contact [sagecenter@portofmorrow.com](mailto:sagecenter@portofmorrow.com) or 541-481-7243.

enhances each of the individual activities.

"It brings a ton of shoppers to the area so that can lead into our Saturday event," she said.

Also, Howard said Hermiston Brewing Co. & Nookie's Restaurant is dovetailing the Harvest Festival with a 21-and-older afterparty. Hermiston Oktoberfest is Saturday evening beginning at 6 p.m. at Maxwell Pavilion, 145 N. First Place.

The event features music with Jessie Leigh, traditional German food, beers and lager, and a cornhole tournament with cash prizes. There is no cover charge.

For more information about each event, search Facebook. For questions about the Harvest Festival, call 541-667-5026, for Oktoberfest, call 541-561-1047 and for Junk Barn Girls, email [info@junkbarngirls.com](mailto:info@junkbarngirls.com).

## IN BRIEF

### The Arc scores with Moda donation

The Arc Umatilla County recently received a huge financial boost as representatives from Moda Health made a \$1,000 contribution to the nonprofit organization.

The check was presented during the Sept. 11 Rip City Rally at the Hermiston Community Center. The Arc president Jan Schroth, who is an avid Portland Trail Blazers fan, was thrilled to accept the check, which will be used to help fund annual programs and events. The money will assist in supporting such activities as The Arc Summer Inclusion program, holiday parties and The Arc Swim Party.

The Arc advocates for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information, search Facebook or call 541-567-7615.

### Heritage luncheon highlights woolen mills

John Bishop of the Pendleton Woolen Mills will share about the company's history during the annual Heritage Luncheon of the Umatilla County Historical Society.

Bishop's topic is "A Right Yorkshire Lass: Fannie Kay Bishop and the Founding of Pendleton Woolen Mills." The event is Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. The cost is \$50 for historical society members and \$55 for non-members.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 541-276-0012 or stop by Heritage Station Museum at 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton.

### Corn maze brews up weekend fun

Get ready to get uncorked as the Echo Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch hosts Find the Wine (and Beer).

The event is Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at the corn maze, 100 N. Dupont St., Echo. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for kids and free for ages 2 and under.

Local wineries — Sno Road Winery and Echo Ridge Cellars — will be on site, as well as Irv & Millie's Beer. Find the wine and beer vendors throughout the maze and grab a bite to eat from H&P Cafe, who also will be on hand with food available for purchase.

For additional information, visit [www.echocornmaze.com](http://www.echocornmaze.com) or search Facebook. For questions, contact 509-528-5808 or [echocornmaze@gmail.com](mailto:echocornmaze@gmail.com).

### Morrow Co. Historical Society meets Sunday

People who are interested in the Morrow County Historical Society are invited to attend its annual meeting.

The gathering is Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ione Community Church, 470 E. Main St. It will include a fall luncheon.

Yearly dues for the historical society are \$5. For more information, contact Kay Proctor at [kayproctor@gmail.com](mailto:kayproctor@gmail.com).

Also, the 2019 edition of the Morrow County Chronicles was recently published. The cover features a color aerial photo of the Port of Morrow. The publication is dedicated to the late Merlyn Kirk Robinson, and includes some stories about the Matthews of Ione, Larry Lindsay's experience with the Port of Morrow, the Downings, Roice Fullerton, the Heppner class of 1947, Chuck Nelson's Christmas star and the conclusion of "A Murder Mystery" from last year's edition.

Sponsored by the Morrow County Historical Society with Doris Brosnan as editor, this is the 36th edition of the Chronicles. It's available for purchase for \$7 at Murray's Drug, Heppner City Hall, the Morrow County Heritage Museum and at Bank of Eastern Oregon branches in Morrow County. For back copies, call Neva DeMayo at 541-676-8017.

### Boardman Quilt Show extends entry deadline

There's still time for area quilters to register their creations or family heirloom quilts to be included in the Boardman Quilt Show.

Initially, Deb Imus said the registration deadline was Oct. 1. However, the Boardman Quilt Group is extending the deadline for *Hermiston Herald* readers to Monday, Oct. 7. To register your items for display, call Lila Killingbeck at 541-571-2576.

Both youths and adults are invited to enter quilts for the show. Prizes will be presented for people's choice and a youth award.

In its 15th year, the Boardman Quilt Show is Friday, Oct.

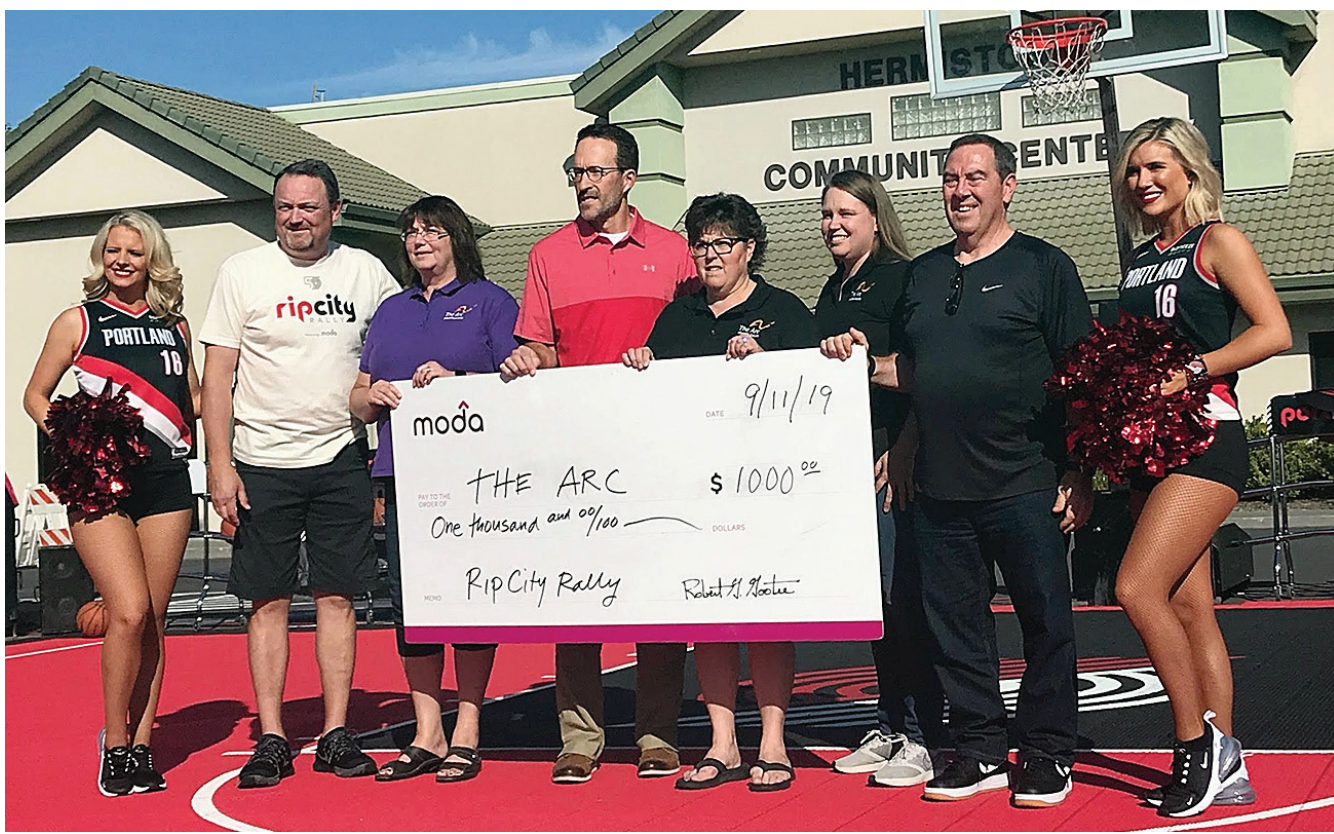


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**Flanked by Portland Trail Blazer dancers and Moda Health representatives are Jan Schroth, Hermiston mayor David Drotzmann, Debbie Herrera and Anna Dickman. The group presented The Arc Umatilla County with a \$1,000 donation.**

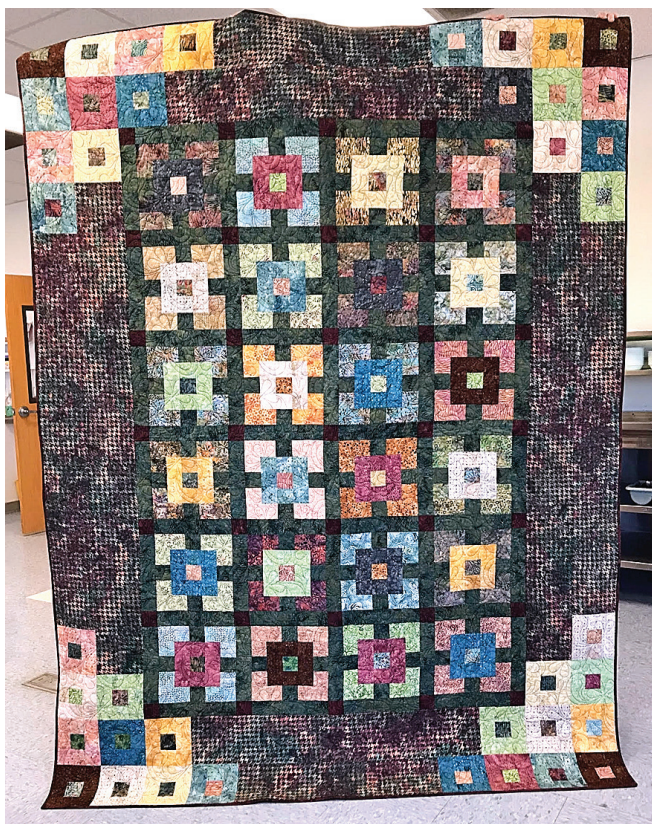


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**Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 18 for a quilt drawing during the Boardman Quilt Show. Tickets can be purchased at the Oct. 11-12 event at the Boardman Senior Center or during the Oct. 5 Morrow County Harvest Festival at the SAGE Center.**

11 and Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Admission is \$4.

In addition to quilt displays, the show features vendors and door prizes every half hour. Also, Sandy Moroney is the local featured quilter. A raffle drawing will be held for a quilt. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 18. Tickets can be purchased at the event or during the Morrow County Harvest Festival Saturday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. The winner doesn't have to be present.

For more information about the quilt show, contact Imus at [paganmoondancer@hotmail.com](mailto:paganmoondancer@hotmail.com) or 541-571-3706.

### Business workshops offer new tools

The Small Business Development Center at Blue Mountain Community College is kicking off its fall workshop series with a pair of classes in Pendleton.

Both workshops are led by Michael Mettler of MCM Strategic + Communications. The first is Wednesday, Oct. 9 and will focus on integrating Google Business into your communications arsenal and why the platform is becoming increasingly more important. The other, which is Wednesday, Oct. 23, focuses on promoting and growing your business digitally, including how to create two-way communication channels and calendaring your content.

The workshop sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon at BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. It includes light refreshments and a follow-up session to evaluate progress several weeks following. Each workshop costs \$39. For more information or to register, contact Andrea Fowler at 541-278-5833.

### EO owner to share about evolution of news

Kathryn Brown is the guest speaker for the upcoming general membership meeting of the American Association of University Women.

Brown, who is the vice president of EO Media Group and publisher of *The Other Oregon*, will present "The Evolution of News: Four Generations of Women at the East Oregonian." The meeting is Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

The American Association of University Women works to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW's Pendleton branch is the closest group in the region. For more information, contact Marlene Krout at 541-276-7596 or [mokaykrout@yahoo.com](mailto:mokaykrout@yahoo.com).

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