

# Got talent?

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The Hermiston High School Band Boosters are hosting a Community Talent Show. Any and all forms of talent are welcome to audition.

“We are accepting any sort of musical act, even comedy or dancing — anything that you could consider a talent is on the table,” said Mike Kellison, a band booster and beginning jazz band director at the high school. “We’re looking for magic or something fun like that. Any type of talent that can be featured, we would love to have someone do it.”

Auditions are April 12-13, 6-9 p.m. in the band room at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St. People do not have to register in advance to audition. The performance is April 23, 6 p.m. in the school’s fine arts auditorium.

The show will be an open competition, Kellison said. All age groups and types of talent will compete against each other.

The event is being held as a fundraiser for the HHS Band Boosters. Audience members can vote for the winners by placing donations in their favorite act’s corresponding box. The overall winners are the acts that garner the most donations on behalf of the band boosters. Organizers, Kellison said, are still in the process of determining prizes for the top three acts.

“Ultimately it’s all about raising money for the students to participate in music,” he said. “The winner will get bragging rights and some sort of prize.”

The HHS Band Boosters, Kellison said, provide support in various ways to students. The group assists with such things as registration fees for music festivals/competitions, travel expenses and the purchase of musical instruments for student use.

“We basically want to create opportunities for our students,” he said. “We want to help students become active or continue their journey in music.”

For more information, email Kellison at michael.kellison@hermistonhs.org or search/send a message via www.facebook.com/hermistonbandboosters.



Members of the Hermiston High School jazz band perform Dec. 11, 2021, at the Hermiston Community Center. The HHS Band Boosters are hosting a Community Talent Show as a fundraiser to support the school’s band programs. Open auditions are April 12-13, 6-9 p.m. in the band room.

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# Check it out during National Library Week

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The Umatilla County Special Library District encourages local residents to connect with their libraries during National Library Week — April 3-9.

People can explore a variety of services and programs available at local libraries. The libraries in Umatilla County offer a wide array of programs, classes and resources that are available in person or from the comfort of home, said Erin McCusker, library district director.

And April 3-9, she said, is a great time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year’s National Library Week is “Connect with Your Library,” which promotes the idea that libraries are places

to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas and classes, in addition to books. Most importantly, libraries also connect communities to each other, McCusker said.

Libraries of all types continue to go above and beyond to keep their communities connected by expanding resources and embracing inclusion in their programming, resources and collections. Libraries across the country are making a difference in people’s lives by providing electronic learning resources like online homework help and wifi access for students and workers who may lack



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internet access at home.

McCusker encourages the public to show their appreciation and support for libraries by visiting their library in person or online, following them on social media and using the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April. For more information, find your library’s website at www.ucsl.org.

The Umatilla County Special Library District works in partnership with area libraries to advance and make available excellent library services, programs and continuing education opportunities for all. For more information, contact McCusker at director@ucsl.org or 541-276-6449.



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## IN BRIEF

### Old time fiddlers offer toe-tappin’ tunes

The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers encourage people to kick up their heels during an upcoming performance at the Harkenrider Senior Activity Center.

The group will perform Saturday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. at 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. A fundraiser for the senior center, the cost is \$5. The doors open at 4 p.m.

Also, people are invited to come early for a spaghetti dinner, which will be served at 5 p.m. Those planning to eat must purchase a ticket (\$10) in advance.

In addition, the senior center is collecting cans and bottles. For more information, contact 541-567-3582 or jfordice@hermiston.or.us.

### Levy, Shafer team up to meet voters

With the primary election less than eight weeks away, a pair of local incumbent candidates are making an effort to meet with constituents.

State Rep. Bobby Levy, R-Echo, and Umatilla County Commissioner John Shafer are teaming up for a pair of informal gatherings. The two invite voters to join them for a cup of coffee and conversation Saturday, April 2, 7-10 a.m. at Java Junkies, 270 S. Main St., Stanfield.

And then in the evening from 6-7:30 p.m., the pair will head to Belling Farms, 1823 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to info@bobbylevy-fororegon.com.

Levy, who represents House District 58, is

being challenged by Skye Farnam, a Summerville business owner. Shafer, who hopes to retain county commissioner Position 2, is being challenged by HollyJo Beers, a conservative activist, and Rick Pullen, a former Umatilla County employee. Vying for different positions in the 2018 election, both Beers and Pullen garnered enough votes during the primary to appear on the ballot that November, only to lose to Dan Dorran and George Murdock, respectively.

For more information about the gatherings, email the Round-Up Republican Women’s Club at round-uprw@gmail.com.

### Pianist to perform in Hermiston

An evening of piano music is featured during

an upcoming concert in Hermiston.

John Nilsen, who was born in Seattle, moved with his family a few years later to Portland. He began studying classical piano at age 6, and later picked up the guitar. The award-winning musician founded the Magic Wing recording label in 1987.

As part of his “What A Trip” Tour, Nilsen will perform April 8, 7 p.m. at the

Hermiston First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave. Admission is by donation.

A graduate of Southern Oregon University, the school recognized Nilsen in 1995 with the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his outstanding achievements and leadership in the field of performing arts. Also, he was selected as a Yamaha Signature Piano Artist in 2021 in recognition of his musical

and songwriting talents.

Nilsen speaks and conducts residencies on songwriting and musical performance at schools throughout the country. He averages about 240 performances each year.

For more information about the local concert, contact Pastor Patty Nance at herfume@outlook.com or 541-567-3002. For more about Nilsen, visit www.magicwing.com.

## PET OF THE WEEK

### MEET PJ!

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