

Celebrate town's history at Landing Days

Two-day festival in Umatilla is June 24-25

BY JENNIFER COLTON

For the Hermiston Herald

In 1962, 120 acres of land at the mouth of Umatilla River became the townsite of Umatilla Landing. Within five years, the town became the county seat of Umatilla County and boasted a post office, stores, hotels, saloons and homes as well as a ferry system to take travelers across the Columbia River.

Today, the town's name has been shortened to Umatilla, but the town's history is still a big part of the annual Umatilla Landing Days Festival. And the city of Umatilla continues to expand on its annual celebration.

This year's Landing Days is June 24-25. Admission and parking are free. The festival's activities range from a 3-on-3 basketball tournament — open

to both youth and adult teams — to the annual salsa contest. Although the salsa contest features the edible kind of salsa, not the dancing, Landing Days features multiple opportunities to get out your dancing shoes.

The Friday night concert at Umatilla Marina Park will feature DJ Slauch from 5-7 p.m. and the Wade Aylett Band from 7:30-9 p.m. On Saturday, Chris Loid and Green Light Polly begin the live music at 4:20 p.m., followed by Blue Tattoo at 6:30 p.m., and the concert ends with the headliner, '80s rock band Vixen, at 8:30 p.m.

Festival events on Saturday begin with the Landing Days Parade at 10 a.m. on Sixth Street, followed by entertainment and vendors at Umatilla Marina Park. Saturday's afternoon entertainment lineup includes Gem Cheer from 12-12:30 p.m., Barreto's Dancing Horses from 12:45-1:15 p.m., Generation Cloggers from

1:30-2 p.m. and the Florico Dancers from 3-3:30 p.m.

Food and craft vendors, a beer garden and multiple family and kids activities will also be set up at the park throughout the festival. Family activities on Saturday include an inflatable carnival pirate ship, crafts and mobile bowling. Multiple giveaways will also take place.

On the historic side, the Umatilla Museum expects to be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and there will be boat rides on the Columbia River showing the Umatilla Old Town site and sharing information about the history of Umatilla and its ferry crossing.

And not to be missed: Landing Days concludes with fireworks at dusk over the Columbia River.

For more information, visit www.umatillalandingdays.org or call the city of Umatilla at 541-922-3226.



Cousins Jimmy Peterson and Alexis Anderson enjoy a game on June 21, 2014, during Umatilla Landing Days. The 2022 celebration kicks off at 5 p.m. Friday, June 24 at Umatilla Marina Park and runs through Saturday, June 25, concluding with fireworks at dusk over the Columbia River.

BRIEFING

Downtown Hermiston District uncorks wine/beer tasting event

The Hermiston Downtown District is rolling out its annual Cork & Barrel event.

Featuring wine/beer tastings and food, the event is Saturday, June 25, 5-10 p.m. on Hermiston's Festival Street, 100 block Northeast Second Street. Also, bring your dancing shoes as the Chase Craig Band will provide live entertainment.

Advance tickets for the 21 and older event are \$20. They are available at Hermiston Parks and Recreation, 415 S. Highway 395, the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 630 S. Highway 395, and Lucky Endz Gifts, 239 E. Main St. Tickets at the gate are \$25.

For more information, go online to www.facebook.com/Hermistondowntown. For questions, email hermistondowntown@gmail.com or call 541-667-5018.



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People gather Oct. 9, 2021, for the Hermiston Downtown District's Cork & Barrel wine and beer tasting event. The 2022 event is Saturday, June 25, 5-10 p.m. on Hermiston's Festival Street.

STUDENT HONORS

Ford Scholars Program selects Stanfield graduate

A 2022 graduate of Stanfield Secondary School is the recipient of a Ford Scholars Program scholarship.

According to a press release from school counselor Kirsten Wright, Jennifer Flores, who received an honors diploma on May 28, is the first Stanfield student in more than two decades to be named a Ford Scholar. The class of 2022 salutatorian, Flores played volleyball, basketball and softball.

In addition, she was involved in Associated Student Body leadership, National Honor Society and Generation College. Flores served as ASB executive president during the 2021-2022 school year.

Flores plans to attend Lane Community College in the fall. She is interested in pursuing a career in nursing.

The highly selective Ford Scholars Program provides awards to students from Oregon and Siskiyou County, California, who are planning to complete a four-year degree at a college in their home state.



Flores

The scholarship amount varies by student, providing 90% of unmet needs, up to \$40,000 a year. Students chosen for the scholarship have shown exceptional potential and motivation to succeed in college. They have also demonstrated care for their community, a strong work ethic, leadership potential and an overall outstanding character.

The Ford Scholars Program was created by Kenneth W. Ford (1908-1997), a founder of The Ford Family Foundation, to assist students who might experience difficulty in pursuing a college degree. Students may apply by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For more information, search www.tfff.org/program-areas.

Inland Development Corporation awards scholarships

The Inland Development Corporation recently announced it awarded 27 scholarships for 2022.

While the corporation didn't release names of the individual recipients, according to a press release from Jerry Healy, the winners represent students from high schools in Hermiston, Boardman, Heppner, Lone, Irrigon and Monument. Of the award winners, Healy said 23 will be attending two-



Jackalope Jamboree/Contributed Photo

The Turnpike Troubadours are headlining Friday, June 24, 2022, the second night of the Jackalope Jamboree. The three-day country and Americana music festival is June 23-25 at Happy Canyon Arena, Pendleton.

Jackalope Jamboree returns to Pendleton for third year

A three-day country and Americana music festival is getting ready to jam in Pendleton.

Jackalope Jamboree, which features headliners each night — Reckless Kelly on Thursday, June 23, Turnpike Troubadours, Friday, June 24 and Mike & The Moonpies, Saturday, June 25 — is at Happy Canyon Arena, 1601 Westgate. In all, 20 musical acts will take the stage throughout the festival. The gates open at 4 p.m. on Thursday, and 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Ticket options include two- and three-day packages (\$115-\$165), as well as single-day tickets (\$30-\$65). Kids 12 and under are admitted free with paying adults. In addition, food and beverages will be available for purchase. For a link to ticket information, visit www.jackalopejamboree.com.

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'Life is good, except I have cancer'

Boardman woman to share story at Relay for Life

BY TAMMY MALGESINI

Hermiston Herald

Despite first being diagnosed with cancer nearly a decade ago, Angie Flores maintains a positive demeanor.

"I try to make the best of the situation," the Boardman woman said. "I pretty much am blessed with having a positive attitude."

Flores had a gastrointestinal stromal tumor removed from her stomach in 2014. However, she has been fighting melanoma since 2017. Calling it "very unpredictable," she said sometimes she just has to sit back and take each new day as it comes.

Flores will share about her cancer journey during the Survivor Celebration at Relay for Life of Umatilla/Morrow County. The signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society is Saturday, June 25, 3-10 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton.

Since September 2021, Flores has boarded an airplane and headed to Arizona every 28 days. Under a program through the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, she said her travel expenses are covered and everything related to her treatment is centralized in one location.

"Life is good, except I have cancer," Flores said. "No matter what, I have faith in God and I have great friends and family." Different teams will host fundraising activities throughout the afternoon and evening. In addition, people are invited to walk laps around the park. Food and beverages will be available throughout the event.

A silent auction runs from 3:30-7 p.m. The Survivor Celebration, which includes dessert for cancer survivors, is at 6 p.m. In addition, Lance Zaugg, school resource officer with the Pendleton Police Department, will share about the No Shave November competition between the schools. Carol Preston, local Relay for Life organizer, said the effort raised more than \$4,600.

At 7:30 p.m., the ACS Cancer Action Network will share about their work in fighting back against cancer through legislative efforts and research initiatives. The Luminaria Remembrance, which features decorated bags that are illuminated, is at 9:30 p.m. Tilly White, a cancer survivor from Pendleton, is the featured speaker.

For information about the local event, search www.facebook.com/UmatillaRelay. To register, visit www.relayforlife.org. For questions, contact 541-379-6294 or relay-pendleton@yahoo.com.



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