

QUICK TAKES

a brief look at what's happening
in northeast oregon



Enjoy Celtic music at farmers market

LA GRANDE — On Sept. 21, Irish Day, a Celtic ensemble, will perform at the La Grande Farmers Market, held at Max Square, corner of Fourth Street and Adams Avenue. The live music is free to enjoy. On Saturday, the farmers market will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Auditions set for 'Nuncrackers'

BAKER CITY — Eastern Oregon Theatre will hold auditions at 6 p.m. Sept. 24 for "Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical." Parts are open for one male and four children (ages 8 to 17), plus alternate "nuns" for singing roles.

The show opens Dec. 12 and will run through Dec. 22.

Performers and spectators welcome at open mic

JOSEPH — The next Josephy Open Mic Night will take place Sept. 19 at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph. The free, family-friendly event will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Perform your own song or use the karaoke machine. Spectators are encouraged. Bring some food to share. For more information, go to www.josephy.org or call 541-432-0505.

Friday Writing Workshops continue at Churchill

BAKER CITY — Stephen Howard will lead a writing workshop titled "Characters & Cabernet" at 7 p.m. at Churchill School, 3451 Broadway St., Baker City. Howard will take participants through the writing process and how to build a story.

His writing workshops continue with "Milestones and Merlot" on Oct. 18 and "Hops and Plots" on Oct. 25. Participants may register for any or all of the sessions at www.churchillbaker.com.

Cost for each session is \$15. Drinks are not included but will

be available from Copper Belt and Barley Brown's.

Ballet classes start soon at Crossroads Center

BAKER CITY — Debbie Friedman will teach two ballet classes at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center beginning next week.

Ballet Level 2 for ages 8 to 12 is for those who have one to two years of previous training. This class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Sept. 24 through Oct. 31. Cost is \$96 members, \$144 nonmembers.

Beginning Ballet I for ages 6-9 begins Sept. 25 and continues through Oct. 30. This class meets Wednesdays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$48 members, \$72 nonmembers.

For more information or to register, call 541-523-5369 or stop by the center at 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City.

Looking Glass Books launches storytime

LA GRANDE — Looking Glass Books, 1304 Adams Ave., La Grande, will be offering a Saturday storytime for children of all ages beginning Sept. 21. Stories will be told on Saturdays starting at 10 a.m. There is no cost to attend. If you like, bring a cushion or chair to sit on.

Teens invited to make air plant terrariums

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library's next Teen iCraft begins at 4 p.m. Sept. 20 in the Community Room of the library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. This month, teens will make air plant terrariums. This free activity is open to anyone in middle or high school. Supplies are provided and space is limited to 25 participants. Registration is not

needed.

The library offers a variety of free activities for teens. For information on upcoming events, visit the library's web, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest pages.

More rides planned for Eagle Cap Excursion

ELGIN — The Eagle Cap Excursion train has several rides planned for this fall. All excursions depart from the Elgin Depot.

A wine and cheese trip is set for Sept. 28. It departs at 3 p.m. and is recommended for ages 21 and older. Cost is \$75 adults, \$70 seniors.

The Gold Rush Bandits will stage a train robbery on the Oct. 5 ride. This excursion departs at 10 a.m. and returns at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$70 adults, \$65 seniors, \$35 children ages 3 to 16.

A Two River Bonus ride is scheduled for Oct. 12, departing at 10 a.m. and returning at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 adults, \$70 seniors, \$40 children ages 3 to 16.

The fall schedule wraps up with a Season's Bounty train on Oct. 19. This departs at 2 p.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Food will be catered by Ten Depot Street. This ride is recommended for ages 21 and older. Cost is \$80 adults, \$75 seniors.

To book a ride, call Alegre Travel at 800-323-7330 or email train@alegretravel.com. Information is also available at www.eaglecap-trainrides.com.

Oktoberfest fundraiser supports Crossroads

BAKER CITY — Crossroads Carnegie Art Center's annual fall fundraiser, an Oktoberfest event, is set for Oct. 19. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Baker Event Center, 2600 East St., Baker City. The menu, prepared by The Little Pig, will include giant pretzels with

dipping sauce, bratwurst, sauerkraut, warm German potato salad, cucumber-tomato salad and fruit hand pies (gluten-free and vegetarian options are available). Music will be provided by the Edelweiss Band from Boise, Idaho.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include dinner, one beer or wine and \$5 donated to the Crossroads Hand to Heart scholarship fund. Additional tokens for beer, wine and pretzels will be available for sale. All tickets must be purchased by Oct. 12 — none will be sold at the door.

The evening will feature a silent auction, plus four "paddle" items where guests pledge funds for four programs: Missoula Children's Theater, scholarships, snacks for ArtSpeak, and improvements to the sound system.

Community band invites new members

LA GRANDE — Community Band Northwest will begin rehearsals for this season on Sept. 23 in Loso Hall's Groth Recital Hall on the EOU campus in La Grande. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays

from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. CBN invites all woodwind, brass and percussion players to join the ensemble in the fun of making music together. The band is open to anyone in middle school through adult, and all skill levels are welcome.

The participation fee is \$10 for students and \$45 for adults. College credit is available through EOU. The term ends with a free community concert on Nov. 25. For more information, contact Linda at 541-663-0326 or birnbauminda42@gmail.com.

Youth Art Fridays fall session begins this week

JOSEPH — The Josephy Center's Youth Art Fridays fall season will run Sept. 20-Dec. 13. Each Friday, drawing, painting and clay classes will be offered to ages 5 and older. Classes will be taught by Mary Ambrosion, Kodi McCleary and Pam Beach, and Jennifer Klimsza will lead an open studio for teens and adults.

Sign up for one or two or save money by preregistering for the season. Go to www.josephy.org or call 541-432-0505 to register.

Eagle Cap Excursion Train

All aboard for fun this fall!

September 28, Wine & Cheese Train
Copper Belt Winery and Umapine Creamery

October 5, Gold Rush Bandits
October 12, Two Rivers Bonus
October 19, Season's Bounty

Book online or call 800.323.7330

See the trip descriptions and prices at www.eaglecaptrainrides.com

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK



FRIDAY
High 65 Low 44
Mainly cloudy



SATURDAY
High 70 Low 42
Mostly sunny



SUNDAY
High 71 Low 47
Mostly cloudy