

# QUICK TAKES

a brief look at what's happening  
in northeast oregon



## Concert follows art show Friday at Churchill

BAKER CITY — A concert will follow the First Friday art show at Churchill School on Oct. 4, featuring Catherine Lazar Odell, Mo Troper, Clay Cole and Friend. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show begins about 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance at Sweet Wife Baking and \$10 at the door. Food by MC Taco Bus and beverages from Copper Belt and Barley Brown's will be available for purchase.

## Enjoy fall colors aboard a steam train Oct. 11

SUMPTER — Reservations are now available for the Fall Colors Train aboard the Sumpter Valley Railroad on Oct. 11. Round trips will leave the McEwen Depot at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cost is \$24 adults, \$20 seniors/military, \$14 age 5-17, and \$60 for a family (two adults, two children). Tickets may be purchased at [www.sumptervalley-railroad.org](http://www.sumptervalley-railroad.org). For information, email [reservations@sumptervalleyrailroad.org](mailto:reservations@sumptervalleyrailroad.org) or call 541-894-2268.

## Saturday is cider pressing day at farmers markets

JOSEPH, LA GRANDE — The Wallowa County Farmers Market invites the community to a Customer Appreciation & Cider Pressing Day Oct. 5. The market runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. next to Stein Distillery on Main Street in Joseph. BYO apples to press or, if you don't have apples, add a donation and taste the freshly pressed cider. Proceeds will benefit the Wallowa County Farmers Market. Saturday's market will also feature live music by Elwood. Oct. 12 will be the last market of the season. For more information, go to [www.wallowacountyfarmersmarket.com](http://www.wallowacountyfarmersmarket.com).

Cider pressing will also be the main event at the Oct. 5 La Grande Farmers Market, between 9 a.m. and noon at Max Square, corner of Fourth Street and Adams Avenue.

Community Cider Pressing Day will feature old-fashioned apple pressing and the opportunity to sample unusual and unique heirloom apples that have been grown in the Grande Ronde Valley. The autumn celebration is sponsored by Better Homes Construction. Tailgaters will provide live music. The last market of the season in La Grande will be Oct. 19. More details are available at [www.lagrandefarmersmarket.org](http://www.lagrandefarmersmarket.org).

## Share your talent at TG's open mic

ENTERPRISE — Terminal Gravity's next Open Mic Night will run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 4. Anyone who feels like sharing a song or other talents is welcome to take the stage at the Enterprise brewpub, located at 803 School St. Terminal Gravity hosts an open mic the first Friday of the month. For more information, contact Jacey Bell at 541-426-0158 or go to [www.terminalgravitybrewing.com](http://www.terminalgravitybrewing.com).

## See glassblowing in action Saturday

ENTERPRISE — Moonshine Glass Art, 624 S. River St. in Enterprise, is hosting glassblowing demonstrations from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 5. The special event coincides with the new "Function of Medium" exhibit at the Josephy Center in Joseph, which features, in part, the works of glassblower Kevin Boylan.

## Jazz 4tet brings Coltrane and Sun Ra tribute

LA GRANDE — Rob Scheps' 4tet will take the stage Oct. 10 at hq, 112 Depot St., La Grande, with a tribute to John Coltrane and Sun Ra. Scheps, on saxophone, will be joined by Matt Cooper on piano, Luke McKern on bass and Mark Emerson on drums. Doors open at

7 p.m., and the jazz show begins at 8 p.m.

For tickets and information, go to [www.lagrandehq.com](http://www.lagrandehq.com), email [lagrandehq@gmail.com](mailto:lagrandehq@gmail.com) or call 541-962-5799.

## 'Newsies' run ends Saturday

ELGIN — The Elgin Opera House's production of "Newsies" ends Oct. 5. The musical showcases a cast of Opera House veteran actors and an ensemble of more than 30 energetic young actors.

"Newsies" is inspired by the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, when newsboy Kid Blink led a band of orphan and runaway newsies on a two-week action against Pulitzer, Hearst and other powerful newspaper publishers. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are \$8-\$17. For reservations, visit [www.elginoperahouse.com](http://www.elginoperahouse.com) or call 541-663-6324.

## Val's Veggies corn maze opens this weekend

MEDICAL SPRINGS — Val's Veggies corn maze and pumpkin patch opens this weekend. Sunday is family day with games, buggy rides, face painting, food and pumpkin golf from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The maze is open by appointment Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday is a night maze only from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Oct. 12 is "Full Moon in the Maze" from 7 p.m. to midnight with live music by Sam Campbell). Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission to the maze is \$8 per anyone age 3 and older (age 2 and younger are free). Pumpkins are priced per pound.

To get there, take Highway 203 to Medical Springs. At mile marker

26 turn on Blue Mt. Ridge Road, go half a mile and turn right on Houghton Creek Road. Go 2 miles and maze is on left.

For group and school rates and a full schedule, call 541-853-2358 or go to [www.valsveggies.com](http://www.valsveggies.com).

## Cast Iron Chef Dutch oven cook-off is Saturday

BAKER CITY — The Bureau of Land Management's National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be connecting kids to America's natural and cultural heritage with a variety of programs and events in October.

Oct. 5 is a fee free day for all visitors, and will feature the fourth annual Cast Iron Chef Dutch Oven Cook-off from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cosponsored by the Baker County Chamber of Commerce, this event celebrates pioneer-style open-air cooking using locally harvested ingredients. Sample the entries and cast your vote for your favorite. To be a contestant, call 541-523-5855 or go to [www.visitbaker.com](http://www.visitbaker.com) for more information.

Additional programs will be offered throughout the month. At 10 a.m. on Oct. 6, 19, 23 and 25, and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 2, 4, 9 and 27, the center will feature a ranger-led discussion of the "Oregon Fever!" that gripped many an emigrant traveling the Oregon Trail.

At 10 a.m. on Oct. 7, 16 and 29, the "Crossing the Blues" ranger program will use pioneer diary excerpts to describe the arduous crossing of the Blue Mountains, one of the final ranges emigrants crossed before reaching Oregon City.

"The Final Decision" program at 10 a.m. on Oct. 12 and 14 examines the choices pioneers faced during the last 150 miles of their journey west.

Live demonstrations are offered daily at the center, varying from black powder firing to Dutch oven cooking or blacksmithing, candle dipping and other pioneer skills.

Get ready for Halloween with a visit to the Flagstaff Gallery's new exhibit, "Uncanny Tales Along the Oregon Trail," featuring the folklore that sprung up around the pioneer experience and the role these tales play in the history of the Oregon Trail.

The center is open daily, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 12. Fall hours begin Oct. 13, when the center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As of Oct. 1, regular two-day summer passes will cost \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors; winter passes will cost \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors. Admission is free for age 15 and younger. All federal interagency America the Beautiful passes are good for free admission. Commercial group rates will increase from \$5 to \$6 per person.

For a complete schedule of events and activities at the center, call 541-523-1843 or go to [oregontrail.blm.gov](http://oregontrail.blm.gov).

## Israeli comedy shown on Foreign Film Friday

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library in La Grande hosts a free foreign movie at 4 p.m. the second Friday of the month. The Oct. 11 Foreign Film Friday will feature a 2017 Israeli comedy, "Holy Air," about a man who goes into the biggest business in Nazareth: religion. Refreshments will be provided.

## Wine Down hosts live music

LA GRANDE — On Oct. 5 at 8:30 p.m., Pendulum Swing will perform at Wine Down, 115 Depot St., La Grande.



**FRIDAY**  
High 60 Low 37  
Partly sunny



**SATURDAY**  
High 60 Low 34  
Mostly cloudy



**SUNDAY**  
High 65 Low 41  
Mostly sunny